

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"You're positive that your ride doesn't leave early, your grandmother is not sick, you don't have to see a doctor?"

On women's lib

In the past week two speakers on campus have dealt with civil rights. One was Dr. Marguerite Fisher, dealing with women's lib, and one was with Julian Bond, dealing with racial equality.

The reception each received was radically different. Julian Bond was greeted with a crowd that part of stood for two hours just to hear him speak. He twice received standing ovations and often received applause. Almost everybody left the speech happy.

Dr. Fisher was treated with abuse during and following her speech. The audience left disgruntled and angry.

We question the reasons behind this difference. Was it because Julian Bond was black, respectable black, and the "liberals" were afraid to point out the inconsistencies in his speech or, worse yet, ignored them?

Or was it because Dr. Fisher was one of those "bra-burners" who are brought here by Great Issues, and at no small expense, just to let a few hecklers play around some evening rather than study?

We feel that the last statement is probably true. Many Aggies, especially those who marred Dr. Fisher's speech, regard women's lib as a joke rather than the civil rights movement it really is.

It deserves all the respect and all the work and interest that racial equality receives. It does not deserve disrespect and heckling by a few people who want some kicks at someone else's expense. It is a movement that has earned and needs support.

Give it that.

Bulletin Board

- Tonight**  
Chess Committee will hear Dr. Dusan Djuric speak on Alekine at 8 on the third floor of the Memorial Student Center.
- Tuesday**  
AIEE meets at 7:30 in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom to hear Donald Klein speak.
- Wednesday**  
Orange County Hometown Club meets in the lobby of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30.

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Listen up

'Administration must be altered'

Editor:

In the tradition of our Forefathers:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men and women are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights. That to secure these rights Administrations are instituted among People, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, including Students. That whenever any Administration becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the Students (People) to effect changes and to institute an altered Administration, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to insure justice for the Students and the safety and happiness of the Students.

We have reason for action beyond gripes. Amongst these reasons are:

- (1) Nominal parking privileges on non-existent parking places.
- (2) Suppression of cyclists who have fewer and fewer streets on which to ride (the above problem led to too many bikes)
- (3) A long list of insults and abuses included in the rule handbook.
- (4) A despotic Dean of Students

Steve Hayes

Most output not most good

Guess who said, "modern industrial society is based on the assumption that it is both possible and desirable to go on forever producing more and more goods for more and more people . . . More goods do not necessarily mean more happiness. More goods do mean more junk, and that junk in the air, in the water and on the land could make the earth unfit for human habitation before we reach the 21st century." No, it wasn't Ralph Nader, nor Paul Ehrlich. It was industrialist Henry Ford, II.

E. B. Weiss, marketing leader, stated that the danger to marketing is our environmental-social crisis. "That is no longer subject to debate.

So my point is that if these men, one a leading industrialist, and the other a marketing leader, in addition to such men as Barry Commoner and Paul Ehrlich who are dedicating their studies to the ecological crisis, all concur that we do have a catastrophe in the making, how long can we really continue to debate the seriousness of the present ecological crisis? How long can we afford to consider the Ehrlichs, the Commoners, and the Fords as "alarmists"? How long before we arrive at a common understanding and begin to return to social sanity?

In this regard, comments by men such as Ford and Weiss are encouraging but, tragically, counter opinions and archaic "public-

(5) An MSC more and more for people other than students

(6) Grass sacred to all but Sainly construction workers

(7) Trees that dwindle away on campus as well as off

(8) Abnormal boy-girl ratio on campus and discouragement of housing for girls because "we are moving too fast" toward a coed campus.

(9) Poor laundry service

(10) Our rights of ownership under which we may give our football tickets to whomever we please being denied.

(11) The suppression of Yell Practice

(12) An ineffectual Student Senate

(13) And a proliferation of ineffectual committees

We have suffered injury added to insult. Maybe there is some truth in the sweatshirts labeled "Aggie Animal." We are surely not treated as human beings. Silence is fatal.

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From now on type your names so we can read them.—Ed.

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Editor:

I have just finished reading Miss Davis' article in the Oct. 14 issue of the Battalion regarding Dr. Fisher's speech on Women's "Liberation." This article was at best a slanted report of the program. I was present at the speech and found Dr. Fisher's attitude and conduct to be extremely rude, evasive and designed to intimidate her questioners. Not only were direct answers to any questions totally absent from her rebuttals, but male students were frequently interrupted before being allowed to complete their questions.

The Battalion reporter's use of the words "antagonistic," "derogatory" and "taunting" when referring to males and their questions is misrepresentative of the style and content of the questions. Any attempts to question or criticize the Women's "Liberation" movement in any way were quickly drowned out by Dr. Fisher's repeated outbursts. It was her

"answers" to male questions, not the questions themselves, which took the form of "antagonistic," "derogatory" and "taunting" statements. At worst, the male questions stem from honest curiosity and a desire to know all the facts pertaining to an issue before making a decision.

It is my opinion that the Battalion should attempt to be objective whenever possible when reporting events on the A&M campus.

Gerald Olivier

"One male student asked Dr. Fisher why women should be paid as much as men when men have a family to support."

"Another male student asked if the female-menstrual cycle and the risk of pregnancy kept women from acquiring executive jobs."

These are just two of the questions asked Dr. Fisher. As a reply, let me ask if you have ever heard of civil rights? Let me ask you why everyone we have talked to, including a student sitting with you, said they were ashamed and angered by the questions asked.

Sue Davis presented you with a realistic view of your questions. All we can say is "grow up Aggie."—Ed.

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be-damned" attitudes still prevail in our largest corporations and public institutions. I refer particularly to General Motors, the nation's largest corporation, and also the nation's largest air polluter, via automobiles. General Motors was the target of Mr. Weiss, who pointed out that, "... few corporate executives accept any responsibility for the role the corporation has played in despoiling our physical and social environment . . ." Weiss went on to say that General Motors was . . . on the record, the corporation most resistant to any socially responsible program of adequate scale. General Motors' suffocation of public opinion (as well as literal suffocation) has even brought threats of reprisal action by one of its largest stockholders, the Rockefeller Foundation.

I refer also to such organizations as the United States Department of Agriculture, who in spite of mounting evidence of the dangers of pesticides, continues to advocate their use on a massive scale. In my opinion, it is a case of short-term economic gain, as opposed to the long term benefits for man.

I refer to such mammoth funds as the Highway Trust Fund to which you and I contribute with every tank of gasoline. Such a glutinous fund assures the continuing destruction of 24 acres of land for every mile of road, and insures only token consideration of a much needed mass transit system. (The American Association of State Highway Officials has requested that \$320 billion be spent on highway needs over the next 15 years. This is just under the present national debt. Obviously, this also insures continued strains on funds needed to solve problems in these areas of national importance.

It may prove tragic, as well as ironic, that these institutions by their own self interests, at public expense, lead to their ruin as well as ours. Said advertizing's Weiss, "Too unwilling, too unbelieving, too unconcerned add up to too little. And too little right now may very well mean too late . . ."

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I CAN'T STAND YOU, CHUCK!!!

By Charles M. Schulz