

ON OTHER CAMPUSES

By Monty Stanley

At Long Island University in New York, a recent survey revealed one out of four pay phones working. Sound familiar? An informal student survey would probably also reveal that the frequency of foul-ups is in direct proportion to the degree of urgency of the situation. Some phones on the survey were hard to label one way or the other—as in the case of the roulette-o-phone located in one dorm lobby which worked for approximately one person in six.

Emergencies are especially entertaining at LIU. The security office has only one already over-worked phone, so they can't guarantee a response; the university operators go off duty at 9 p.m. (as if they could do anything even if they were on duty); and the single dorm phone for some reason doesn't ring when its number is dialed. And to top things off, a call to the telephone

company reveals that the repairmen are on strike.

The situation's a lot like that here, except that the last alternative listed would not work. Have you ever tried to call the phone company? I've waited fifteen minutes for an answer before giving up.

Taking off on the Beatles' McCartney thing, a columnist for LIU's Seawanhaka, Robby Arnold, writes that a controversial chairman of the LIU board of trustees (whose name is also John) was actually killed early in the semester when his electric blanket short-circuited after he spilled a martini on it. Since that time, the newspaperman writes, the board has conspired to conceal this fact from the public rather than risk a heated battle to choose his successor.

Robby has irrefutable evidence.

For example, last week, the man suspected of masquerading as the chairman for the last three months addressed a Student Council meeting. When a tape recording of his speech was played backwards at half speed, it revealed that he was really saying "I buried John." Furthermore, the man appeared in a snapshot taken in September with an elbow in his right ear, "a widely known Polish symbol "meaning that the recipient of the elbow knows that this man John is really dead.

The real clincher though, is the mole on the man's left wrist. According to the columnist, who saw him in the men's room of the Humanities Building, the mole, when viewed in reverse through the mirror which they were standing in front of, revealed itself to be a miniature tableau which pictured the board of trustees gathered around a grave.

Kind of makes you wonder sometimes. Maybe Dean Hannigan. . . ?



"We were decorating your room as a surprise, Mr. Slouch! We had one problem with lack of space, but we whipped that by taking your bed out!"

Listen Up the batt forum

Editor:

This letter is one of reflection and comment as I enter my eleventh year as a "dreamer" known as the Aggie football fan.

In this period I've seen The Battalion predict that each Aggie season would be a great one and each game a victory. By doing this they followed A&M's blind but sacred tradition of military obedience, allowing no space for criticism and disregarding the obvious. Although the ludicrousness of this has long since passed, one can feel only pity as the Batt staff, in their Thansgiving issue, predicted Aggie victory in game comparable to a Minnesota Vikings-A&M Consolidated clash.

Texas A&M must realize (and the rest of the SWC, too) that there is only one Darrell Royal and one Frank Broyles; 98 percent of the time they are going to win. Sure, we've beaten them once in 13 or so years and no doubt in 10 more years we'll win again.

Until 1979 I suggest we form a new conference with military schools (Army, Navy, Air Force, VMI), have our pre-conference schedule include church schools (Baylor, SMU, TCU, Brigham Young), leave the state schools (Ohio State, Michigan, LSU, Texas, Arkansas) alone.

Such a schedule lends itself to

possible victory as never before seen by Aggie supporters under 50 years of age. The former students would like it (no more turkey salted with tears); the Battalion staff would have a chance to improve its record; the Corps would have a veritable "ball" yelling, marching, saluting, comparing haircuts with cadets from the other service academies, while their teams struggled through four quarters of football.

I do hope some action is taken immediately on my proposal because my "Wait Until Next Year" bumper sticker has almost worn through.

Julian S. Smith, Jr. '66
Tyler, Texas

Editor:

A long time ago, when boys looked like boys and girls looked like girls, there were cowboys at Texas A&M. These boys were proud of their school and did their best to make and keep it an institution where a person who really wanted a college education could get one and be proud of it after he got out. Now it seems that a lot of boys come to college, not to get an education, but to avoid the draft. The cowboys today are not too different than their predecessors. They still want a good education and know that A&M is the place to get it. They are still trying to keep the

standards up so when they graduate they will have a degree to be proud of.

Naturally some of the boys who wear western apparel have something undesirable on their boots some of the time. A carpenter has sawdust on his shoes and a mechanic has grease on him. At least most of these boys are working and trying to help pay for their college education instead of relying completely on their parents for all of it. Or possibly they are working so they can buy soap and razor blades and pay \$1.75 for a haircut at least once a month instead of looking like a shaggy dog.

The individuals wearing western apparel should not be fully condoned for getting up on the tables in the mess hall, but to them, this was one way of trying to show the boys with longer than usual hair that boys should look like boys and not some intermediate sex. It looks like people should have a little more pride in their appearance.

There is no law which states that a person must attend Texas A&M, nor is there a law which says he must stay here after he gets here. To use an old Aggie saying, "Highway 6 runs both ways."

Jerry Richards '70
Edward Strong '70
Richard Flynt '70

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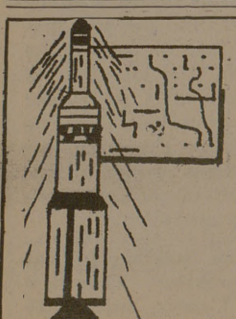
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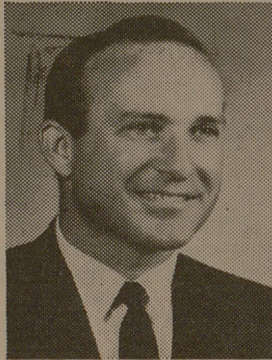
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Fees must be paid by Jan. 9 or the student's preregistration is subject to be cancelled.

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