

Listen Up —

SCONA And Cadet Slouch Knocked

Editor:
Each year that I have been here at TAMU, I have become more aware and surprised at the monetary waste of our student government. A great deal of money is spent doing nothing for the students.

SCONA activities, insofar as I am concerned, do not warrant spending thousands of dollars which is solicited by the student government. As I see it, only a few (32) people benefit from an activity that builds the ego of some of the student government personnel and nothing more. All SCONA does is talk (debate?) about pseudo-national problems and makes no attempt to recommend any changes nor implement them. The student body as a whole receives nothing. Why don't they pull it all together for the students and stop wasting their efforts on sectarian activities. I'll quote a recent copy of the Senator: "from blood drive to shuttle buses, the student body makes it happen." This really makes me mad. I know personally that their input into the blood drive is zero at worst and marginal at best.

Don't get me wrong. The student government is doing many good things. But I feel that they need to reassess their priorities.

They need to remember that they exist to serve the student body as a whole. Acquiescence to the administration may, at times, be okay, but only after careful scrutiny.

Gentlemen of the student government, reevaluate your spending policies. Pump money and efforts into services that benefit the whole student body (like free bus routes) and away from sectarian projects like SCONA. I as a student want my money's worth and I do not feel that I am getting it.

Michael Bunch

Issue won't be taken with the fact that there might be monetary waste by student government, but two things are apparent by your letter:

1. You don't read The Battalion very closely because Wednesday's story "SCONA XVIII: Programmed Involvement for Everyone" mean exactly that and,
2. You've missed the entire point of SCONA XVIII. —Ed. Editor:

In today's world we are faced with many crucial issues. Such things as overpopulation, inflation, pollution, power shortages, and many other domestic as well as foreign problems plague our daily lives. One problem, which

infests our lives four days a week, can no longer be ignored. It concerns a certain facet of our beloved "Battalion".

It seems to us that the space occupied by "Cadet Slouch" would be put to much better use if left blank. This is corroborated by the fact that Mr. Earle chooses to ignore his own opinion poll.

D. H. McGee '73
Wm. C. Crockett '73

P.S. If the "Maggies" want cheaper housing, let them try Dorm five.

Jim Earle's poll asked students if they would like to have an Aggie coed as a regular character. The girls in last week's cartoons were not regulars, but are termed as "occasional." Dr. Earle recalls that girls have always been in his cartoon "occasionally" since the birth of "Cadet Slouch" 20 years ago. —Ed. Dr. Jack K. Williams:

The Hart Hall Dorm Council is unanimously in favor of the establishment of female dorms on the civilian side of the campus. Not only would the overall social

environment benefit as a result of a more balanced ratio of boys to girls but any increased female involvement in our own dorm activities would improve the male participation in these activities. We also feel that male students should not be seriously inconvenienced or discriminated against as a result of the establishment of female dorms. This can be made possible by easing the restrictions on allowing students to move off-campus and not just the considering of all air conditioned dorms and not just the balcony dorms. We realize that problems do exist but not establishing any female dorms means restricting girls to facilities which not all can afford and which results in a maintenance of the existing undesirable social situation.

Thomas Shelton
Hart Hall President
Robert Nagel
Hart Hall Secretary

Mark Hawthorne '76

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"Whadya say we go to S.C.O.N.A. this week! It would be interesting to see if our discussions on national affairs would be as good if we occasionally had a few facts".

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What motive prompted Pilate to ask this question of Jesus we do not know. But it is a question which should be in the heart and on the lips of every person. Every earnest heart and every honest intellect will want to know the truth and to practice it.

On another occasion Jesus said: "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31, 32). From this we learn: (1) there is such a thing as "the truth" (cp. John 14:6; 17:17); (2) it can be known; (3) coming to know it is dependent on continuing in Christ's word; (4) there is something (sin) from which men need to be made free; (5) only "the truth" can free him; and, (6) by thus continuing in Jesus' word, men become his "disciples indeed."

The truth will make one free only if and when it is known, believed, loved, and obeyed (II Thes. 2-10, 13; I Peter 1:22, 23). These things being true, our chief concern should not be with what is traditional, or easy, or popular, or personally appealing, but with what is true. We should be willing to sacrifice everything for the truth, but unwilling to sacrifice the truth for any other thing. "Buy the truth, and sell it not" (Prov. 23:23). For "the truth shall make you free."

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