

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"He hasn't come out since he started working on his system for passing exams!"

Dead week

There is a policy around here that seems to exist and then again doesn't. Most students gripe about not having it and when it does happen, they consider themselves lucky.

It's called Dead Week, and we defy anyone to find it for us and say "here it is, this is Dead week."

Dead Week can't be found in the "blue book" or any other university guides. It's supposed to exist in the College of Liberal Arts but it can't be found there with any consistency either.

We won't argue one way or the other about Dead Week; it would affect us, personally, very little. But what we would like to see happen is for the university to decide one way or the other just what is what.

It wouldn't be difficult to do. It would seem that the Academic Council or the President's Office or somebody could come up with a simple yes or no and on which day it shall start.

Perhaps the day Dead Week would start would be the major problem to settle. One of the best excuses we've heard for having a test in Dead Week, it's a Friday major exam, is that nobody knows for sure when it starts so it will start right after the next test.

The Student Senate has passed a resolution calling for a Dead Week beginning five class days before finals. Fine and dandy. Let's get it into effect. Let's get something into effect.

It would be so simple to do, yet every semester we go through the same old hassle. It does seem typical of A&M that this is so. Let's get atypical about something and have a policy stated.

Predictions

It's that time of the year again.

The time when the term papers come due, the profs are giving those C and D quizzes, the next door neighbors are graduating seniors and have the gas, it is cold and wet outside, everyone has a cold and finals are coming up.

With all these desperate and pressing problems facing us, Jeane Dixon comes along and tells us that the United States is facing a nuclear war, communists are everywhere, Ted Kennedy is in great danger if he runs for president, and everything is looking bad.

It's enough to make you want to give up. Really, as if everything else wasn't enough, here comes a walking fact sheet of trouble and misery, to make the day even worse.

Dixon is kind enough, however, to let you know that it is possible to avoid everything. If mankind can somehow pull it all together, we will make it yet, the shaft can be avoided.

It's a pity it isn't the same way with finals. All one can depend on is that they are coming, and the shaft will strike, despite all your labors.

Bulletin Board

Tonight
Austin Hometown Club will meet in room 2A of the Memorial Student Center at 8:00.
Panhandle Hometown Club will meet in room 2B of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30.

Thursday
Junior Class Council will meet in room 304 of the Physics building at 7:30.

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'The honeymoon is over'

As more environmental pressure is being brought upon businesses and industries, the long predicted backlash begins to take form, supported by two very strange bedfellows . . . corporate management and the labor unions. Walter Cronkite recently mentioned the backlash, and now the Wall Street Journal has partially documented the evidence in a short article appearing November 19, 1971.

The platform is clear; more money spent on pollution control means less jobs, at least this is the call of the native management bird, who frequently shrills, as did one company in El Paso, " . . . a pollution control edict may cause layoffs . . ." Unfortunately, the possibility does exist, as does the possibility of almost anything, and so the unions joined management and to make a long story short, the company was given a time extension in which to meet water pollution control standards.

The El Paso case is not an isolated one. Labor unions in Florida are upset with environmental groups responsible for stopping the building of the disastrous (in my opinion) cross-Florida canal. Three hundred laborers did lose their jobs and had to find jobs elsewhere. A pulp mill in Wisconsin was polluting the water so badly that it was given a mandate to comply with water standards. However, soon thereafter, company and union officials were photographing workers, crowded along the banks of the stream adjacent to the factory, fishing during their noon hour. The prognosis was that the fishing was never better, and armed with photographs of catches, the officials flocked to the court hearing the case. The case is still being considered by the judge.

It is inconsequential to this article that it is not as important that fish can be caught as it is

that people can safely drink the water downstream. The point is that labor is worried that the environmental issue is affecting their job security. Examples of similar actions are coming out in every state of the Union. The fear of losing jobs is a very understandable fear, for it is quite natural to place bread and butter before environmental quality.

Naturally enough, environmental-cleanup advocates are worried about the union backlash. A Friends of the Earth official says, "It will be a real tragedy if labor falls for this line that controlling pollution destroys jobs. Union people have got to realize that it's their world too."

Management is clearly aware of the potential benefits to be gained from a workers-management alliance. As one corporate vice-president has said, "One of the things industry and labor have to do is get together to protect ourselves from these ecology groups that have one-track minds."

The ultimate solution to the jobs versus the environment problem, leading labor officials contend, is financial protection for workers. UAW leader Leonard Woodcock has asked for just such aid from the federal government in order to protect those workers

who lose their jobs because of pollution cleanup orders.

Environmentalists suggest that a coordinated drive for such action would be the starting point for a rapprochement between ecology and labor groups. (The Environmental Protection Agency and the Labor Department are working on such an informal policy now.) Efforts, too, are underway to call the bluff of business.

There is at least one instance that leads one to believe that company threats of massive layoffs and closings amount to "environmental blackmail." A Union Carbide plant in Ohio announced in January that it could comply with federal air-pollution standards only by laying off 625 workers. However, when the Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers Union refused to join the company in pressuring the federal government, Union Carbide retreated and announced it was exploring ways to avoid significant layoffs. As one union leader said, "The company wouldn't have backed down if labor and the environmental groups hadn't united."

But despite successes, the environmental movement will find further progress tough-going, for as Walter Cronkite said: "The honeymoon is over."

Angela Davis faces trials this January in San Jose

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP)—Black militant Angela Y. Davis will go on trial Jan. 31 in San Jose on murder, kidnap and conspiracy charges, court officials announced Wednesday.

Attorneys for the 27-year-old former UCLA philosophy instructor announced after a meeting with prosecutor Albert E. Harris

Jr., and Superior Court Judge Richard E. Arnason that Miss Davis would be moved from a jail here before the trial starts.

Earlier, Superior Court Judge Joseph Racanelli issued a statement that the trial would be held in the Criminal-Legal Superior Court Building in downtown San Jose.

How to avoid baldness: women

CHICAGO (AP)—What do you say to a baldheaded lady?

You tell her she looks nice in her wig, says a dermatologist who posed the question.

To the balding lady, you say maybe she wouldn't shed so much hair if she didn't roll it so tightly.

Dr. Willard D. Steck, a Cleveland, Ohio, dermatologist, discussed the problem of female balding at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology, now in session.

Steck said that no effective therapy is known for baldness and that a wig is about the only solution. But these rare women need to be reassured that they do indeed look nice in their hair-piece.

Balding ladies, Steck said, should be told:

- They will not become completely bald.
- To wash their hair frequently with castile shampoo.
- To brush regularly but gently

Council nominees

to be questioned

on KAMU show

The four contestants in College Station's special city council election will participate in a "meet the candidates" telecast at 8:30 p.m. tonight on KAMU-TV.

Norman Godwin, program director for the educational television station, said local residents can call Channel 15 during the telecast and have their questions presented to the candidates. The station's telephone number is 845-1526.

Godwin said the special live program will be conducted in cooperation with the League of Women Voters.

Candidates in the Dec. 14 election are Mrs. John Sandstedt, Robert A. Knapp, Homer Adams and Bruce Clay.

with a soft brush.

—To avoid stretching the hair tightly on rollers or other setting devices.

There are many causes of excessive hair loss in women, the dermatologist said. And one which can be remedied is that related to traction from roller-type hair-setting devices.

This type of hair loss also results, Steck said, from pulling the hair tightly into a ponytail, bun, chignon, or tight braids. The hair loss appears excessive

at the point in the scalp from which the hair is drawn.

Steck said the tension on the hair need not be severe or greatly prolonged to produce hair loss, and that some women are more sensitive to its effect than others.

The tension, or traction, causes some hairs to quit growing and later to fall out, he said. The hair follicle then goes into a resting condition prematurely, probably because some interference with the blood supply to the hair root, he said.

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