

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"There's nothing I dislike more or had rather be than a graduating senior!"

Sunday service to post office boxholders to be discontinued

Sunday service to post office boxes will be discontinued in College Station effective this Sunday, Postmaster Ernest Gregg announced Monday.

Gregg said the move will reduce post office operating costs and provide better working conditions for employees through the reduction of night time and weekend work schedules.

The postmaster reminded post office boxholders that air mail and special delivery services are still available "to speed those items you wish delivered on Sundays."

"I trust boxholders will agree with the intent of this change, and that no great inconveniences to them will result from it," he added.

Bulletin Board

TUESDAY

The Society of Automotive Engineers will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 303 of the Mechanical Engineering Building to elect officers for the 1970-71 school year.

The Texas Aggie Stage Band will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the MSC basement. The first practice will be held. Anyone who wants to join should come and bring his own instrument.

WEDNESDAY

The Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Rooms

2A and 2B of the Memorial Student Center.

The Veterans Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2C of the Memorial Student Center. James T. Smith, assistant director of the Veterans Affairs Commission, will speak on Educational Benefits for the Veterans.

THURSDAY

The Texas A&M Young Republicans will meet at 8 p.m. in the Coffee Loft. Officers will be elected for the 1970-71 school year.

tonight on the tube

Numbers in ( ) denote the channels on the cable.	7:30 3 (5) Red Skelton
5:00 3 (5) General Hospital	8:00 3 (5) Governor & JJ
5:30 3 (5) CBS Evening News	9:00 3 (5) Marcus Welby, M.D.
6:00 3 (5) News	10:00 3 (5) Final News
6:30 3 (5) Lancer	10:30 3 (5) ABC Movie of the Week

The Battalion

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Listen Up the batt forum

Editor:

Dear Mr. Wright,

We at Baylor read your article about the James Street incident in the April 22 edition of the "Battalion". We were glad that someone had the guts to speak out against Texas. When it seemed as if Baylor Officials were not going to take action, we thought enough of the matter to write a letter to the "Lariat," our school newspaper, expressing our feelings about the incident.

It is now May 5, and the conference meeting has ended with the faculty fathers asking our fair-haired Jimmy not to assault too many more coaches before he graduates. There is one thing wrong though: Baylor officials had the integrity to stand up to the SWC and "tu". The Baylor Athletic Council made a motion that James Street be suspended from any further athletic competition which is the penalty for the assault of a coach. The "higher echelon of the Southwest Conference" did truly "flash their burnt orange Jockey Shorts" when they let the motion die for the lack of a second. That, dear hearts, is right; not even the officials at A&M had the guts to stand up to dear old "tu".

It seems that you were correct when you said "Southwest Conference fans may find out that the cliché of 'if you are a good athlete, you are god' is certainly true in the SWC." Even the A&M athletic council (sic) agrees with your statement. If you do not believe this, just ask them why they did not second our motion.

P.S. We bet that this is one letter that never makes the pages of The Battalion (sic).

Editor's note: The letter was signed by 14 students from Baylor.

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Editor:

On May 7, we were studying in our office in the YMCA. At about 1:35 a.m. we heard a shout of pain and surprise. Our window was open, and we could see three people kneeling on the sidewalk. Thinking that an accident had occurred, we rushed outside and approached the huddled group. On seeing us, the three ran in the opposite direction — leaving Joe Arrendondo lying on his back, hands partially tied, with minor cuts on the neck and elbows, and hair partially barbered. In view of the fact that the odds had changed to an alarming three-to-three ratio, the vigilantes scattered. As their yellow-striped backs faded into the darkness, the three of us took stock of the situation. We went to call Campus Security. As we waited, it emerged that the assailants had threatened to cut Joe's throat if he didn't submit to the proposed humiliation.

One can only guess at the goals that the humiliation of certain students is designed to achieve. Given the sometimes heated debates on issues of students rights and U.S. policy in Southeast Asia that took place the preceding afternoon and the confrontation that took place in the Student Senate that evening, it is fairly certain that the assaults were somehow irrationally related to these issues. If anyone labors

under the illusion that the harboring of a randomly selected student on this campus has any relationship whatsoever to the preservation of American freedoms or loyalty to this country in time of war, he is pitifully betraying his own ideals.

A great deal of effort has been expended by Americans in a long and sometimes unsuccessful struggle against government by the clenched fist. It seems to be a pitiful waste to further impede this struggle by digression to vigilante tactics. It is necessary for both students and administrative authorities to handle incidents such as the one described above in a fashion appropriate to the dangers that they entail. To the instigators of these acts we recommend a careful assessment of the methods you have chosen to protect the values which you purport to hold. If you're for law and order, don't engage in crime. If you oppose the communists, don't imitate their tactics.

Sherman D. Roberts, '69  
W. R. Fewell,  
Graduate Student

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Editor:

Every day in the news I see students of other universities violent disrupting the education of others and destroying property. They are demanding the immediate withdrawal of American troops from Southeast Asia, an end to the draft, abolishment of ROTC on college campuses, and the impeachment of the president. In most instances, these students are only a minority of the student body, yet they dictate to the entire school.

I really do not believe they fully understand what they are demanding, but are merely acting in a follow-the-leader manner. The man they want to impeach is withdrawing troops. I do not believe any other human being acting in sound judgment could do a better job. What do they propose to do with the thousands of tanks, jeeps, helicopters, artillery pieces, typewriters, hospitals, and innumerable other pieces of equipment that they haven't even started to think about yet? Walk off and leave it to the communist? burn it? dump it in the South China Sea? or pile it on the docks at Cam Rahn Bay to rot because we don't have enough ships or planes to move it all at once? It all has to come too and it takes time and manpower to move it.

President Nixon has pledged to end the draft as soon as possible. Obviously this cannot happen until the country is restored to at least a semi-state of normalcy. Whether these radicals or anyone else wants to admit it, the military is as vital to this country as policemen or mailmen, and students have as much right to seek an education in military science as law or business administration.

I have seen the situation from both sides, as a GI and as a stu-

dent. I don't like this war any more than anybody else nor do I want to see it expanded, but I cannot see sitting idly by while the enemy stacks arms in a so-called neutral country waiting to attack South Vietnam as soon as the American troops go home. If we let this happen then it has been a gross waste.

I propose that the students of this university have a demonstration. Not for or against the war, but to let the world know that we trust the judgment of our President, that we believe he is sincere in ending the war, and that he is interested in the young people of this country. I also challenge anyone to show me a better country than the United States of America, even with the short comings it has.

Think about it.

Terry T. Penn  
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Editor:

I am chairman for the Former Students High School Relations program in Dallas County and I want to congratulate the A&M student body for having the good sense not to blow their collective minds during the Cambodian/Kent State crisis. You are doing more for A&M right now than has ever been done before, and the former students are taking full advantage of the good reputation you are building. The silence you hear is 20,000 former students holding their breaths that some two percent doesn't tear it all down.

Jim Cumley, '52  
Best regards,  
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Editor:

At Kent State University, National Guard soldiers shot down students who were protesting an extension of the war to Cambodia an extension which the Senate's Foreign Relationship Committee called illegal.

America should be proud of its concerned citizens who risk being murdered to protest an unjust war.

James M. Lucas

M.E. prof, student

Dr. E. I. Bailey, assistant professor, and doctoral student Joe Fowler of A&M's Department of Mechanical Engineering, are editors of a news magazine of the Gulf Coast Section of the Society for Experimental Stress Analysis. The magazine, The Gulf Coast Analyzer, goes monthly to 340 area people interested in experimental mechanics.

editors of magazine

The May issue features an article on recent developments in three-dimensional photoelasticity by W. B. Aiken of Cameron Works in Houston.

Bailey received his Ph.D. from A&M in 1969. Fowler is from Wichita Falls.

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