

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"Is it a bad sign to get excited about getting a letter even though it's addressed to 'Boxholder'?"

Listen up

Engineering Center under fire

Editor: We feel quite strongly and with joyous acclaim, that the all new Zachry Engineering Center, which shines like a jeweled beacon on the dismal edge of our campus environment is perhaps the finest example in recent year (JFK Center for the Arts being the only exception) of that great architectural character that typified the design genius of that all-time wizard of aesthetic delight—Albert Speer! who gave so unselfishly to the fatherland. Congratulations TAMU, you have done it again.

P.S. Who buys all those light bulbs? David Dacus

Steven A. McCleskey, and 25 other names that space will not allow us to list.

Editor: As a member of the Somerville Volleyball Team I would like to add something that was left out of the Tuesday, March 14th issue

of The Battalion. In civilian volleyball, Somerville won the championship, undefeated at that. I do not understand how this was left out since the Corps and civilian championship games were played at the same place and same time. Could it be that the "reporter" was a member of the corp, or was he just a little lazy? I can understand if he was bored with the style of volleyball played by the White Band and Squadron 5. It was rather sloppy and uncontrolled, something like diarrhea. But he still should have observed the Somerville-Hart Hall game, not to mention the semi-final game between Somerville and Biology 1, any of which could beat the Corps champions with the greatest of ease.

Sorry about that. The article was supplied to us by the intramurals department and we assumed they had all the information

in the article. We will check it out in the future.—Ed. ★ ★ ★

Editor: I am a candidate for Place 6 on the College Station City Council. I am not seeking this office for personal recognition or advancement; nor am I attempting to polarize the community. Rather, I intend to provide more responsive and progressive leadership for College Station and build a union of understanding among all the people of our community.

Let me be frank for a moment. There are persons in the community who say smugly that students here will never elect a councilman. Why? They do not vote. Sad as it may seem, they may be right. My co-workers and I estimate that 25-50 students cast ballots in the December City Council election. The gentleman that won that seat on the council did so with less than 450 votes. That was substantially less than 50% of the total votes cast. When weigh-

ed against the total number of registered voters in College Station that percentage drops to less than 10%. If all persons who have the right to vote, but for some reason failed to register, are considered we find that fewer than 5% of the people in College Station put a man in office to determine policy for all of us.

The date for the upcoming election has been conveniently set for Tuesday, April 4. The overwhelming majority of us will be enjoying Spring Vacation at that time. That means we must make the effort to vote absentee. The dates for absentee balloting are March 16-March 31. Ballots are to be cast at the College Station City Hall. The Student Senate is providing a bus to aid in transporting students to City Hall and back. I urge you to make the effort to vote absentee and make Bruce Clay your city councilman. Bruce Clay

Alternatives cited Alaska pipeline report made

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interior Department issued today its long-awaited analysis of environmental impact of the proposed Trans-Alaska oil pipeline, indicating that a route through Canada instead would be far less destructive.

The report, in nine volumes weighing a total of about 25

pounds, was prepared under court order after environment groups won an injunction in 1970 blocking pipeline construction.

Interior Department officials said no action will be taken for at least 45 days on the application of seven oil companies to build the pipeline across Alaska from its North Slope in the Arctic to a tanker port on its South Coast.

The report is limited to discussion of the environmental impact of the proposed pipeline and of various possible alternatives and indicates no decision on the speculation.

But it points out that "denial of the companies' application might lead to an application, however, for one of the alternative routes discussed in the statement."

The statement also points out that construction of a pipeline to carry natural gas from Alaska's North Slope to the U.S. Midwest is under consideration and would have to follow one of the routes through Canada.

"Less environmental cost would result from a single transport corridor accommodating both the gas pipeline and an oil pipeline than from two separate corridors" which would be necessary if an oil pipeline took a different route

across Alaska, the impact statement noted.

The report considered several possible routes through Alaska to tanker ports on the Bering Sea and the Gulf of Alaska as well as overland across Alaska and Canada to the U.S. Midwest.

It rejected as not feasible the concept of transporting oil entirely by tanker from Prudhoe Bay on the frozen Arctic Ocean.

The notion of a pipeline to a tanker port on the Bering Sea was described as "questionable."

Comparing pipeline routes through Canada with pipeline-plus-tanker routes through Alaska, the report found the Alaska route preferable from only two aspects of environmental impact while it considered a Canadian route better from six environmental viewpoints.

The proposed pipeline route to the tanker port of Valdez for which the Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. is seeking a permit, appeared to be considered the worst choice in terms of the hazard of environmental damage from accidental oil spills both on land and at sea.

Nixon urges tough prosecution of narcotics violations, abuses

NEW YORK (AP) — President Nixon, asserting that the drug traffic strikes at the very heart of American society, called Monday for "strong, tough prosecution" to combat it.

"I consider this to be the No. 1 domestic problem that concerns the American people," he told newsmen.

Dramatizing the campaign, for which he has asked \$1978 funds of \$600 million, the President conferred here with Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, undercover agents and top officials in the Office of Drug Abuse Law Enforcement which he created in January.

After the meetings, which lasted 1½ hours, he went by helicopter to Kennedy Airport where he inspected U.S. Customs procedures for hunting out illegal drugs.

The President then flew back to Washington for a meeting with his Cabinet Committee on International Narcotics Control which was set up last September to help curb the international drug traffic.

As part of the same wideranging program, Nixon has a meeting scheduled Tuesday with Premier Nihat Erim of Turkey which is expected to take up the problem of opium poppy growing in that Mideast country.

Erim's government has banned culture of the flower-raw material for heroin—but he said last week continuation of the ban would depend on finding alternate crops and new industrial development.

The United States has already promised \$35 million.

At the New York meetings, Nixon noted that Turks produced opium, but do not use it. The government there, he said, "is very, very tough on it."

About 35 officers at the first meeting of the New York section of the Drug Abuse Enforcement office heard the President say that the traffic was "the most reprehensible of all crimes . . . it strikes at the very heart of the society in which we live — it strikes at the fabric of American life."

New York, described by Myles

Ambrose, national head of the new office, as the area with "probably the largest concentration of heroin addicts in the nation" is the first of nine regional centers set up in the antidrug fight.

Other regional offices will be established in Atlanta, Cleveland, Chicago, Denver, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles and Philadelphia.

The meeting with Rockefeller, and city and state officials discussed 12 special narcotics courts set up under a \$7.5-million grant from the federal government supplemented by \$2.5 million from the state.

Fish summer conferences scheduled to start May 29

Summer conferences for next fall's freshmen and transfer students will begin May 29 at A&M.

Two-day events held generally twice a week during the first two summer months, the conferences streamline counseling-testing and registration programs for new students. The summer conference assists them through the transition to college.

The primary aim, however, is to give individual attention to each new and transfer student in testing, degree program adjustment and orientation. TAMU

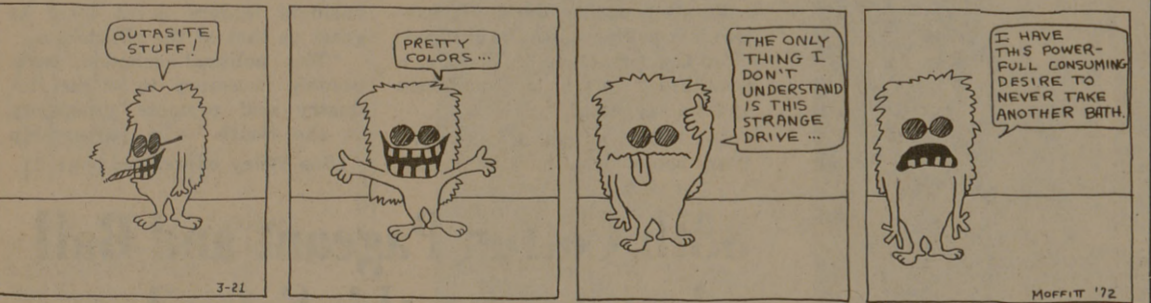
admissions, registrar, counseling and testing and the various colleges participate.

Each entering student is expected to attend one of the conferences.

New students will have one of 13 Monday-Tuesday or Thursday-Friday conference date choices, indicated S. Austin Kerley, Counseling and Testing Center director.

Transfer students will have conferences on Sunday and Monday of June 25-26, July 9-10, 23-24 and 30-31.

AARGH!



...John R. Moffitt

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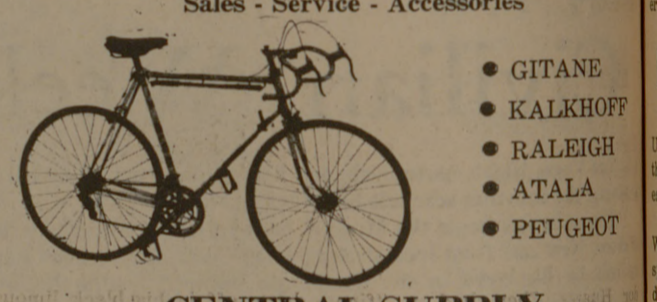
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