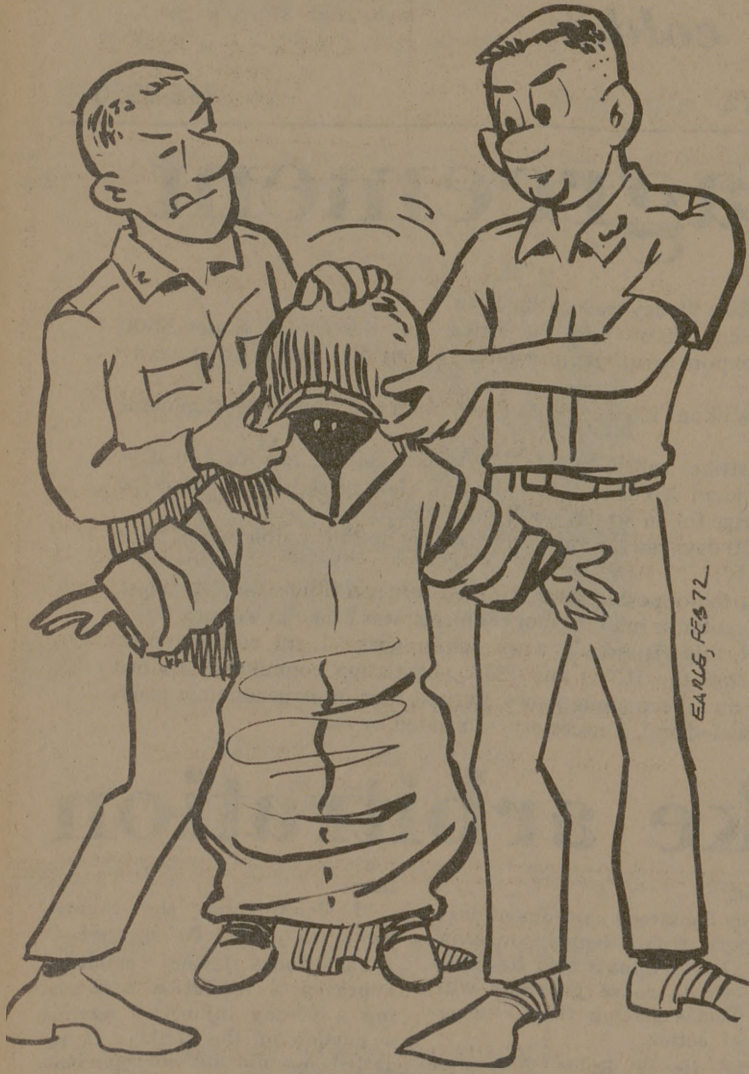


CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Frankly, I wish you would quit experimenting with hair spray, Squirt!"

Listen up

Polo Club has its problems

Editor: Arriving on the polo field on campus Saturday morning for our weekly scrimmage, the A&M Polo Club was dismayed to find two of our goal posts missing and five of our survey marks obliterated. After spending four hours Friday digging in the flag collars, I did not look forward to spending Saturday redoing the job.

It was to have been our first game with flags to mark all our boundary lines. Since for the first time in its four year history the A&M team is scheduled to play in the national intercollegiate tournament, we had planned to make Saturday games more rigorous by using exact markers for boundaries, but now we find ourselves without even a full set of regulation goal posts. One post finally turned up but not the other. If anyone finds it or if the person who moved it has a change of heart, its return would be greatly appreciated. Thinking of the money we still have to raise in order to get our team to Connecticut in March, we do not look forward to buying another post.

Bulletin Board

Tonight Society of Military Engineers will meet at 7:30 in the Library Conference room.

Thursday Ag Eco will have its picture made in front of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30.

Dewitt-Lavaca HTC will meet in front of the Memorial Student Center at 6:30. Photo will be made.

As for the flag collars, perhaps in their temporary state they worried you golfers who use the field in the absence of the polo ponies. Now, positions have been checked, however, and all collars are set down below ground level. In fact, if you want to use them to practice driving your balls into a cup, we would not mind in the least. There are no collars except on the edges of the field so they should not bother your distance driving. In any event, please do not move our equipment. If you find our arrangement hard to live with, contact me so that we can discuss the problem.

Elizabeth R. Cary  
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Editor: I'm sure many dorm residents are as confused as I concerning the new laundry system. Would you please explain the new policy and its advantages?

Stan Hapgood '75

Confused? The only recent change has been to allow students to turn in whatever items they want, so long as the total is \$1.47. The advantages depend on you.—Ed.

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Editor: Last year I represented A&M in more than 100 banquets, Texas Agricultural Extension Service meetings, various firm sales

meetings, university activities, and community get-togethers. In almost all of these meetings, people came down and got me by the hand and said, "I have a son or daughter at A&M, and we are proud of the school." You cannot describe the great respect that A&M has throughout Texas and our nation. Sometimes it borders on reverence.

This kind of respect is paying off in job opportunities for our graduates. Recently an executive of a fine Texas company said to me, "The A&M graduate is almost always a good investment. They have the training to come through in responsible positions."

Since 1939, the first year I was on this campus, I have loved this school and have been grateful for what it has done for me and my family. Just this week my son, Jimmy, who received his M.S. from A&M in January and whose wife received her B.S. from A&M in January, was selected for a responsible position in the armed services at Brooks Army Hospital. Why? Because they searched the MOS's for an A&M man.

Never have I been prouder of the A&M student body than at Saturday night's basketball game with Texas Tech University. The commendable conduct of the student body, the tremendous team effort, and the superb coaching

of Shelby and his associates were great testimonials to the people of Texas as they support A&M.

I am persuaded to believe that each individual makes a deposit toward an image. I hope that no A&M student will ever commit an act that will dim the remarks I hear from parents present at the banquets, etc., who look me in the eye and say, "God bless A&M."

The superhuman effort of our basketball team should be a challenge to all of us to stretch ourselves. Who knows? Like our basketball team that was picked for the bottom, we may find by dedication a spot among the top.

Reagan Brown '43  
Extension Sociologist

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Uniform flap

The flap created by now Assistant Coach Donnie Wigginton wearing the uniform of an A&M senior ROTC member has shown that there are still some sacred cows wandering about the campus.

We have received several letters, we imagine Wigginton has gotten even more, that question his motives in wearing the uniform. Evidently someone is worrying that Wigginton was trying, even unintentionally, to slur the name of the Corps seniors. Perhaps even the whole Corps.

This view is one of extremism. Wigginton was attempting to be humorous, and if reports are true, was highly successful. We would be willing to bet that by far the majority of the students at A&M thought so as well.

The uniform of a Corps senior is well known as belonging to A&M. If Wigginton wanted to leave no doubts in the minds of those watching as to what he was saying, that's what he would wear.

Those who were so quick to take offense at the incident should concentrate less on defending dubious "ideals" and more on developing a sense of humor.

Smith reaffirms his innocence in fraud, pledges political fight

ODESSA, Tex. (AP) — Reaffirming his statements of innocence in the Sharpstown stock fraud scandal, Gov. Preston Smith pledged Tuesday night that he will fight "the political battle of my life" to become governor again.

He told about 600 Democrats at a political rally that the stock case will be a "a major issue" in the governor's race, thus reversing his earlier opinion that it would not affect his position.

Referring to the two banking bills promoted by Houston developer Frank W. Sharp, Smith said:

"You can search the two bad banking bills and the only place you will see my name is where I vetoed them. I acted in a businesslike manner entirely as far as these bills are concerned."

The governor said when the bills were pushed through both houses in three days without a public hearing, he and his legal staff studied the bills for validity and found them wanting.

"That's why I vetoed them," Smith said.

During his speech, Smith took

swipes at both Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes and Will Wilson, who was once Sharp's legal adviser and later assistant U.S. attorney general.

"He had it coming," said Smith, referring to the events leading to Wilson's resignation. He added that the resignation was "late."

Smith said there was no point in time when Barnes couldn't have killed the banking bills himself.

"The judgment on the veto was mine and mine alone," Smith said. "In the veto on the bills, I was in full accord to give more insurance to bank deposits, but these bills needed to go back for further study and aired at a public hearing."

Smith said the profit he made "during this period" was legitimate.

"Dr. Elmer Baum and I have been great friends for a long number of years," he said of the neighbor who handled his investments.

Smith and Baum, an Austin osteopath, each made \$62,500 profit through dealing in National Bankers Life Insurance Co. stock

which they purchased with a loan from the Sharpstown Bank.

"When I was lieutenant governor in 1963, I asked him (Baum) to handle outside investments for me, but I'll tell you this, my net worth today is less than it was in 1963," Smith said.

Smith said that, insofar as any loans made to him were without benefit of collateral, "I have good credit and I haven't had to put up collateral on any loan in many years."

Smith, who chose Odessa for the first of 21 scheduled campaign kickoff receptions, declared roundly at one point: "This is the last time I will ever seek my party's nomination for any political office."

But a moment later he added the qualification: "Or, let me say, since time and circumstances have a way of changing people's minds—that is the last time I intend to seek public office."

Smith, who said he did "much soul-searching" before reaching his decision to run for a third term, said: "I am prepared to wage the political battle of my life."

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