

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Is the energy crisis well enough in hand so I can reactivate my electric watch?"

## A Giant Wakes Up

The decision to open three of the balcony type dorms to women's housing wasn't an easy one—no one ever said it was the best solution to a tremendously complicated problem.

The problem could have easily been stated as "having to make the choice between stifling the growth of what used to be 'the poor man's college,' or opening up the front door for an influx of potentially very talented students.

We believe the TAMU System Board of Directors made the correct decision, one that would satisfy the greatest amount of need and make the maximum number of people happy. One result can't come without the other.

In the coming weeks, more problems will ensue for people who work in the Housing Office and the students who will probably have to leave Keathley, Fowler and Hughes Halls.

The adjustment won't be so easy at first and will be most aggravating to some, but a spirit of cooperation between the two groups will probably make the process a lot easier to deal with.

Congratulations are in order to the newcomers of the Board since it was they that helped change the complexion of the campus while helping the whole Board show an increased awareness to the needs of A&M and willingness to listen to student leaders to work things out.

## Cooperation—It Worked

"And with the dawning of the light came the breaking of the day," or so one might say about the new era of politics about to open itself up to students at A&M.

Unlike the University of Texas where political campaigns, rallies and speeches have been waged for years, A&M has been in the background for these past progressive years when it should have been moving forward with the upsurging interest in national and state affairs.

In the past TAMU has missed out on some of the big-name politicians who expressed a desire to speak to students on issues of consensus interest, but were held back by a strictly-enforced "no politics" ruling by the TAMU System Board of Directors.

Times have changed and with this change may come a much more concerned and knowledgeable student body—as far as politics goes.

Closely linked to this decision is the result of action taken by the Brazos County Commissioners Court last summer which will allow students to have a polling site on campus (to be located in the registration room of the Cushing Library).

The push for these two concessions hasn't come easily. Student leaders for the past several years have tried unsuccessfully to gain these for A&M students.

Their efforts have paid off—it's up to us to take advantage of the fruits of their efforts.

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### Listen Up—

## Battalion Slammed Again

Editor:

It's interesting to note your editorializing on the last two speeches given at SCONA XVIII. Front page, large headline coverage was given to "Existential Psychologist" May's comments on "psychological determinism", art, and freedom. A summary (?) header tells us that he "discounts controls" in our society. Then on page three with a smaller headline you got around to reporting on Senator Mondale's (Minn.) comments about how our beloved King Richard is in the process of establishing a military dictatorship, and intimidating the media.

Where are these "discounts" to King Richard's controls?

The report on Mondale's talk seems to be a good piece of journalism (except possibly for the incongruous jolt provided by the fourth paragraph). I can understand why you would place the articles in the BATT in this way judging from results of straw votes taken on this campus in the past (for example last Oct.'s mock election).

Is the existential psychologist more important than the politician? Does latest news take precedence over earlier news (Saturday morning vs. Friday night), regardless of the practical importance or immediate repercussions.

As far as I'm concerned, May's

burying - his - head - in - the - sand talk is a pile of philosophical drivel. Mondale called a spade a spade and should certainly have gotten front page coverage at least equal to what you reported about May's comments in my opinion.

Ray Quinn

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Editor:

"Listen Up" is often used as a whipping post for campus gripes, but we would like to have a chance to voice an advocacy rather than a gripe.

... we are members of Phi Sigma Beta and ... at present our fraternity is having trouble performing community service ... because we cannot find enough service projects. We are presently working on several projects, but have the time and ability to do more.

We are convinced that projects must abound in a community such as this and we are trying to find them ... and are attempting to work as a clearing-house for other small organizations such as ourselves ...

If you can offer any suggestions or projects write to:

Phi Sigma Beta Fraternity

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Editor:

We are writing to correct the somewhat inaccurate impression created by your report in Wednesday's Battalion (Feb. 21) concerning the previous day's meet-

ing of the Women's Awareness Workshop.

... the quote credited to Ms. Schreiber ... is not from the dean herself ... the TAMU Women's Awareness Workshop is not affiliated with ... the National Organization of Women.

At the last meeting we stressed the fact that we hoped to see the new University Hospital offer a more comprehensive gynecological health care program ... the opportunity ... to have regular check-ups for cervical and breast cancer ... and gynecological information should be readily available, including family planning advice ...

We wish to express our strong support for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment ...

We do have male members with exactly the same rights as our female members and we do have open meetings ... we are anxious to be constructive members of the community ...

Gillian Parker  
Judi Wooten  
Co-Chairwomen

The University is very much aware of women and will become even more aware with your letter. Our reporter is sticking by her story as we are by her, but we do not accuse Dean Toby Schreiber of saying anything about pregnancy nor deny that a misunderstanding may have occurred. The matter is of small consequence and will be dropped by us accordingly.

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