

# Students Hit Again; Corps Struck

Editor:

Man's inhumanity to man, a theme I have known three years as the Corps of Cadets, that noble institution of our University. I have no malice towards my predecessors but a deep feeling of betrayal that all I have done and endured, but to myself and others, was nothing more than a game. It wasn't a harmless game though because I have seen many of my peers scared quite severely and for what, I just don't know. I was lucky enough to escape much of this for I could conform quite well but now that I have reached my junior year, what is here?

I'm afraid not too much more than adolescent pride, ego expression, and a feeling of superiority simply because of longevity. All of this would be harmless fraternity hazing if not disguised as legitimate ROTC training. And truly this is not the case and only I as one who have been part of this organization can realize the divergence between Corps hazing and legitimate training. Maybe

once this reflected our society but today the individual is respected and allowed to develop as his own moral personage. But even today at A&M we are split because on one side, mine by the way, will not except other students as unique individuals.

It is hard to verbalize my disillusionment when I've conformed, to realize it was not much more than an exchange of a few years of servitude for one year of god-like power with a number of social casualties in between. What is the solution, I just do not know but let's not as Aggies excuse inhumanity as a legitimate institution. I think A&M is a tremendous university not because of it but despite it, a great credit to all involved.

Randy Gilchrist  
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Editor:

All this about a new water tower, who needs it. Is not the function of a water tower to serve as a reservoir? And does not the one we have now serve

that function?

Some have said that the present water tower makes A&M look like a state prison. Does this mean that the past accomplishment of former students of A&M would be much greater had A&M a different water tower?

Why don't we stick with the one we've got and stop worrying about water towers?

In short, if the statement "don't judge a book by its cover" is valid perhaps we could extend this to "don't judge a university by its water tower."

William Srors '68  
★ ★ ★

Editor:

I hate to draw attention away from the serious problems of cockroaches, music programming, and where to put the Maggies, but I would like to ask who is responsible for letting a speaker as naive and misinformed as Cleburn Maier speak about drugs and narcotics on the A&M campus.

Cleburn Maier is naive for believing the two reasons he lists for keeping marihuana illegal: "First, there is nothing filthier than grass grown in Mexico. It is laden with lice and vermin. Secondly, there are many people mentally incapable of handling marihuana and I've got scars all over my body to prove it." As for point one, marihuana with high THC content can be (and is) easily grown in the state of Texas. Anyone worried about filth only has to grow his own. Further, as in the case of prohibition, if marihuana is legalized, legitimate businessmen can be expected to put out a product with high quality control, thereby eliminating the Al Capone type referred to in point two. i.e., you don't get scars buying whiskey in College Station.

Saying that "nothing... filthier... also shows us that

Cleburn Maier is either misinformed or trying to deceive us or both. As a forensic chemist at a major crime lab, in the last two years I have analyzed over 1,000 samples of illegal marihuana, most of which were confiscated in Texas, and have never seen one louse, or any kind of "vermin."

The microscope tells it like it is, Cleburn Maier doesn't. One suspects his statements may be related to such government scare tactics as supporting pseudo-scientific research purporting to show LSD-induced chromosome damage (Science, Apr. 30, 1971) and in any case places him in the same class as people at the turn of the century who were lobbying for illegalization of alcohol by claiming that a person with alcohol on his breath wandering near a gas lamp was in mortal danger of setting himself on fire. The person most mentally incapable of handling marihuana that Cleburn Maier ever will meet will be the one he sees the next time he looks in the mirror. Which brings us to—why was

he allowed to spread his gross distortions and exaggerations as fact at a "university" and who invited him to do so?

Lee Don Bienski

## CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"It may make you look more distinguished than a helmet, but not taller!"

## 'Night Gallery'

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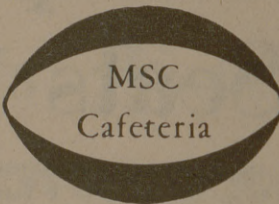
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