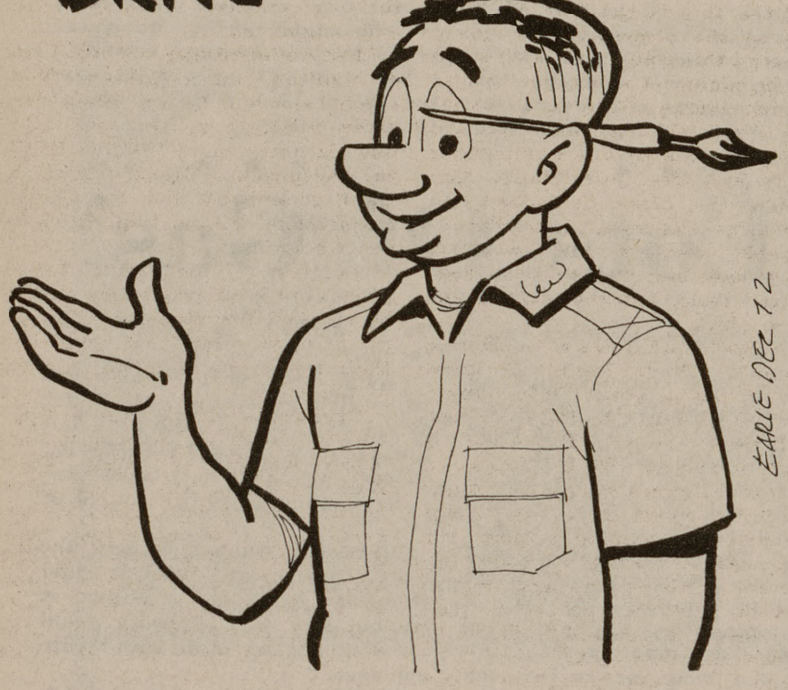


CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle

MARY CHRISTMAS
MARRY CHRISTMAS
MERI CHRISTMAS
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
DRIVE CAREFULLY



EARLE DEC 12

News Summary

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
SPACE CENTER, Houston — In their second expedition on the lunar surface, Apollo 17's explorers gathered rocks Tuesday that may date back to the birth of the moon.
 Eugene A. Cernan and Harrison H. Schmitt drove 4.4 miles in their moon car across a rugged, volcanic valley to gather rocks and shift the rubble of an ancient avalanche.
 A third and final lunar excursion is planned for Wednesday.

PARIS — Presidential adviser Henry Kissinger plans one more meeting Wednesday with Hanoi negotiator Le Duc Tho before returning to Washington.
 Both sides held intensified secret peace talks on two levels Tuesday, but no details of the meetings were revealed.

SAIGON — South Vietnamese troops pursued a mauled North Vietnamese battalion through the jungles toward the Cambodian border Tuesday.

Governments officials said a major battle appeared to be shaping up with a North Vietnamese regiment waiting just inside the Cambodian border to attack the oncoming government troops.

KANSAS CITY — Former President Harry Truman remained in serious condition Tuesday, al-

though doctors said his vital signs of pulse, blood pressure and temperature improved during the day.

The 88-year-old Truman was hospitalized last Tuesday with congestion of the lungs.

WASHINGTON — "A potential major perturbation on the economy and life style" of Alaska could result from construction of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline, says a study prepared for the consortium which is planning the pipeline.

The study, conducted for Alyeska by Mathematical Sciences Northwest, Inc., of Seattle, concluded that construction of the \$3-billion pipeline would cause steeply increased needs for housing, schools, medical care, police and fire protection and other services.

LOS ANGELES — The Pentagon papers trial jury was sent home Tuesday and several jurors expressed disgust that they waited four months in vain to judge the case.

One member of the panel arose in court and, in an emotional speech, told the judge the jurors were unhappy because their lives had been upset for no reason. The judge said he understood, but would make no change in his decision to replace them, adding: "You no longer have anything to do with this case."

Listen Up— Too Powerful Press Blasted

Editor:
 I attended a recent political forum featuring Dan Rather. When I heard Mr. Rather was coming I thought "This is good, the media wants to communicate with the people." But alas! It appears they are only "making" the colleges to ensure a new generation that will accept their line. (i.e. the government is destroying the press's freedom).

The forum was billed as a discussion concerning "The Press vs. The Administration." Mr. Rather said "That is alright with me" which implies that he welcomes the press being set against the government. A ludicrous statement at best. Why should anybody be against the administration? How can that help America?

The press has set themselves up as the "watch dog" of the government. They claim a great credibility gap between the government and the people. I would like to remind Mr. Rather that there was a government in this country long before there was a press and I think history proves they did a pretty damn good job without the press "watch dog." I even submit this absence may be the reason they were successful.

The press continuously emphasizes the credibility gap between the government and the people. I believe that the gap between the press and the people is much wider.

I was fortunate to get to ask Mr. Rather a question after his address. I asked him, "What procedures do the major news services and networks follow to insure responsible reporting and if there are any, why doesn't the press use a little airtime to present them to the public?" Mr. Rather talked a lot, repeated the question, talked all around it and finally said, "Different networks do different ways, but in the case of CBS Walter Cronkite had the

final 'say' about what went on the air and what did not" and he stated that the check on good reporting was in the fact that any reporter who was not fair, accurate and fast would not last. Too much of what the press reports is subjective and that eliminates "fair and accurate." The mere decision of what to report and what to omit gives the press tremendous power. Mr. Rather lost interest after that and I received no answer to the second half of the question.

Well, I should not have been surprised because about a year ago I wrote a letter to the president of each of the three major networks and asked them the same questions, plus several others. I did not receive a reply from two of them and from the third I received a copy of a speech (to answer my questions) and a letter stating they were sorry they did not have time to answer my questions. It seems the press doesn't want to have time to answer these questions or run their business with the openness they expect of the government. In fact, the speech they sent implied they were tired of being asked.

The press wields an awesome power, maybe equal to the government. I get to vote for the President and our legislators. I believe I have some control over the government. But no one has ever offered me a chance to choose or reject the president of CBS or Walter Cronkite.

I ask the questions again, "Where is the check and balance on the press?" Why don't they let us know what their procedures are? "It's all up to Walter Cronkite" is not enough for me. I say that is too much power for one man or one organization and that the press does not practice enough care for the amount of influence they have in this country.

The Press vs. The Government! That is not a difficult decision for me.

Glenn L. Peavy
 ★ ★ ★

Editor:
 Yes, that's absolutely right, our Intramural Department and their sports officials 'stink.'

What does Mr. Palmer know about intramurals? He's only been in the department for years. Of course, he does not deserve any credit for the outstanding job he has done.

What about those persons that participate as sports officials, what do they know about sports? Most of them probably don't even know what a football, baseball or basketball is, much less what they are used for. After all, we must take into consideration that they were just picked by Mr. Palmer.

Yes, that Intramural Department is a real farce. I know I was not offside in that last football game, and that idiotic referee said I was. He must have done it on purpose, or either he must be blind. I'll bet the other team is paying him off. "Kill the bum!"
 Mark H. Richardson '74

Reserve Seats For Buckley Talk On Sale

Reserve seat tickets for William F. Buckley's Jan. 26 address at A&M are on sale at the Student Program Office in the Memorial Student Center.

Buckley, syndicated columnist and TV show "One the Firing Line" host renown for his conservative views, will speak at TAMU in a Great Issues presentation. The address will be in G. Rollie White Coliseum with the first several rows of seats reserved, announced Great Issues chairman T. C. Cone.

Reserve seats will be \$1 per student with activity card and \$2 per non-student. General admission prices are 50 cents and \$1.50, respectively.

MSC Student Program ticket windows are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through the lunch hour on weekdays.

FOR BEST RESULTS TRY BATTALION CLASSIFIED

GOLDEN AGE DRINKS 12 oz. **10¢ FOR 89¢**

shop the **EAT CONOMY WAY** **BETTER MEALS · BIGGER SAVINGS**

ALL QUANTITY RIGHTS RSVD.

BROOKSHIRE BROS. BABY BEEF ROUND

STEAK LB. 98¢

PRODUCE GOLDEN RIPE BANANAS 9¢ LB.

HY-TOP ASPIRIN 5 Grain 100 Ct. Btl. **15¢**

DIAMOND BABY WALNUTS Lb. Bag **65¢**

FANCY MIXED NUTS Lb. Bag **65¢**

FROZEN FOOD TENNESSEE FRENCH FRIES 5 LB. BAG **79¢**

AMERICA'S FAVORITE DESSERT JELL-O 3 oz. All Flavors **10¢**

MOP & GLO FLOOR CARE 16 oz. Bottle **79¢**

ARROW PINTO BEANS 2 LB. **29¢**

WITHOUT COUPON 89¢

SAVE 20¢ with this coupon when you buy the LB. can of **MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE** at **BROOKSHIRES** w/ \$7.50 Pur. LB. CAN Only **49¢** with Coupon

Cash value 1/20¢

COUPON GOOD DEC. 16, 1972 ONLY

The Battalion

Opinions expressed in The Battalion are those of the student writers only. The Battalion is a non-tax-supported, non-profit, self-supporting educational enterprise edited and operated by students as a university and community newspaper.

LETTERS POLICY

Letters to the editor must be typed, double-spaced, and no more than 300 words in length. They must be signed, although the writer's name will be withheld by arrangement with the editor. Address correspondence to Listen Up, The Battalion, Room 217, Services Building, College Station, Texas 77843.

Members of the Student Publications Board are: Jim Lindsey, chairman; Dr. Tom Adair, Dr. R. A. Albanese, Dr. H. E. Hierth, W. C. Harrison, J. W. Griffith, L. E. Kruse and B. B. Sears

The Battalion, a student newspaper at Texas A&M, is published in College Station, Texas, daily except Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and holiday periods, September through May, and once a week during summer school.

Represented nationally by National Educational Advertising Services, Inc. New York City, Chicago and Los Angeles.

MEMBER

The Associated Press, Texas Press Association The Associated Collegiate Press

Mail subscriptions are \$3.50 per semester; \$6 per school year; \$6.50 per full year. All subscriptions subject to 6% sales tax. Advertising rate furnished on request. Address: The Battalion, Room 217, Services Building, College Station, Texas 77843.

The Associated Press is entitled exclusively to the use for reproduction of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited in the paper and local news of spontaneous origin published herein. Rights of republication of all other matter herein are also reserved. Second-Class postage paid at College Station, Texas.

EDITOR MIKE RICE
Managing Editor Larry Marshall
News Editor Rod Speer
Women's Editor Janet Landers
Sports Editor Bill Henry
Assistant Sports Editor Kevin Coffey

Ponderosa Specials

- Friday Evening Fish Fry — \$2.00
- Sunday Noon Lunch \$2.00
- Special Weekend Rates for Parents & Students

Call 846-5794

Ponderosa Motor Inn

No. AJ048M — \$125.00
 17 jewel, self-wind, Bell alarm, 98.2 ft. water tested, day-date calendar instant date change, yellow top/stainless steel back.

SEIKO Douglas Jewelry
 212 N. Main Bryan, Texas 822-3119

PRICES GOOD DEC. 14-15-16 AND DEC. 17-19 1972

Brookshire Bros. THE BEST FOR LESS

PEANUTS Ten milligrams equals one centigram. Ten decigrams equals one gram. Ten grams equals one grampa.

By Charles M. Schulz

KEEP GOING... I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO SEE WHAT COMES NEXT...

THE BA
 A
 When N.
 System goes
 four and a
 research un
 Agricultural
 will make th
 tion more
 Seav
 The first
 Student Pur
 enger Hun
 Schneider.
 went to Na
 third prize o
 Ferguson.
 Contestant
 WANT
 One day
 ce per wor
 Minimum
 Clas
 \$1.00 p
 an
 WOR
 Experienced
 link Mrs. Bob
 Reliable s
 nchers Mond
 before 5:00
 546-4773.
 Typing, elect
 at 822-052
 Fast and exp
 Typing near
 veniced. Sym
 Typing. Call
 SOS
 TV & R
 Zenith - C
 All Makes
 713 S. MA
 Redmond
 Pho
 1402 N
 College
 Preser
 Charge A
 Fr
 Rentals
 TYPE
 Distr
 Roy
 Ca
 Add
 Smith-G
 TYPEV
 909 S. M