

THE BATTALION
CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"It was th' best football weekend I can remember! I'm only sorry that we didn't know the game wasn't going to be in New Orleans until after we got there!"

Steve Hayes

Ecology experts-just who they are

Editor's note: This is the first of a weekly column dealing with the ecology and what is being done about it and to it.

Being an environmental activist isn't easy these days . . . The Right thinks environmentalists are pinko-freaks, challenging the backbone of America-Big Business; the Left suspects that ecology is a government ploy to divert our attention from the real concerns of society: the War, poverty, urban and rural ghettos, and unemployment; and the average American isn't sure what he should think.

The plight of most Americans, indecision and consequently, inaction, is understandable, for even the least perceptive of readers can see that there are now an overabundance of ecology "experts" polluting the air with the greatly over-used word, pollution.

From Everywhere, Mr. Normal is stoned with the word, P-O-L-L-U-T-I-O-N. News articles, advertisements, commercials, billboards, nearly everyone and everything says pollution at least

three times a day. With this oversaturation, it is not unlikely to expect many people to simply turn off, tune out, and "leave it to the experts."

At first this might seem like a great idea, for who is better equipped to solve complex environmental problems, than complex environmental experts? But who is an expert? There really can't be too many trained ecologists, as ecology has just recently come into wide acceptance as a science. Yet nearly everyone is claiming to be an expert of sorts. Everyone says that they are

Engineering instruction
Aerospace engineering instruction at A&M will be described at the 22nd International Astronautical Congress in Belgium in late September.

Stanley H. Lowy will present a paper titled "Another Method of Teaching Aircraft and Spacecraft Design at Texas A&M University."

The Sept. 20-25 Congress will be held at the Palais des Congress in Brussels. In addition to pres-

concerned . . . even General Motors, a company responsible for a large portion of all air pollution in this country. GM, bless their hearts, now claims to spend forty million dollars annually on pollution control. Impressive that this may sound, this is only .17 per cent of its annual gross revenues.

There are other persons who maintain that the real solvers of environmental problems are engineers. After all, environment is an engineering problem more than anyone else's, for they will be the ones who build the

is to be described
entations on design, propulsion and materials-structures in astronautics, the congress will devote sessions to bioastronautics, application satellites for atmosphere and ocean pollution study, space rescue, orbital international laboratory and a 14th International Colloquium on the Law of Outer Space.

Lowy is an associate professor in the Aerospace Engineering Department at A&M.

traterrestrial origin in a third meteorite, the Orgueil.

These are similar to but not identical to amino acids found in living cells. Amino acids are among the principal constituents of living cells.

Previously, the researchers had found identical sets of 18 different amino acids in each of two other meteorites, the Murchison and the Murray.

The six amino acids newly-found in the Orgueil are included among the 18 amino acids found in both the Murchison and Murray meteorites. The researchers found five other "life" amino acids in the Orgueil, but these were determined to be largely contaminants.

All three meteorites are be-

lieved by scientists to come from the asteroid belt, and to date from the time of the formation of the solar system, about 4.5 billion years ago.

The new find supports the "pattern-of-chemical-evolution" thesis, which suggests that the specific set of amino acids and other life chemicals now found complete or in part in three meteorites may be a part of the pattern leading possibly to the origin of life.

The scientists also announced the finding of eight types of pyrimidine molecule in all three of the meteorites. All eight of these pyrimidines are similar to the "life" pyrimidine molecule which is one of the principal building block molecules of the DNA genetic code chain, the

a good job of voluntarily following them. Why don't you wake up to that fact?—Ed.

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Editor:
We have a fine football team this year with a bunch of guys who are willing to play their hearts out for our school. Well, they did just that Saturday night in Baton Rouge. Only thing is, they didn't win. They played just as hard if not harder than last year and their desire to win was even more.

Due to the fact that they did lose, all the fair-weather Aggies just completely shook them off.

What I'm driving at is the fine reception our team received from the mighty Twelfth Man at the airport after the game. There were about twelve men there,

alright. How many went to meet last year after the game with L.S.U.? Could 13 seconds make that much difference in a team's performance or the distance to Easterwood? Sure, everyone loves to win but we won't ever if our support dies when one of the nation's top ten teams beats us. Wichita State supporters don't turn their backs and laugh when their team loses. You say they have reason to lose. Well, our fair-weather fans have hurt our team the past years more than the plane crash hurt Wichita. The team has all it needs this year to be a big winner but some loyal fans to support and be with them win or lose. Those fans aren't going to come from t.u.

A very down hearted member of the Fightin' Texas Aggies

said to me at the airport, "Stick with us, we'll be a winner this year." I believe him, do they have to beg you for support?

Larry A. Oldham '73

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Dear Editor:
Ever heard of ISA?

Is it the Institute for Security Agents? Or the Illiterate Staff Association? Is it the Irish Salvation Army or a thermodynamic unit?

It is the International Student Association. This is an organization started last year with the explicit purpose of promoting a greater understanding among the students of all nations attending

Texas A&M University.

The Association offers the foreign student an opportunity to share his culture and customs with other students, and especially S.S. students who in their turn offer as much.

Any A&M student can become a member by simply stating his wish to do so at one of the meetings.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the MSC.

For more information call

George Halikas (846-0576) or Michael Raphael (846-0418).

George Halikas
Michael Raphael

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Tonight

Physics Club will meet in room 145 of the Physics Building at 8:30 to hear Dean Prescott speak on the undergraduate in the College of Science.

AGC will meet in the Architecture Auditorium at 7:30. Guest speaker is Robert B. Little of R. B. Little, Inc.

Bonfire Committee will meet in Lounge B of the Corps area at 7:30. All interested are invited.

SAE and AIIE will meet at 7:30 in the Geology building for a program on the Lunar Rover.

Young Democrats will hear Lane Denton, state representative from Waco, speak at the old College Station city hall at 7:30.

Junior Class Council meeting will be held at 8 in the library conference room.

Wednesday
Lincoln Union will debate the Bonfire in the Architecture Auditorium at 7:30. All are invited and may participate.

Model Airplane Club will meet in room 202 of the Physics Building at 8:30.

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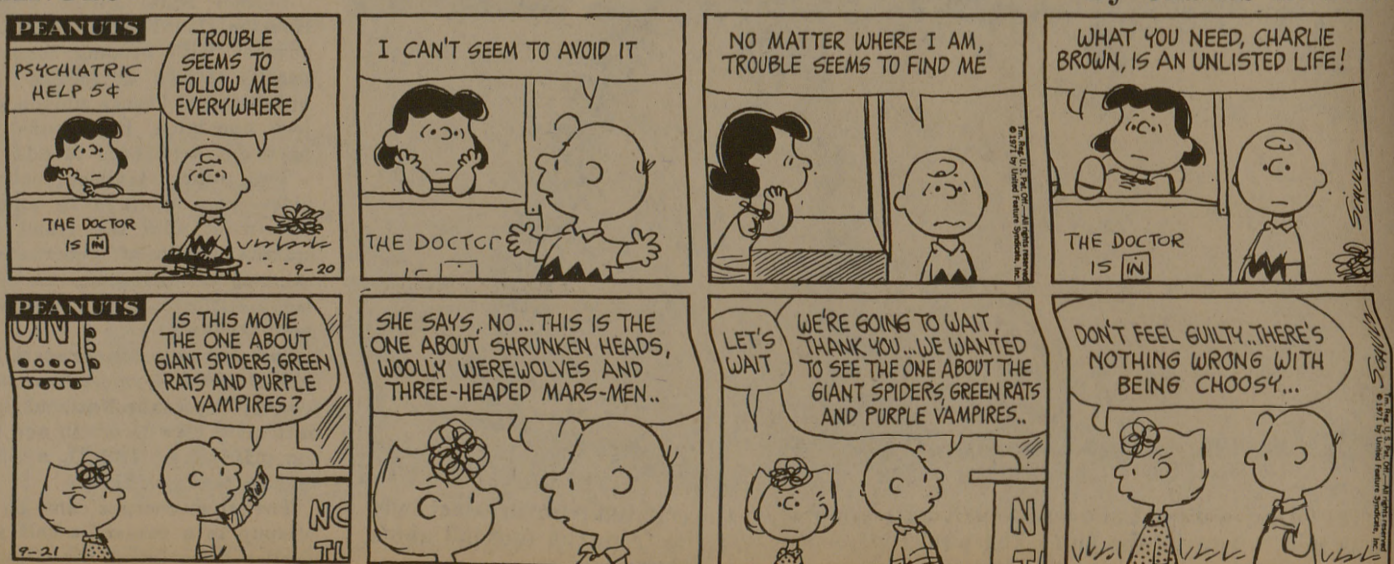
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