

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"It's the least we could do for campus visitors!"

Colleges Of Engineering, Science, Agriculture Hold Career Day Here

The Colleges of Engineering, Agriculture and Science expect 5,000 high school and junior college students, teachers and parents for the annual "Career Day" Saturday.

Deans of each college also invite TAMU students, friends and parents to participate.

Engineering and agriculture exhibits will open at 8 a.m. in the new Zachry Engineering Center. The displays will continue through

4 p.m. Coordinating that program are Engineering Asst. Dean J. G. McGuire and Agriculture Asst. Dean Richard Potts.

The College of Science opens its program at 9 a.m. Coordinator Dr. Gary D. Doolen said the exhibits will be on the basement and first floor of the new Biology Building until 3 p.m.

TAMU faculty and students will be available at both buildings to answer questions.

Bulletin Board

SUNDAY
McGovern-Shriver Voter Registration Rally will be at 1 p.m. at the Bethune Women's Club, Houston Street, Bryan. Ralph Yarborough is the keynote speaker. Refreshments will be served and literature on the campaign will be available. For further information contact Steve Dunkelberg, county coordinator, at 846-8538.

The Unitarian Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. at 305 Old College Road South to hear Dr. Maneul Davenport, head of the Philosophy Department, speak on "the Morality of Politics."

The Industrial Education Wives

Club will meet at the "Little Red School House" 3737 East 29th St., Bryan. Margaret Jabulik will speak.

The Aggie Cinema is to meet in Room 2C of the MSC at 7:30 p.m. M.A.S.H., the cinema's upcoming special attraction, will be discussed.

The Camera Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the MSC Assembly Room to hear John West speak on sports photography. Cameras, films and processing will also be covered.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences Wives Club will meet at 7:05 Inwood Drive, Bryan, 7:30 p.m. to elect officers. Come for

Listen Up—

Bicycle Registration: Pro And Con

Editor:
I applaud your Batt Editorial of Wednesday, Sept. 27, about bike registration being "a two-sided coin." I have been feeling, every since the Ad-Hoc Committee released fliers encouraging boycott of bicycle registration earlier this week, that someone should tell students about the other side of the story; your editorial did that quite well.

There is one other point I would like to make. As you said in the editorial, bike riders and other students can decide at a later date whether additional money should go to pay for bike trails in addition to the bike racks that are being purchased with the initial funds; but at the present, the registration should not be boycotted.

My point is this: that the paths are not exclusively for the bicyclists. I have not found a bicyclist yet who feels like he needs to pay money for bike trails. On the other hand, I have talked to a number of pedestrian students who would like to see bicyclists using bike trails instead of sidewalks. I have seen a couple of students with bike tread marks on their legs where they were hit. I have heard several complain about almost being hit. Thus, the trails may not be so much for the cyclists as for the safety of the pedestrians.

It is a fact that the number of students, and therefore pedestrians, on this campus will increase for the next several years. It is also probable that the number of bicycles will continue to increase. Given these facts, pedestrian safety, which is a minor issue now, will increase in importance. It hardly seems fair to charge the pedestrians in order for them to be safe on the sidewalks. It is somewhat more logical to charge the cyclists.

As you mentioned, there may be alternative solutions which should be examined. But the problem should be solved one way or another (for ignoring it is not one of the reasonable alternatives), and any solution is likely to cost money, since the sidewalks alone cannot permanently handle the increases in both pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

It is interesting to note that students in the past have, upon occasion, accused the administration of failing to plan for the future. On this occasion, the Administration is planning for a problem which will become very real in, say, about the next five years. The Ad Hoc Committee should think about this fact very seriously.

Don Webb '74

Editor:
I must disagree with your editorial on bike registration in the Sept. 27 issue of The Battalion. The main controversy, I have found, is not where the money is going but that it is compulsory. Students on this campus have had compulsory fees stuffed down their throats, and they're damn tired of it.

If the registration fee was a voluntary thing, I think a lot more students would be willing to register their bikes with the police (that's a \$1 fee). The additional \$2 is pure BS.

If the idea is to get the people who use the facilities to pay for them, well and good. But if so, then how can the university justify a compulsory student activities fee? That fee goes for all sorts of things most people don't use. In fact, they can't use everything that fee goes for—the facilities wouldn't begin to hold 15,000 students.

You think we need security for bicycles. Right. We do. But leaving your bike in a rack overnight is a really good way to lose it. We're not going to have bike security without a tight, well-organized patrol of the bike areas.

You think that the necessity for a bike path could be alleviated by a temporary system? That doesn't make any sense at all. The best that a temporary system could be expected to do is to allow time for a bike path system to be built. Of course, this may take a little time, as Gen. Leudecke (who is in charge of such projects) feels that a bike path system would be trouble, as it would take away 500 parking spaces.

Your last point is really off. If you think that funds collected by registration can be allocated after they're taken, then you aren't a very good student of the system. The funds will be spent exactly as the administration wishes to spend them, and the students will be left out in the cold.

Stephen Goble (unregistered)

The editorial of Sept. 27 did not state the university was looking for a temporary bi-

cycle path system. Officials are, however, looking for a temporary parking solution which would relieve a large number of bicycle problems. —Ed.

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Editor:
Your editorial in Wednesday's Battalion asking for an end to the bike registration boycott appears a bit forced and reshapes what has already been thrown at the student body.

Your weak argument disintegrates with the last sentence, "We can work out details for spending funds as students and cyclists wish them to be spent later." I have seen many changes on this campus in the past five years but even partial student control of the expenditure of funds is not one of them.

Why should the administration heed the demands of students once they have the registration fees collected and safely lost in the mysterious Coke Building?

The one fact that has emerged is that the university has spent or is obligated to spend a total of \$25,225 for bike racks and decided to rip off the students for it. The security of bicycles argument has just been used as a smoke screen.

One town registered my bike for 25 cents and I received a plate six times the size of the TAMU plate. Houston charges \$1.00, most universities charge \$1.00 to

\$1.50, and College Station only charges \$0.50.

The students have gotten a mouthful of feathers from your two-sided coin, both sides of which are tails.

F. H. Huddleston '72
Steve Brooks '72
Stephan Krug '73

The university has not spent \$25,225 for bike racks, but only about \$15,000. May we re-assert bike racks cannot be paid for by the State of Texas—by law. All funds must be collected like automobile fees—separate from state monies. —Ed.

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