

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



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

Listen up

Blacks part of the system at TAMU

Editor:
Fortunately or unfortunately, Mr. Mardis, our accepting "money from the Anglo-American" is part of the system at Texas A&M. Since, obviously, you are opposed to this part of the system, why don't you exert what mental efforts you can muster toward devising a plan whereby we would not have to?

Mr. Mardis, not one black student nor the Black Awareness Committee is intimidated by your statement that we "are going to

have trouble and will meet opposition." And I assure you that I have no paranoia about Anglo-Americans being out to get me! Further, your whole line of reasoning and all your rhetoric is probably characteristic of only a few students at this university.

Man, don't even tell me that "Anglo-Americans do indeed exist" since all one has to do is look around this environment. And now you have feelings, so what else is new?

Mr. Mardis, let me submit that

I have ascertained your ulterior motives in continuing this dialogue in the Battalion. You and I can elaborate in depth on this issue in person without utilizing the Battalion. I am not hard to get in touch with.

Marvin Bridges

We now declare a moratorium on this issue. No further letters will be printed.—Ed.

Editor:
This letter is in answer to the letter in the Wednesday, February 23, 1972 issue of The Battalion, written by Mr. Stephen L. Baker.

It is unusual policy for a minority (the Corps of Cadets) to "accept" a majority (in this case, the male civilian student body) or even to demand concessions of that majority. It is time for the Corps to become aware of its situation and to realize that this campus no longer exists because of or for the military uniform. The Corps is now #2 of the three major factions listed in Mr. Baker's letter; and if the trend (tradition, if I may) continues, they may be delegated to position #3.

A second point may be made about the statement that civilians merely osmose themselves into the swirling mass of students. This is ridiculous. It amounts to saying that the individual civilian simply disappears into obscurity, while the elite Corps member reaches far above the obscurity of the masses and is placed by some supreme being onto a pedestal of distinguished merit.

It is time that the Corps be exposed as what it really is: the only recognized fraternity on campus; and it is time that it be treated as any other fraternity, either abolished or relegated to an extra-curricula status. Having achieved its rightful status, we, as students, can then get down to the basic question at hand, unity. The uniform will be required only at "Corps Club" meetings, the Corps member will no longer stand out above the rest of us lowly students, and we can then press together without class distinction towards unity.

I, personally, have no argument with military training, but the unity we all crave will only be

accomplished by the Corps detests shedding its ever-present form and its holier-than-thou attitude.

James D. Ford

Nixon

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enclave totaling more than 9,000 rooms is described by the government as demonstrating "the wisdom, talent and highly accomplished building technique of China's ancient laboring people."

This made the second day of sightseeing for Nixon. On Thursday he cast aside the cares of state to see the Great Wall of China, built 2,200 years ago to keep out barbarians.

From the ramparts and looking away to where the wall stretches to the far horizon, Nixon in a philosophic mood observed that there should be an end to "walls of any kind between peoples."

Implicit in his statement was a hope that he could pierce the wall of hostility that has been erected between the two nations

since Mao Tse-tung came to power in 1949.

Nixon looked at the massive Da Ling Gate on a nearby mountain and continued: "We will not climb that mountain today. We are already meeting at the summit in Peking."

The words were addressed to Deputy Premier Li Hsien-nien, who with Foreign Minister Chi Peng-fei accompanied the presidential party on the tour.

Li thanked Nixon for "a great speech" and added: "The American people are a great people."

Nixon used a visit to the nearby burial vaults of the Ming emperors to express a hope that many Americans will have a chance to visit China.

"We have not known Asia well enough," he commented. "Communications have been badly neglected."

A sour view of this week's proceedings came from William F. Buckley Jr., editor of the conservative National Review. He is in the press party in Peking despite his announcement last July he was suspending support of Nixon because of the President's China Policy.

Asked what he thought the trip had accomplished, he replied: "Well, I think it is much easier to talk about what hasn't been accomplished... All the rhetoric to which we and others have been subjected has been a rhetoric that stresses friendship between the American and Chinese people. Now, in the first place, there was no lack of friendship that I know of between the people."

Railroading

John Henry may have been pretty good at railroading but he could have picked up a few pointers at last night's Student Senate meeting.

They may sing songs about how Henry drove spikes but they could be talking in the senate anyway, about how Spike drove the Student Senate for a much longer time.

We are speaking of how the Student Senate was railroaded, and willingly let itself be railroaded, into passing a services fee allocation about which it knows relatively little.

The "Spike" is Spike Dayton, who is better at engineering than Casey Jones. And, alas, did not end in a crash last night.

Now please don't think we are blaming Dayton totally for flashing the allocations through. If anybody deserved the blame the senate should get the brunt of it, the editor of this newspaper, who is on the senate, being no exception.

But without Dayton, it is doubtful that such would have been

the result.

He proposed the plan, explained it, offered himself as an expert, and pulled it off. It was masterful. He had the senate so confused that they would have been ready to donate the allocation to the Baylor basketball team.

His method was to just avoid anything that might look bad for athletics. Indeed he had to, because he was trying to get through almost double what last year's allocation was.

He would not detail why they needed the extra funds, he would not explain what were those "idiosyncracies" Bellard has, he would not explain why athletics pays a scholastics officer, who in the past has worked only on football, \$14,000 a year, or why tutors were hired when A&M already has a free tutor service.

Even when questioned repeatedly on the same subjects he would not give any details.

In fact, when asked about the tutors by Shariq Yosufzai, one of the more respected senators, he replied:

"I brought you a realistic budget, will someone ask realistic questions?"

Well, we will ask some of Senator Dayton. Such as, why balk the senate? Is there something that will appear badly for athletics? What is it? Does he know anything about athletics? If so, can he answer questions?

But basically, why should a student senator be so intent on railroading through such a major issue as allocations? Why not give answers to the questions? Who is he representing?

The Student Senate itself didn't help matters at all either. After spending a confusing time in the constitution they were willing to be confused in the allocations. It wasn't until after the damage had been done that Senator Layne Kruse caught on that all was not quite on the up and up.

Of course, like we have said, the damage has been done. It is a pity that it will probably be the students that have to pay for it. Congratulations to all involved, you represented nobody.

Berrigan released from prison

DANBURY, Conn. (AP)—Daniel Berrigan, the pacifist priest, released from prison Thursday after serving 18 months for destroying draft records says he will press his crusade against the Vietnam war.

"The war is still the first fact of life for the living," he said. "There is no issue comparable to the death of the innocent—not the economy, not good fellowship in China, not cancer."

But the 51-year-old Jesuit said he would shun the methods of protest that put him in jail.

Rejecting the use of violence if it meant doing physical and psychological damage to human beings, he said: "I would do immense physical and psychological damage to draft records if this were the right tactical moment, but it is not."

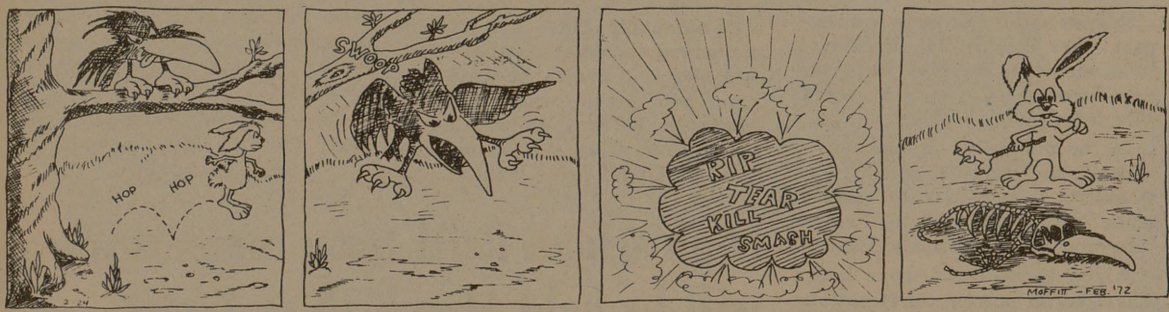
Berrigan, wearing a cross made by a fellow prisoner, appeared gray but chipper despite various illnesses as he emerged from the prison. He smiled broadly to the cheers of 200 supporters who had waited in 15-degree weather outside the federal prison.

After embracing his brother, Jerome, he turned and waved to prisoners huddled around the prison windows.

Berrigan went first to an ecumenical service at a nearby church then to Syracuse, N. Y., for a visit with his mother. He plans to live at the Jesuits' Woodstock College in New York City.

The poet and writer won parole halfway through a three-year term for destroying draft records at Catonsville, Md., in 1968.

... John R. Moffitt



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

Dominicans to sponsor dance

The Dominican Republic Club will hold a masquerade dance Saturday night in the Holiday Inn.

The dance, open to anyone, will last from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. It will cost \$1.50 per person or \$2 per couple.

This week is Dominican Republic Week and the dance is being held in honor of the country's independence. The club has put displays in the Memorial Student Center and on the first floor of the library.

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