

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle

# Listen up Here to learn, not bolster egos

**Editor:**  
For this whole semester we have been reading "anti-this" and "anti-that" letters in the Listen up column. We are not in the Corps of Cadets, and sometimes hasten to consider our affiliations as civilian. We did not come to A&M to listen to blustering braggarts bolster their ego. We chose this school for its high academic standards, not because one Aggie felt he had more spirit than another Aggie, not because one Aggie felt that he dressed neater than another Aggie, nor because one Aggie felt that he had more respect for the faculty than another Aggie.

Let's face the facts. If everyone on this campus possessed the qualities of what everyone else considered to be a "True Aggie," then there would be no point in attaining an education.

Mark Bradshaw '74  
Marc Nail '74  
★ ★ ★

**Editor:**  
Amidst all the gripes and complaints which seem to have arisen recently at this university, I would like to add one more to the ever-growing list. Last Saturday afternoon, rather than attending the football game, I chose instead to go to the library and do some research for my thesis. I and several others who happened to arrive at the same time discovered that the library had closed at noon, rather than at 5:00 p.m. Now I'll grant that perhaps the majority of those who call themselves Aggies will attend the football game, but there are those of us who feel that we can make better use of our time studying than supporting a football team. What I would like to know is why this yo-yo university closes its library on account of a football game? If someone can give me a valid reason, other than the standard "it's policy," I will be satisfied.

Bill Franzen  
Graduate Student

The library is closed because in the past there have not been enough people wanting to use the library during the game. What's in the future is unknown.—Ed.

**Editor:**  
In view of the recent letters you have received concerning your editorial "A&M and Change," I for one would like to say I enjoyed it very much. It was very well written and aptly described the situation, and I am looking forward to similar articles from you in the future. This year's Batt is by far the best I've seen in the four years I have been here. Keep up the good work!

Becky Rohrbough  
★ ★ ★

**Editor:**  
Early last Sunday morning I was beaten by a fellow Aggie in front of Fowler Hall. The result was a miserable night in the quack-shack. It is a real shame that we win as seldom as we do, but it is even more of a shame that when we do win the two per cent of non-Aggies who should not be here go out and spoil it for the rest of us. By the way, I want to thank the real Aggies that pulled the other guy off me and helped me out. I don't think many campuses could boast of any nicer bunch of guys. But did anybody find a pair of sandals in front of Fowler Hall, my feet are freezing!

John Broom '75  
★ ★ ★

**Editor:**  
I have put off writing this letter to The Battalion for quite some time, but after reading the articles and letters written about

**Bulletin Board**  
Tonight  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes will meet at 9 in the Lettermen's Lounge.  
Thursday  
Scuba Club will meet in room 301 of Bolton Hall at 8.  
Cepheid Variable S.F. Club will meet in the Assembly room of the Memorial Student Center to see films at 7:30.

"Women's Lib" and Dr. Fisher's speech, I feel that it is a long time overdue. Both sides have been written about, I would now like to speak for myself, a "middle-of-the-road" person.

I will not speak for anyone else, but as a woman and a working one at that, I can sympathize with a great majority of women when it comes to discrimination in employment. I very much enjoy working on the A&M campus, but I must state that the salary is nominal at best. This is true on a great many other campuses as well. Many employers are judged as much for their employees' competence as well as for their own. A majority of employers would more than willingly agree with this, but the same employers would also expect to get twice the loyalty and work as the pay given would indicate.

This campus could not function without the student wife. Most of us have at least some college education behind us, if not a completed degree. The sad thing is that this doesn't even count. In order for a woman to get employment on campus she is required to take a typing and shorthand test before she will even be interviewed, no matter what her professional or educational background. This limits her to secretarial work only. When she is finally given employment, she is treated in a shabby manner and much more like a piece of furniture rather than a professional in her field.

From this point on, we are told how to dress, what to do and what to say; we are not given credit for having good sense. We are given no incentive to remain with our employer and no hope for advancements. Salary increases, when given, are ridiculous; part-time student help are given better and more frequent raises than the secretary. Somewhere something has gone terribly wrong.

I have no doubt that this problem will continue, because a student wife cannot question her employment status without the fear of immediate dismissal, or endangering her husband's position in the University, especially if he is on the graduate level. I suppose we will continue to suffer in silence and outwardly be thankful that we were given employment at all.

I work because I like to work, not only because the salary is a necessary commodity. I am not an "empty-headed female," but an individual who wants to use her mind and contribute to the society I live in.

Mrs. Lynne Kroll  
Secretary

Ray Smith, director of personnel, says that a clerical salary at A&M is competitive with "like" jobs in the Bryan-College Station area. There are very few non-clerical jobs open to student

wives, Smith says, because there are very few non-clerical jobs.

Applicants are not limited to a clerical position if they take a clerical test, he added, it is just that there are no non-clerical jobs open.

Student workers make, on the current frozen scale, \$1.60-\$2.10 upon entry. Clerical jobs upon entry pay about \$1.77-\$2.76.—Ed.



"I can't get used to th' idea of Aggies holding hands with each other!"

Steve Hayes

## Environmental action

There are four major city-student organizations in the Bryan-College Station-A&M area concerned, to varying degrees, with problems of environmental degradation. All four offer different opportunities for the student to channel himself into environmental activism, or simply better educate himself with ecological problems, and their possible solutions. Surprisingly, there is very little overlap among these four organizations, as each has its own particular problem interests, as well as geographic interests.

The Environment Action Council (EAC) has approximately 130 members on its rolls. Most are permanent residents of Bryan and College Station, but there are also several student members. The organization is primarily concerned with those problems which directly and overtly affect the community. Its purpose is awareness. Forums are conducted every two months dealing with one particular problem. In the past the forums have emphasized the high arsenic pollution of Finfeather Lake, the Burton Lake watershed, solid waste pollution and building on flood plains. The next forum, in November, will emphasize the proposed construction of Millican Dam. For further information contact Sue Miller (846-2258).

The Student Committee on Pollution of the Environment (SCOPE) was the primary sponsor of Earth Day on the A&M campus last April. It was formerly federally funded by the Environmental Protection Agency. There are about 50 active student members with such diverse backgrounds as engineering, business, biology and wildlife. While in the past SCOPE has dealt actively with such activities as a 3 mile cleanup of Burton Creek (four tons of debris were collected), cleanup of College Station streets in cooperation with the National Guard and an environmental workshop for teachers. They hope to stimulate interest in the legal aspect of environmental concerns. The organization is diverse enough and open enough to offer any student as active role as he wishes. Interested persons should

contact Steve Esmond, or attend the next meeting Nov. 9, in the Memorial Student Center, room 3B at 7:30 p.m.

The Environmental Awareness Committee is the Student Senate's arm for environmental concern. Of the four organizations, it is probably the most limited in scope and range of environmental concerns. The committee is mainly concerned with those changes of the physical environment on campus and recommends students' concerns to those directly in charge of changes being made on campus. How much effect their recommendations and objections really have is debatable. Currently the committee is concerned with bicycles and the parking lot between the Coke building and YMCA building. Those interested should contact Karl Drescher (845-3105).

A new organization in the community, Zero Population Growth (ZPG), just founded last month, intends to serve an educational-political organization with lobbyists in Washington, D.C. It has 350 local chapters including the Bryan-College Station chapter. The goals of the organization includes: 1) adoption of a national policy of stopping population growth, 2) removal of legal restrictions on all forms of birth control, and 3) ending subsidies for large families. Interested persons should contact Robert Seyse, (846-7184).

These organizations do cover various levels and concerns of environmental problems and any one is worth your time. However, one of the glaring weaknesses is that none of the organizations has any strong power to implement measures to a considerable extent. This is due to the fact that student organizations are inconsistent and usually relatively unfamiliar in dealing with the political aspect of environmental problems. EAC probably holds the strongest possibilities for concrete, visible results. However, resolutions they have submitted to the Bryan City Council have met with little results. More members possessing different interests would likely strengthen this weakness.

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