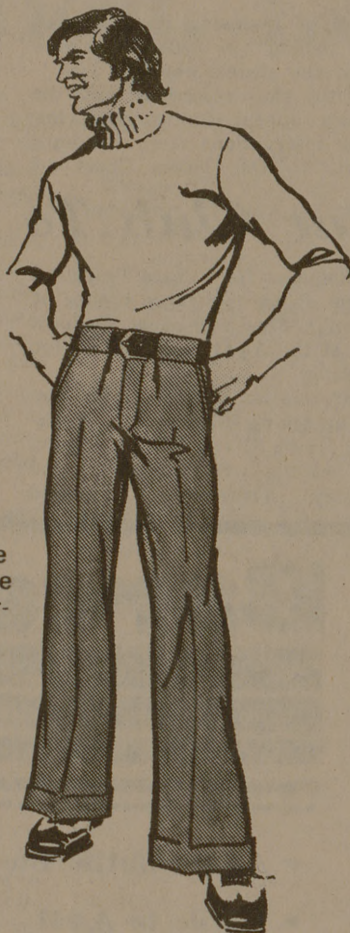
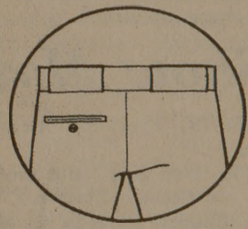


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# A&M Grad Tells Of Viet Imprisonment

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Air Force Capt. James Ray, a 1963 A&M graduate, said Monday he and other prisoners of war in a North Vietnamese camp heard of a man on "heavenly body" in October 1969.

Ray said the American POWs in the camp correctly deduced the astronaut was a fellow countryman and he had landed on the moon. It was six months to a year later that their deductions were substantiated by other reports in the camp.

Ray, 31, who gave few details of his captivity when he answered newsmen's questions here, said the captor in his camp was apparently searching for "a news station" on a radio.

"We heard just briefly something in a British accent to the effect for the first time man had come under the influence of

a heavenly body," Ray recalled. "And then the radio was quickly tuned out. So we began to speculate on the possibility we had a man on the moon," the Conroe resident said.

"The reasons we concluded that it was probably an American was because if it had been a Russian we probably would have heard a lot more fanfare and detail."

Ray, who was shot down over North Vietnam May 8, 1966 during a bomb run, evaded a direct response when asked if he made an apology to North Vietnam attributed to him by Radio Hanoi.

"All I can say is that any assumptions that were made at that time may not necessarily be good assumptions and, again . . . consider the source," said Ray.

After Ray's release his brother was asked if such a statement might have been an attempt by

Ray to confirm he still was alive. "That wouldn't be a bad assumption," his brother said.

According to one published report, the statement attributed to Ray carried an apology to the North Vietnamese people and the admission that he violated their country's territorial integrity.

In an opening statement at Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center, Ray suggested to newsmen to remember "that V.I. Lenin, the leader and architect of the Communist Revolution, defined truth as 'that which furthers the cause of the revolution.'"

He said he noticed an improvement in treatment in captivity about 1969 and that it came about the same time as the "huge letter-writing campaign from the United States to North Vietnam."

While in captivity, he said, "I learned a great deal about discipline, a great deal about understanding human nature."

In response to a question, he said escape was always a "main" consideration in military training, but he would not comment further about his own personal thoughts.

He gave an anecdote of prison life which he said circulated among the Americans in order to maintain a sense of humor.

He said in the "Hanoi March" of July, 1966, American prisoners of war "were marched into a stadium to isolate them from the crowds."

Air Force Col. James Hivner of Austin, was quoted by Ray as saying, as he gazed around at the station: "It looks like here we are . . . the Christians against the lions."

Ray also said another American who had just arrived in the POW camp asked seriously: "Do they do this often?"

On the subject of amnesty for young men who evaded the draft by leaving the United States, Ray said his Christian background includes "forgiveness" but he, himself, would like to see the young

men "publicly acknowledge they had erred" and serve "an appropriate amount of time" in government service.

An appropriate amount of time, Ray said, would be at least as much time as Lt. Cmdr. Everett Alvarez, America's longest held POW, spent in prison.

## Psychiatrist Cries For Legalized 'Pot'

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—An Austin psychiatrist told a House subcommittee on Criminal Jurisprudence Monday night the state should legalize and distribute marijuana.

Dr. Richard Alexander testified in support of a bill by Rep. Ron Waters, D-Houston, that would decriminalize marijuana possession for private use.

But Alexander went further than decriminalization: "Personally, I would prefer that the state legalize and distribute marijuana—not because I am that turned on by marijuana but because I am concerned about the traffic in marijuana."

Rep. Frank Calhoun, D-Abilene, asked the doctor if he would prescribe marijuana.

"I would consider it, yes," Alexander replied, explaining that it might be appropriate as an alternative to alcohol or barbiturates for persons who have become addicted to those drugs.

Dr. Joel Fort, professor of criminology at the University of California, said the Texas law making marijuana possession a felony is the "most extreme in America." Violation of the Texas law is punishable by a sentence up to life imprisonment.

Only Russia, China and other Communist nations have marijuana laws as tough as Texas, he said.

Keeping such laws is "both un-American and communistic, rather than living up to our ideals of individual freedom and responsibility," Fort said.

"I do not advocate the use of

any drug and do not myself use alcohol, tobacco or other drugs," he said. But, like it or not, "America is a drug culture," he said, and "Marijuana ranks far down the list behind tobacco, alcohol and aspirin."

Waters' bill would decriminalize possession for private use of any amount of marijuana by persons over 18 years of age. It would make the sale of marijuana a felony. It would make possession for the purpose of sale to a person under 18 a felony if the prospective buyers was three years younger than the seller. Punishment for either felony would be up to three years and a \$2,000 fine.

Waters' bill would make it a misdemeanor to possess more than three ounces of marijuana in a public place—maximum fine: \$100. Possession by anyone under 18 also would be a misdemeanor—maximum fine: \$200.

Fort, who testified before the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse, said that commission would report in three weeks that 26 million to 30 million Americans have tried marijuana, and 13 million to 15 million are continuing users.

They are of all ages, classes, religions and life styles, he said.

The subcommittee is holding hearings on several bills that would change Texas' marijuana law, including one by Rep. Tim Von Dohlen, D-Goliad, which reduces first offense possession to a misdemeanor but increases the penalty for sale.

## Vet Med College To Offer Workshops And Seminars

The College of Veterinary Medicine will offer five special on-campus workshops and seminars for veterinarians this spring, announced Dean A. A. Price.

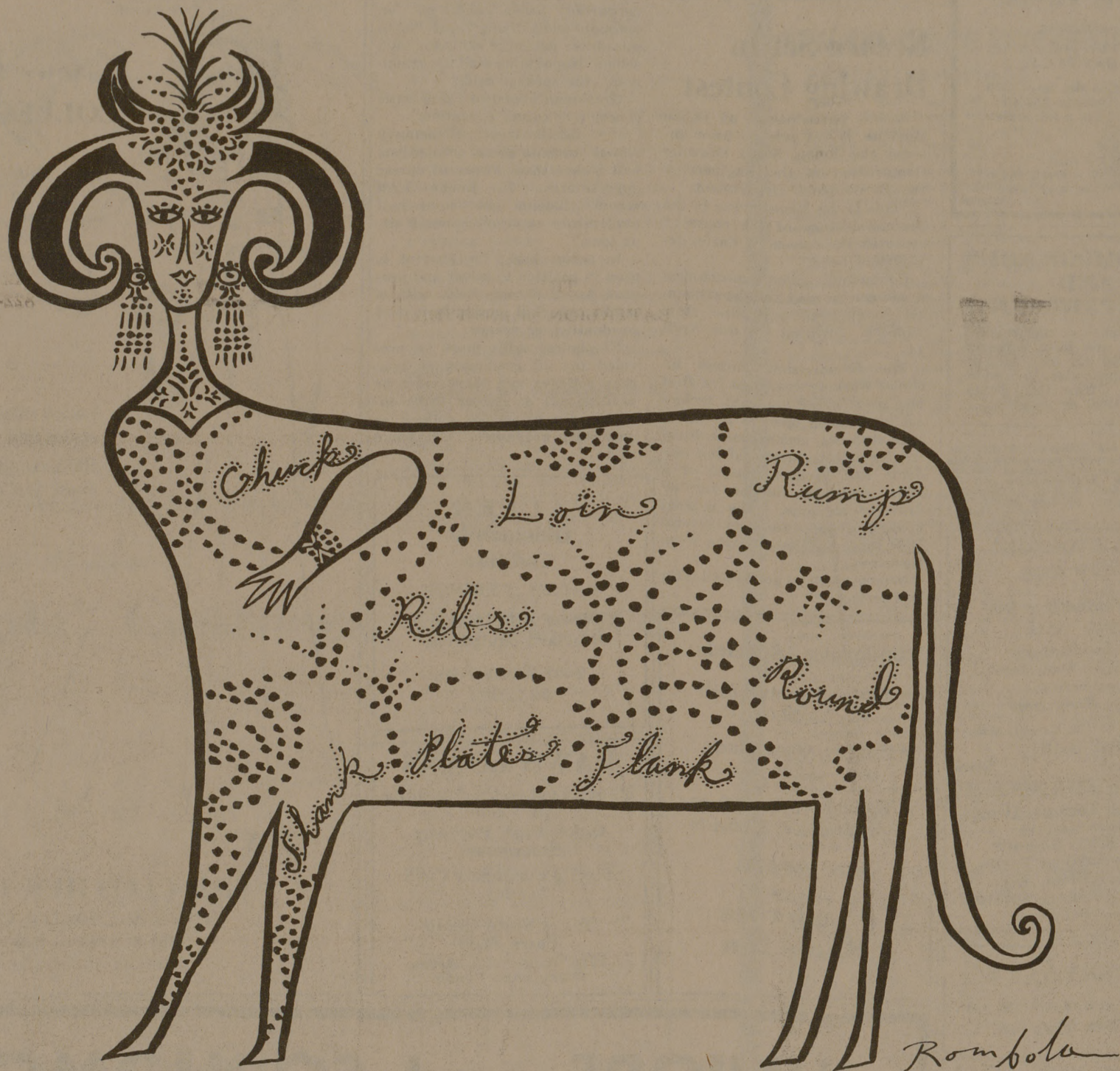
The first session, "Workshop for Equine Lameness Diagnosis and Treatment," is scheduled March 31 and April 1. Dr. O. R. Adams of Colorado State's College of Veterinary Medicine will be the instructor, with enrollment limited to 20, said Dr. Warren J. Kilpatrick, seminar chairman.

On April 14, Dr. Charles Boyd

will instruct a workshop on "Bovine Reproductive Tract Surgery." Enrollment is limited to 15.

Dr. Kilpatrick reported two courses will be available in May, "Equine Necropsy" and "Clinical Equine Neurology." The final seminar in June is entitled "Clinical Microbiology" and is open to veterinarians and their technicians.

The college's annual Seminar for Veterinarians will be held Aug. 4-7, Dr. Kilpatrick added.



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### TONIGHT

Liberty County Hometown Club will have its pictures taken in front of the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross at 5:30 p.m.

Meteorology Wives' Club will hear the history of A&M from Nancy Ondrovik at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mary Bechtold, 2201 Russell.

A&M Dairy Science Club will have a club picture taken in Room 112 of Heep Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Aggie Cinema will prepare for the showing of "Chisum" at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3A of the Memorial Student Center.

Society of Automotive Engineers will hear Tom LeMance at 7:30 p.m. in Room 203 of the Zachry Engineering Center.

### WEDNESDAY

Port Arthur Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the MSC.

Finance Association invites all finance majors to a meeting at 7 p.m. Maps to its location are available at the Finance office in the old Engineering Building. For additional information call 845-2407.

Rio Grande Valley Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2C of the MSC to collect a dollar from each member for a party.

Panhandle Hometown Club will elect a sweetheart and plan a social in Room 303 of the Physics Building at 7:30 p.m.

Corpus Christi Area Hometown Club will have its picture taken in front of the bell in the Academic Building at 7:30 p.m. Associated General Contractors

will hear a speaker at 7:30 p.m. in Room 203 of the Zachry Engineering Center.

Society for Advancement of Management (SAM) will have its picture taken at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202 of Francis Hall.

MSC Bridge Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the MSC.

Sports Car Club will see a film at 7:30 p.m. in the Mimosa Room of the old College Station City Hall.

Physics Club invites the public to hear Dr. Manfred Trimper in Room 304 of the Physics Building at 7:30 p.m.

A&M Food Science and Technology Club will sponsor a seminar on "Organic Foods and Food Fads" by Dr. Carl Cater in Room 226 of the Library at 4 p.m.

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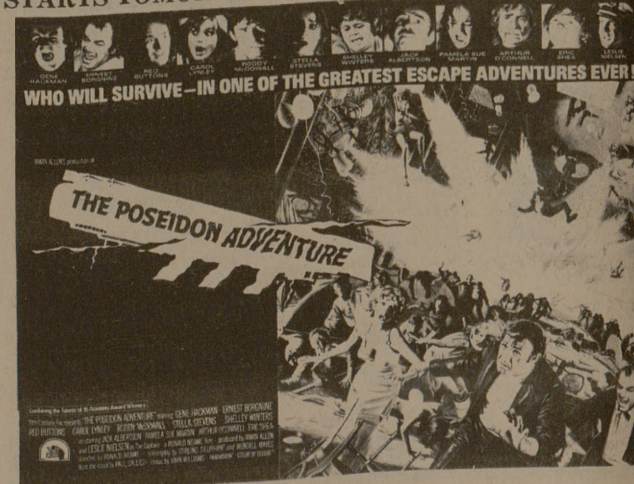
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"EASY RIDER"

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