

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"I keep having this recurring nightmare that I can't figure out! It's always the same—LSU., Ohio State and Michigan!"

Lt. Perry assigned overseas

A 1969 Texas A&M graduate, Army 2nd Lt. Howard S. Perry III of Bryan, has been assigned overseas.

Howard III received the bachelor degree in management in 1969. He was assigned in Germany with the 5th Battalion of the 81st Artillery, an airborne field artillery unit.

Lieutenant Perry attended the artillery officers basic course,

jump school and was one of five graduates to receive the Ranger tab at the recently-completed school. A class of 140 graduated out of 257 that started the strenuous course.

His father is civilian student activities director at A&M and a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve. Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Perry Jr. reside at 2523 Wil-low Bend, Bryan.

There's a new watermelon; it's seedless

The eating is as good, but the fun that many small fry have of spitting seeds when eating watermelon, is missing from the seedless watermelon.

The melon has no seeds, but small seedcoats are present in the meat of the melon, Dr. J. E. Larsen, Texas A&M University Extension horticulturist, said. The seedcoats look very much like a small, immature cucumber seed, both in size and color, and are completely edible, he said.

"Most seedless watermelons are of the Tri-X hybrid 813 variety and are dark green with faint, lighter green stripes," he explained. "The melon may occasionally have four or five mature seeds present in the meat, but this is rare."

Seedless watermelons are generally sweeter than other melons, Dr. Larsen said, and urged consumers to try one.

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nice when you start rolling from side to side at sea," Raun said.

Raun said very few of the cadets were from Gulf Coast cities and that a lot of the upperclassmen were from northern states.

After Puerto Rico came Brownsville and the last foreign country the cadets visited—Mexico. The vessel docked at a new deep-water port at Port Lvara and took on approximately 75 more passengers—state officials and guests for the cruise to Galveston, the Clipper's home port.

Guidelines sought on public reaction

A Texas A&M University geographer believes he can help reduce some of the shock waves which often follow environmental decisions, such as involved in construction of a freeway or creation of a landfill.

The researcher, Dr. Earl F. Cook, quickly points out he cannot change public reaction. He may, however, be able to furnish guidelines to help predict the reaction — letting the decision-makers know what to expect.

In short, Dr. Cook hopes to devise ways for measuring environmental attitudes.

"If some means can be devised," he observes, "it should be very useful to planners and politicians in determining future land uses and activities."

"Engineering and economic factors are relatively easy to take into consideration in determining locations for highways, landfills, factories and other installations," Cook continues, "but people who are planning strictly on the basis of economics and engineering are running into increasing public opposition."

Dr. Cook is centering his study on the coastal zones of Texas and Louisiana. He has already initiated environmental attitude studies in Corpus Christi and Avery Island, La.

The Corpus Christi project involves a study of the attitudes

leading to adoption of a 1966 city ordinance regulating oil and gas drilling in Corpus Christi Bay. This action was taken long before the Santa Barbara oil leak which prompted widespread public outcry.

Studies of Avery Island are totally different, revolving around the managerial philosophies of the family-owned corporation which operates the entire strip of land noted for production of Tabasco sauce.

The Avery-McIlhenny family operates Avery Island to last forever, Dr. Cook relates. Operations include contouring to prevent erosion, reclamation of surrounding swamp and marsh areas and restoration of land in general.

"When oil was first discovered on the land back in 1942, the family began planning for restoration," the Texas A&M professor notes.

"If we managed our public resources with the same philosophy as the Avery-McIlhenny family has practiced on Avery Island," he adds, "we would have a better basis for solving our long-range environmental problems."

Dr. Cook, who jointly serves as a geography professor and associate dean of geosciences, plans to expand his study to include other areas — particularly urban areas — along the Gulf Coast.

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