

Listen up

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Four guys share this box with me and once a week is all we need to check it to stay current!"

**Editor:**  
At the March 7 meeting of the University Apartment Council the administration's reply to a request for additional lighting in the Hensel Apartment area was explained by Mr. Ed Davis, Assistant to Mr. Howard Vestal, Director of Management Services. The explanation given was that no additional lighting is "feasible" in the area.

The request was based on the results of a poll taken last fall (with a 91% response from the residents, a 187-43 majority favored additional lighting) with the purpose being to help deter criminal activity in the area and to serve a much needed convenience to both residents and visitors to the area. Mr. Davis stated such lighting would provide only "marginal" benefits and therefore was unfeasible since "money doesn't grow on trees".

I maintain that the additional lighting is neither unfeasible nor unreasonable. Much needed peace-of-mind and safety would be afforded Hensel residents and University Police would be aided in their "regular patrols" of the area by the addition of this light-

ing. I further maintain that the university has misplaced its priorities. The massive lighting of the new Zachry Engineering Center gives much less than "marginal" additional security and convenience to that building and its occupants.

How much can it cost to construct one street light? How much is the weekly electric bill for the unnecessary lighting of the Zachry Engineering Center? I expect that since we are only students and do not live "on campus" we do not deserve safely illuminated building and parking lots.

David N. Bailey  
Vice-President  
University Apartment Council

Davis says that "if anything there has been a decline in crime" in your area. The university currently feels that the benefits would be marginal if such lighting were put in compared to the cost of installation. Davis also said that if there was to be an increase in crime then there would be no doubt about installing the lighting.

As for the lighting on Zachry Engineering Center, there you touch on a sore point around campus. The lighting, in terms of one administrator, is "grossly overdone." Every other bulb has been removed from the lights for now. A lighting expert is supposed to make a study of the campus lighting and make recommendations sometime in the near future. Be sure your area is considered.—Ed.

Editor:  
In regard to the MSC Complex fees increase, I am glad that the "arbitrary figure" decided upon by the administration was \$5 instead of \$50.

Personally, I would not have cared if the MSC Complex had never been started. I would rather have seen my money go for enlarging Sbsia to a size that would accommodate the number of students who are forced to eat there.

By the way, I think Moffitt has a great comic strip!  
Jim Epley

Editor:  
I have a few comments to

make about the article in The Battalion written by Karen Kreipke on beneficial food additives. First of all, Texas A&M is traditionally an agricultural university supported by agricultural interests, so it often seems that whatever they have to say agrees with their financial supporters. This can be seen in many areas where the university makes statements of public interest. Miss Kreipke of the Agricultural Extension Service sees to side more with "Big Business" than with the consumer.

Miss Kreipke stated in her article "Food additives prove beneficial to the consumer as well as the manufacturer."

Where is the proof that additives are beneficial? Granted, there are some that are beneficial, but most are questionable. The vitamin D added to milk is good because it promotes health. But anything added to "provide" a better color, flavor, consistency and texture" is added because the industries discard in their preparations the natural color, flavor, consistency and texture. For example, to get "enriched flour," the flour is first milled and bleached which either destroys or discards the 25 valuable nutrients available in whole-wheat flour. Then, less than five nutrients are returned artificially to "enrich" the flour. The fact that industries are processing out most of the vitamins and minerals in our foods is fast making us the most

fed but worst fed nation in the world.

We should assume most additives are dangerous to human health until they are established through extensive tests to be beneficial. There are too many examples of additives, drugs, pesticides, etc., that have been "proved" safe, but after continued use have had disastrous results. Man seems to be trying to replace nature with man-made creations. Why can't we be happy and utilize what has been given to us? To me, a few extra minutes spent in my kitchen to promote my family's health is more important than saving a few minutes using packaged foods for — what? What is more important to you — your family health and a long life or heart attacks, cancer, senility, arthritis, blindness, . . . poor health?

Mrs. Ronald L. Nelson  
The article was not written by Karen Kreipke, but about what she has to say.—Ed.

For all-volunteer

Army needs more incentives

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Defense Department told Congress Monday that additional incentives may be needed to achieve an all-volunteer armed force by July 1, 1973.

"In spite of maximum efforts to increase enlistments and reenlistments, it does not now appear that we can beat the target date," Roger T. Kelley, assistant secretary of defense for manpower, said in testimony before a Senate Armed Services subcommittee.

Kelley reported progress in decreasing reliance on the draft in the last six months of 1971. He said in that period seven out of 10 enlistees were true volunteers compared with six out of 10 a year earlier.

Combat arms' enlistment in the Army increased from a monthly average of 250 in the last half of 1970 to 3,000 in the last half of 1971.

But, he said, "the fall-off in draft-motivated enlistments has been more rapid than the increase in the supply of volunteers."

"The short-run outlook, therefore, includes the likelihood that recruiting production will be below current targets in one or more of the services."

"The Navy, in fact, has fallen short of its recruiting goals for six successive months."

To overcome this, Kelley said, the Navy began offering three-year enlistments March 1, in addition to the customary four-year term.

Kelley said it is too early to measure the effect of pay increases that became effective Nov. 14, but volunteer enlistments of men with draft lottery numbers above 241 increased 29 per cent

in December and January compared with the same two months a year earlier.

Right on, K. K.!

An unusual, but very good event took place next to Sbsia Dining Hall Monday evening.

There, surrounded by close to a thousand of jeering Aggies, stood one lone member of the University Police, ticket book in hand and smiling.

Smiling? Yes, because the Ags were jeering the drivers of speeding cars that the policeman had been stopping and issuing warnings and tickets to. They were backing the fuzz all the way in this case.

They had good reason to be doing so, too. That part of road by Sbsia is one of the most traveled on campus by both autos and pedestrians. Therefore, knowing the typical campus driver and pedestrian contempt of things mechanical, the area is one of the most dangerous on campus.

So here was this cop, unfortunately we couldn't find out his name, standing beside the road stopping speeding cars. Delighted students were standing around giving the officer moral support and pointing out oncoming speeders. They also handed out quite a bit of peer criticism to drivers.

We need more of this thing on campus. University Police have acquired reputations as parking violation men without compare, but things, until yesterday, were relatively untouched in speeding circles. Perhaps things will change.

We hope that they will. Having an officer out there, and in other critical places, for about a week would probably put a damper on a dangerous situation.

We can only agree with one student who shouted out just as the speeder was stopped, "Right on, K.K.!"

Campaign letters

As we move into the period of student general elections, we wish to state our policy on campaign letters.

We aren't running any. There are several good reasons for doing this. All of them are because we are trying to be as fair as possible to the candidates.

Since there are so many positions being filled in the elections, we can't hope to run all the letters we get. Somebody is sure to come up on the short end of the stick and they would be quite upset because they wouldn't have been treated fairly. They would be right.

Another point of concern is that often we receive more than one letter about a candidate. We could run one from one particular person and then have the candidate come up with a letter from someone else that he wanted run. That wouldn't be fair, either.

What we will do is, in the important positions, run a 100-word platform statement from each candidate. All will be presented at the same time. We will decide which positions are important.

We will also run a list of those running for positions such as senator, etc. which we cannot possibly run a platform on.

Until then, get out and file for those positions.

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Committee for Clay will meet in St. Mary's Student Center at 8.

Wednesday  
Sophomore Council will meet at 8 on the west steps of the Zachry Engineering Center for their Aggeland photo.

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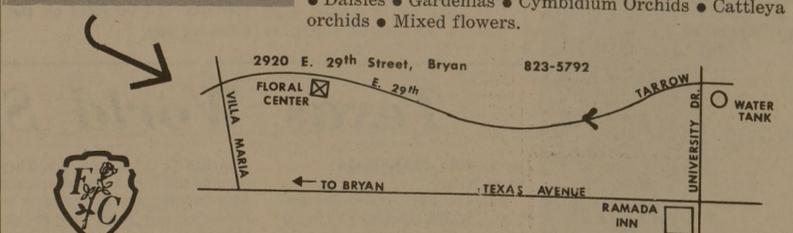
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