

Laundry Troubles Repeat



"If everyone studied, everyone would make good grades which defeats the purpose of the grading system. Follow me?"

Editor: Having just retrieved my clothes from our so called laundry service (a vast misnomer for that incompetent group of starch-happy seamsters), I find the same unmistakable quality that has plagued A&M for quite sometime. Now don't get me wrong—I don't mind those bumbling butchers taking my clothes for three days at a time (Friday drop off and Monday pickup), but one would think that in that length of time, better service could be rendered. Again I put explicit instructions in my laundry bag, only to obtain the same results as last year. Now, I don't know what the

problem is—maybe the laundry help is illiterate, or lackadaisical or belligerent—or maybe just plain stupid. But when I say I don't want my shirts and pants starched or pressed, I mean it. As long as laundry fees are mandatory, I think A&M deserves better laundry service that is is now getting. Jay McElroy '75

self) began the business. In time, he came to the business of who would be editor of a fraternity publication. He stated that only one person qualified for the editorship and that if there were no objections then that person would be editor. At that time, I raised my hand to object—since I wanted to have the portion of the constitution read which pertained to editor qualifications, and since I wanted to volunteer for the job. The speaker did not recognize me. I stood up and still was not recognized. The speaker began some new business. At that, I stated, "This meeting is undemocratic," and left the meeting room. My question for you is this: What type of school do we have where an organization like the Phi Eta Sigma can hold meetings of the above mentioned sort? I hope the members of Phi Eta Sigma and the tutors will read this and seek a solution. Douglas W. Kirk '74

A&M Gains \$20,000 Robot

The Texas Division of Dow Chemical Co., U.S.A. has made an unrestricted gift of an industrial robot to A&M College of Engineering, Dean Fred J. Benson announced. Dean Benson said the AMF Versatran, valued at more than \$20,000, will be used for teaching and research in the Industrial Engineering Department's Automation and Mechanics Laboratory. Dr. A. R. Burgess, professor of industrial tool engineering and mechanization, noted the new equipment was tested at Dow's Freeport plants and was

found unsuitable for use in the corrosive atmosphere where it was to be used. Dr. Burgess said the robot is an automatic material handling device suitable for picking up objects weighing up to 150 pounds, raising the object, swinging the arm through as much as a two-thirds circle and depositing the load in a new location. "The chief application of this type of robot," Dr. Burgess pointed out, "is to relieve human muscles of the strain of handling heavy articles, especially where the working conditions may be unpleasant or hazardous." He added the robot can be programmed and controlled through a large number of motion patterns. It will be employed to illustrate many basic principles of simulating manual motion. TAMU undergraduate and graduate students will study the machine as part of regular course work, Dr. Burgess said.

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Batt News Summary

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS HARRISBURG, Pa.—Imprisoned antiwar priest Philip Berrigan and a Roman Catholic nun were sentenced Tuesday to federal prison terms for smuggling letters into and out of prison. At the same time, the government said it would not seek new trials for Berrigan, Sister Elizabeth McAlister and other members of the so-called Harrisburg Seven on the conspiracy charges upon which a jury deadlocked last April. Berrigan was sentenced to two years on each of four counts of smuggling, but a federal judge ruled that the terms should run concurrently with his present term.

WASHINGTON — President Nixon's re-election campaign won't be hurt by the furor over last June's break-in and bugging of Democratic party offices, John Mitchell said Tuesday. The former Nixon campaign chief spoke to newsmen after completing 1 hour and 45 minutes of secret testimony in the Democrats' \$1 million lawsuit over the June 17 incident. WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential nominee George McGovern hunted votes along the West Coast Tuesday while President Nixon campaigned for the environment in what the White House called a nonpolitical visit to San Francisco. Vice presidential campaigners were at work, too, Democrat Sar-

gent Shriver in New England, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew appearing at the Southern Governors Conference at Hilton Head, S.C. TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas ordered the release Tuesday of four antiwar veterans held for contempt after they refused to answer grand jury questions about an alleged conspiracy to disrupt the Republican National Convention. SAIGON — North Vietnamese forces attacked a third South Vietnamese outpost in the central highlands Tuesday amid growing government concern of a possible threat to the base city of Pleiku.

View Point

Bicyclitis, Or Can I Borrow Your Tire Pump?

By SAM BAYS Throughout the South the incidence of Bicyclitis in our college and university communities has reached nearly epidemic proportions. Previously believed to infect only small children (who usually recovered spontaneously after a few years) and slightly eccentric college professors (who wore sandals and a beard when everyone else had a crewcut anyway), the disease has spread in recent years to virtually every segment of campus society. Clearly, this disease constitutes a clear and present danger to our health and well-being. The causative organism, technically known as Bicyclus academicus but commonly called the two-wheeled chromium beastie by serious students, is believed to have been introduced into this country from Europe by unassuming scholars who contracted the infection while on post-doctoral fellowships at Heidelberg and Oxford. Originally confined to the large Eastern universities which have

long established as breeding grounds for other subversive and degenerate social diseases, Bicyclus academicus spread to the South and West where the warm climate allowed it to multiply at a disgracefully rapid rate. Many varieties of this dangerous external parasite have been identified, ranging from the small and heavily armored bananicus strain to the larger and highly evolved multi-gearus strain. Bicyclitis can be diagnosed most easily by a heavy metallic chain or cable that typically encircles the body of the infected individual. Closer examination may reveal pedal-like depressions on the soles of the feet, stooped posture, green sack-like canvas growths on the back, and in practically all cases, chronic overexertion and fatigue. The disease apparently affects the mind as well since both suicidal and homicidal tendencies have been observed. Weaving in and out of moving automobile traffic and driving at high speed off

curbs or down steps have been noted as classic suicidal activities while harassing or actually attacking pedestrians seems to be the most prevalent homicidal characteristic. No known deaths have occurred to date, but the potential is obviously present. Since very little is known about the course and cure for Bicyclitis, everyone not presently infected should take care to avoid extended contact with either the organism itself or diseased persons. Preliminary research does indicate, however, that some individuals, particularly Ag students and ROTC personnel, may have at least partial natural immunity. For the unfortunate people who have already contracted the disease, purchase of an automobile, acute attacks of laziness, and avoidance of chains and padlocks have proved to be reliable remedies. If none of these alternatives can be pursued, at least these pitiful souls should fight the almost irresistible urge to confront cement trucks and brick walls head on.

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