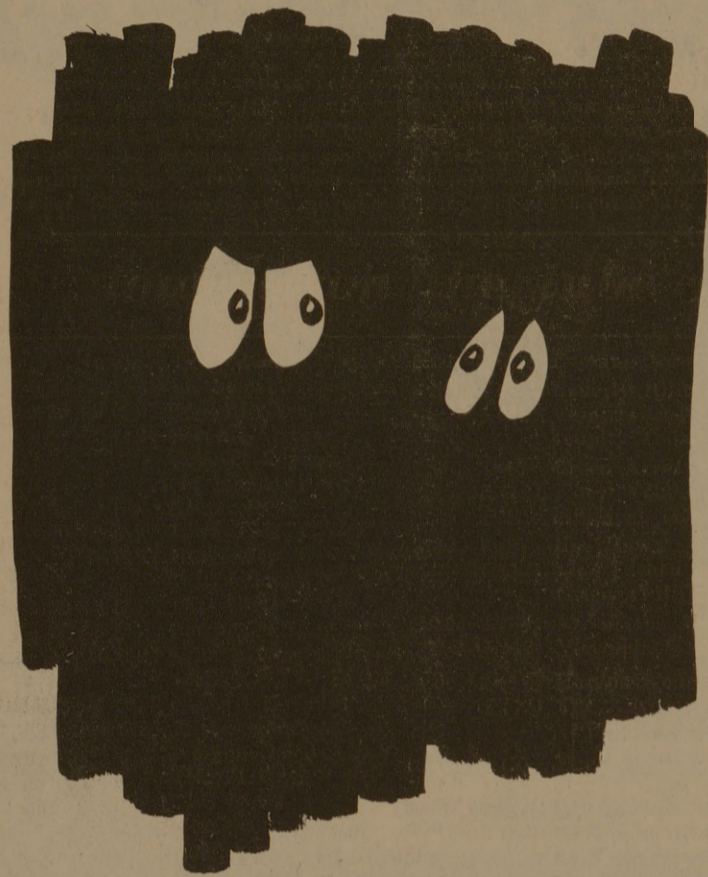


CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"The only reason I can figure for us being in the dark is that it makes it easy for Earle to draw a cartoon!"

## News reports of Laos war slanted, Pentagon asserts

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Pentagon official criticized Monday the news accounts of the allied offensive in Laos, asserting they are focusing on South Vietnamese defeats rather than successes.

In discussing with newsmen the abandonment of South Vietnamese fire bases in Laos, the spokesman, Jerry W. Friedheim, said:

"I think it hasn't always been reported that they (the South Vietnamese) had moved into 10 or 12 or 14 various places and the only thing I seem to see reported is that they have moved out of two or three places."

Could it be, a reporter said, that correspondents in South Vietnam weren't kept fully advised of all South Vietnamese operations?

Friedheim replied that reporters "have been rather thoroughly taken into conferences" with South Vietnamese and U. S. military commanders, and added:

"It just seems to me that the emphasis has been on places they (the South Vietnamese) have left rather than places they went."

Friedheim, deputy assistant secretary of defense for public affairs, did not identify any spe-

# UT chairman backs more university power

AUSTIN (AP) — A university president should have the power to order off campus any person he thinks is bent on disrupting the school, Frank Erwin, chairman of the University of Texas system regents, said Monday.

Erwin testified before the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee on a series of campus unrest bills introduced by Rep. Dean Cobb of Dumas.

Cobb said the president of Prairie View A&M, Dr. A. I. Thomas, told him the bills are the tools Thomas needed last week to curtail the burning of Prairie View buildings.

"Eight known agitators that came from other areas of the state or from out of state were involved in events at Prairie View prior to the burnings," Cobb said.

Dr. Pat Nicholson, vice president of the University of Houston, supported Cobb's bill authorizing the banning of "troublemakers" from campus for up to 14 days.

"We think it is fair legislation. It is not repressive," Nicholson said.

The bill was referred to a subcommittee.

Another bill by Cobb would allow school security guards to demand the identification and busi-

ness of anybody on campus. It drew mostly critical questions from the committee last week.

"These bills are not going to be used against people walking on campus looking at trees and birds," Erwin said.

He recalled the demonstration on the Austin campus last spring that "resulted in a march in the capitol and the breaking of windows and terrorizing of capitol employes, and a pitched battle with police at the foot of the grounds here."

Nine fires have been set in university buildings in the last two years, Erwin said.

"These are not fanciful things," he said.

Guards on the university tower can identify known troublemakers through binoculars, he said.

Cobb's bills would give university officials the power to control these people, he said.

Under present law, "they can tell you to go fly a kite, that it's public property. Ask them who they are, and they give you some more four-letter words," he said.

On the identification bill, Erwin said "a bunch of bearded people" came up to ROTC students last fall and shot them with water pistols.

Their identities remained unknown until officials received a photograph of the episode, he said.

"Unfortunately, it turned out four of them were teaching assistants at the university," he said.

Asked if the teachers still were at the university, Erwin said: "They are not, but we are being threatened by the AAUP (American Association of University Professors) for violating their academic freedom."

Erwin said suspension and expulsion have been virtually aban-

doned as weapons to maintain order on campus. The U. S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals has laid down nine steps that must be followed before expulsion can be enforced, he said.

"They (troublemakers) take us to federal court on everything," Erwin said. Nine suits are pending against him now, he said.

"And the American Civil Liberties Union apparently has an unlimited supply of lawyers to defend them," he said.

After Erwin finished, Rep. Billy Williamson of Tyler said: "In East Texas my people say, 'Thank God for Frank Erwin!'"

"Thank you. There's some different views," Erwin said.

Williamson said students are being used by "subversive elements to destroy our educational institutions."

Also referred to subcommittee was a Cobb bill that would authorize a school to order a student dismissed for disruptive activities to stay off campus for a year.

### Bulletin Board

**TONIGHT**  
E. T. Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 104 of the M.E. Shops to elect officers for next year.

AIEE will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 207 of the Engineering Building to hear a talk on logistics and transportation.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Semper Fidelis Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the front steps of the MSC to have Aggie-land pictures taken.

SCOPE will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 3B of the MSC to plan for Earth Day.

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Until Thursday, the U.S. command in Vietnam barred American correspondents from flying into Laos aboard U. S. helicopters by invoking a Defense Department regulation that bars government aircraft from competing with commercial airlines in international flights.

However, no commercial airline and few Vietnamese helicopters were available to take reporters into the battle area. The restrictions were not invoked during the Cambodian incursion last May.

Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird announced Thursday the restrictions had been lifted and U. S. newsmen would now be permitted aboard American helicopters.

## Error brings son, threat of damage suit

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The State Appeals Court has ruled a couple can sue for damages in a case where a Detroit wife was supplied with a tranquilizer rather than an oral contraceptive by a pharmacist and became the mother of a son.

The appeals court held Wayne County Circuit Judge Joseph Rashid did not rule correctly in January 1969 when he dismissed the complaint by the plaintiffs on the grounds that whatever damages they suffered was more than offset by the benefit of their having another healthy child.

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