

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"It's easy to pick out new students! They're the one who go to registration without an umbrella!"

Land-fill equipment to control garbage

The Physical Plant Department has ordered new sanitary land-fill equipment to help the university hold its own in the growing refuse disposal problem.

Walter Parsons Jr., physical plant director, said the new machine, a front-end loader, will replace a less-efficient bulldozer and related equipment now being used at the university land fill west of the main campus. Delivery is scheduled by Aug. 1.

"Even with the new equipment," Parsons emphasized, "the university will only be able to handle its own refuse in the future."

Currently, the university allows the City of College Station to use its land fill, as well as some areas of the county, College Station-area contractors and numerous individuals.

In June, 1969, shortly after the university began its sanitary land-fill operation to comply with anti-pollution laws which prohibit trash burning, Parsons said the city was asked to have its own facility in operation within a year.

When the city encountered difficulties in establishing a land fill, the university granted a 90-day extension of its notice, effective June 22.

With the requirements for land fill rather than burning, Parsons explained, much more land is required — and rapidly used — for refuse disposal.

He pointed out, however, the land-fill concept is a far superior method.

"It actually improves the land on a long-term basis," Parsons observed, pointing out that ravines and gullies can be smoothed over. In short, poor or useless land can be put back to use.

Moreno named for fellowship

Gilbert M. Moreno of San Antonio, graduate student in the Urban Planning Department, has been named recipient of an urban studies fellowship for the Edinburg Model City Agency.

Announcement of Moreno's selection was made by Prof. Joseph J. McGraw, head of the Urban Planning Department, part of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

As an urban extension fellow, McGraw said Moreno will provide technical assistance and liaison with the university in planning and community development for both the agency and local citizens groups. He will advise the university's Center for Urban and Environmental Studies (CURES) of specific needs or requests by the agency for technical service or research.

While associated with the Edinburg Model City Agency, Moreno will be under the supervision of Joe Ramon, agency director.

Pat Little

Fifteen hundred Americans are being held prisoner in North Vietnam and 12 of them may be Texas A&M graduates. Except in a few cases the identities of these 1500 men are not known.

That's the real tragedy for many families in the United States . . . not knowing whether a son, a father, a husband or a brother is alive or dead. If each man had a minimum of five members in his family that would leave 7,500 people having to face each day with the doubt and worry of the unknown.

That's the whole point. The North Vietnamese won't release the names of their prisoners. Also it is rather safe to presume that the prisoners are being tortured. Pictures of the captives show they are anything but in the best of condition. It is also known how the North Koreans tortured the prisoners from the Pueblo and the North Vietnamese are probably as barbaric.

For many of us, these 1,500 men may only be another statistic which we shake our heads over and wonder why something isn't done about it.

There is someone doing something about it. The most notable of these is Ross Perot, a self-made billionaire, who has spent a lot of his own money trying to find out the American's names and trying to see to it they receive humane treatment.

Others are standing in front of busy stores asking people to sign petitions to the North Vietnamese government regarding the identities of the Americans being held prisoner.

But even Ross Perot and these men and women collecting signatures are not as brave or heroic as the wives who have traveled all over the world in attempts, most of them in vain, to find out if their husbands are alive or dead.

One of these women went to Paris to talk with the North Vietnamese concerning her husband and she found out he was dead. Another group of women went to North and South Vietnam with Perot to find out about their husbands and also inspect the South Vietnamese prisoner of war camps for the captured communists.

I think it should be noted here that the North Vietnamese told Perot if he wanted to help POWs he should help the communists being held in South Vietnam.

Perot did just that. He sponsored a program to develop a means of making artificial limbs out of bamboo. But the camps did not need any improvements because the prisoners allegedly receive good treatment, and most of them say they wouldn't go back to the war if they had the chance to do so.

Although the efforts of Perot and the women who are trying to find out about their husbands are valiant, it is not enough. They are too few to have any effect on the North Vietnamese.

Many people have said that the North Vietnamese are very sensitive to public opinion in the United States. They told the woman who went to Paris the people in the United States fight amongst themselves. She countered by say-

ing the people in the United States are like a big family; they may fight amongst themselves, but let an outsider step in and look out!

I think it is time for Americans to get together and do something to help those who tried to help us. It has been a long time since all Americans have done something together to attain a common goal. In short, I think it is time to show the North Vietnamese we are still a whole nation and we can take care of our own.

All we can do though is write a letter to the North Vietnamese government and let them know we do care for our own men. If enough people wrote to them and let them know what we think about the way they treat their prisoners and about them not releasing their names, the North Vietnamese might realize the majority of the people in the United States are against them.

It doesn't matter what you think of the war personally. It may also be said to be an emotional thing to be concerned about some captured Americans in a far away land. Love, fear, hate, and loyalty to one's countrymen, are irrational feelings, but they are the only things that keep this world turning.

Navajo Indians here for third program phase

Ten Navajo Indians return Monday for the third phase of a telephone technician training program.

Instructor Charles Whitaker said the young men, all in their early 20's, completed an eight week training session here earlier this year and are back for three months on-the-job training.

All are from the Navajo Nation Reservation in New Mexico, Utah, Arizona and California.

Instruction during the five-week program will include cable splicing, cable fault location and work with lead, plastic and underground cable problems.

After completing the course the Navajos will return to the reservation for three more months before returning for the final four-week course in November.

The 28,000 square mile Navajo Nation was serviced by the Bureau of Indian Affairs telephone company until growth in the area showed private ownership could be profitable.

C. J. Wimer of Grandview purchased the system. He worked with A&M's Texas Engineering Extension Service to have Navajo men trained to service the company's equipment.

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