

# Listen Up *the batt forum*

**Editor:**  
I take exception to the argument presented by several student senators against the "peace fast" resolution, to the effect that the resolution would be undesirable because it would "aid and comfort" the enemy. About the resolution itself I am not concerned.

I think that to regard as evil the concept of "aid and comfort" as it is mentioned in The Battalion article of April 10, is adverse to the principles of free thought and free trade upon which our country and this University are supposedly founded, because it introduces the idea that the good or evil of one man can depend entirely upon actions performed by another man. When two men engage in trade, they create new ideas or new wealth. Are they guilty if a third party uses such wealth or ideas for an evil purpose? Is the man who invented the mousetrap guilty if a mousetrap is ever used to serve an evil end? Is a doctor guilty if he saves the life of a criminal? Is an A&M student guilty if he develops a new strain of rice which would provide more food for enemy soldiers? To answer yes to these questions is to sentence every man to a living hell — the more creative the man, the lower the rung in hell.

A University should be a citadel for free thought. The purpose of a university is to give aid and comfort, in the form of knowledge, to him who seeks it. If this is considered evil, then this University should be closed.

As to who is the "enemy", I reserve to myself, as an adult human being, the exclusive right to pick my own friends and enemies. If I trade with someone whom another man does not like, he does not have the right to force his likes or dislikes upon me. And, concerning enemies of the Government of the United States, if the Congress has not seen fit to designate any as such, then I do not think that it is in the province of members of the Student Senate of Texas A&M University to do so.

**Johnnie B. Linn, III**  
Graduate Student

**Editor:**  
I have become a candidate for Pre Vet Student Senator because of the encouragement of a few interested students who are trying to fill the void created by Pre Vet indifference.

Pre Vets suffer from isolationist apathy. We are so concerned with academic competition in obtaining admission to Veterinary School that we have forgotten our responsibilities. When the Pre Vet Society became a University-recognized organization, I thought that we had at last decided to be a part of university activities. However, when Joe Kornegay, a present Pre Vet Senator, sought Sen-

ate candidates from its membership, the response was cold. The fact that many Pre Vets are not members of the Society is further evidence of their isolationism. If Pre Vets are the forgotten people waiting in limbo for judgment, it is because they have placed themselves in such a position. Being confronted with a ballot on which there was only one candidate for Pre Vet Senator and another position totally vacant just before filing closed made me realize my obligation.

Other Aggies also present the attitude that A&M is simply a federation of colleges and special interest groups and all that affects them is their respective segments. They feel that the Student Senate is a powerless opinion-making body. They should realize that it expresses their opinions, and if it does not, it is because of this disunion, because of a controlling minority electorate, and because of their lack of interest in encouraging their candidates to run. Never underestimate the power of public opinion which can be as strong at A&M as in any other community. If we continue to do nothing, machine politics, which is beginning to take root on this campus, will be given a voice at our expense and will thoroughly alienate the students whose opinions, whether liberal or conservative, it pretends to represent.

**Johnathan L. Kiel**  
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**Editor:**  
Attention Class of '73. I would like to announce my candidacy for Sophomore Class President. As Secretary-Treasurer of the 'Fish' class this year, in addition to membership in several other clubs and organizations, I have become quite familiar with the organization of Texas A&M, the student government, and our class of '73. Because of this experience, and interest in Texas A&M, I feel I could successfully hold the position of president of our class.

Next year I believe we can have an even better class ball than this year's, with even better entertainment. With a little cooperation and planning we could easily go through with several other activities just as enjoyable as the Ball. Give me your support and I will prove to you that I have the experience and ambition to make the Class of '73 the best.

**Michael Milliner**  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Class of '73  
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**Editor:**  
A&M, what has happened? Why has "student power" been confused with "student freedom"? Is it rights you seek, or the ability to determine those rights?

I speak to every student on the campus who plans to be here next fall. These are words of warning; beware student political parties!

They will be an evil and a scrouge to A&M peace; they will foment unrest and dissatisfaction. They will struggle for power, yet will force the hand of the Administration to withdraw student privileges now enjoyed. Lend an ear, for this shall come if political parties are encouraged on campus. New divisions among the student body will result, with still more "antagonisms and grievances" for students to contend with.

What price peace? High enough to justify the means by which it is kept. We now have an administration willing to treat students fairly, exercising strong judgment. If this new political party gains control of the Senate, it will attempt to gain power perhaps more than it needs or should have. The party platform contains certain goals that could seriously undermine A&M as an educational institution, dealing with issues outside the proper bounds of student jurisdiction.

Should this political party succeed in the coming election, I fear next semester will not be pleasant, and in the end the students will lose their rights, their privileges, and their pride. Far other universities, because of the from being backward, A&M now stands as a shining example to cooperation extended between the Administration and the students. There is room for improvement, but let it be gradual and avoid the turmoil and confusion whenever possible. Don't work against yourselves. Preserve what you have obtained.

**Gary M. Lewis**  
Class of '73  
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**Editor:**  
In past years it has been the tradition at election time for the corps to receive many accusations of "block voting." With the rise of the "Fifth Wheel" the tables have obviously turned. Just what is the "Fifth Wheel"? Who are these people who have erected the extravagant signs in front of the MSC and Sbsa? Besides being a political party led by none other than our illustrious Kent Caperton, this organization is a potential wedge which will drive the corps and civilians further and further apart. The party is running 70 people for nearly every position available in the student government next year, 95 per cent of whom are civilian students.

This 95 per cent is composed almost entirely of Caperton's friends, who are pitifully unqualified to fill any position of responsibility in the University. They have shown little interest at all in A&M, and that little has been negative.

I sincerely hope that the student body is more intelligent than to be brainwashed by pretty signs and advertisements. I hope they will elect the people most qualified for the positions.

**Carroll Punte**  
Class of '73

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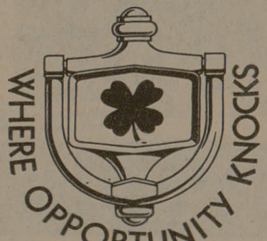
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## CADET SLOUCH *by Jim Earle*



"Should I leave a note so I could get my ball back?"

## Bulletin Board

**TONIGHT**  
The Texas A&M Young Democrats will meet at 7:30 in the United Campus Christian Fellowship Building (the Coffee Loft) at North Gate.

**WEDNESDAY**  
The Hill Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Hill House. Plans will be made concerning the banquet and ball to be held April 18.

**THURSDAY**  
The Symposium for Environmental Awareness will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 208 Architecture.

**SATURDAY**  
The Business Administration Wives Club will sponsor a special showing of "In Search of the Castaways" at 9:30 a.m. at the Campus Theater. Admissions are children, 50 cents, and adults, 75 cents. A drawing will be held.

The Student Chapter of Associated General Contractors of America will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Architecture Auditorium. A guest speaker from O'Meara-Chandler/Benson Corp. of Houston is featured.

The Petroleum Engineering Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 211 Petroleum Engineering. Dr. L. D. Christian of Humble Oil & Refining Company will speak on "Oil Operations on Alaska's North Slope."

## Environmental

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they may themselves voluntarily choose to participate."  
Two copies of an interview with Prof. Paul Erlich, an internationally known authority on the population problem, are available to professors for use in class presentations and to student organizations, according to Dr. Crisp, publicity chairman of the symposium.

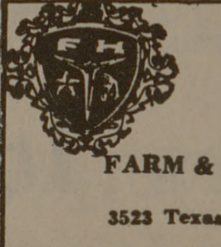
**Dr. Oster to Speak On Moire Patterns**  
Dr. Gerald Oster, biophysics professor at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, will present a national Sigma Xi and graduate lecture here Thursday. Topic for Dr. Oster's 4 p.m. talk in the chemistry auditorium will be "The Art and Science of Moire Patterns."

**Scuba Check-Out Dive Scheduled in Austin**  
A fresh water check-out dive for fall scuba students has been scheduled for April 25 at Lake Travis in Austin. Students may sign up by April 22 in Room B-28, New Biological Sciences. Tanks, regulators and weight belts will be supplied, but each student must supply basic equipment and an inflatable vest. A wet suit is recommended.

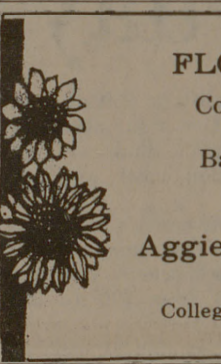
Prof. Erlich is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Kansas. As a post graduate student he was awarded a University Fellowship and a National Science Foundation Fellowship.  
The tapes on which Prof. Erlich states his opinion of population and pollution problems are available from Don Coon or Dr. D. R. Clark in the Wildlife Sciences department.



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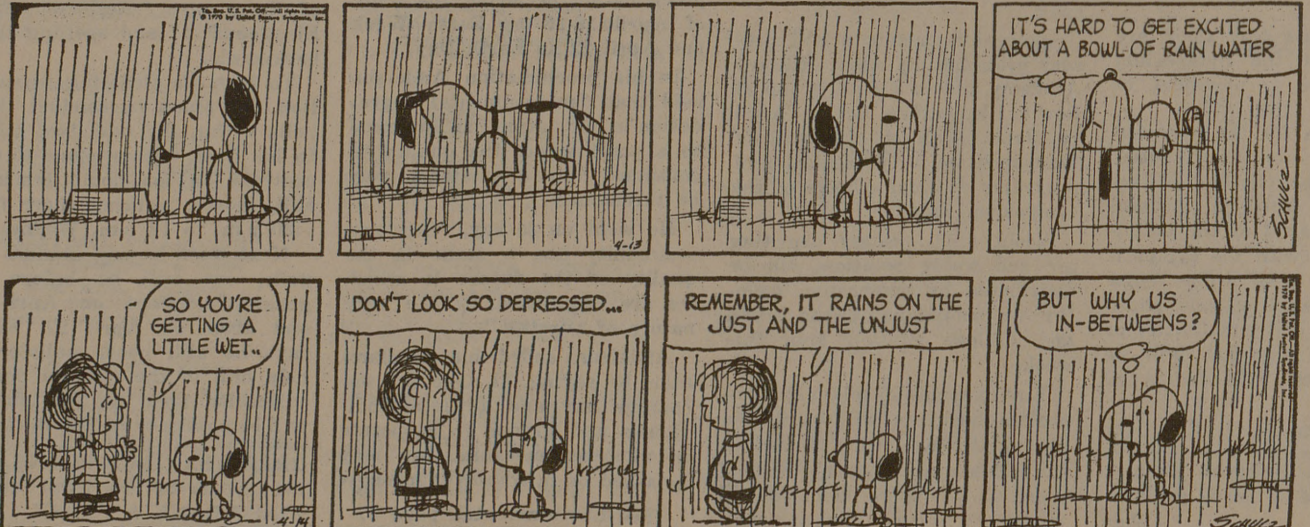
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