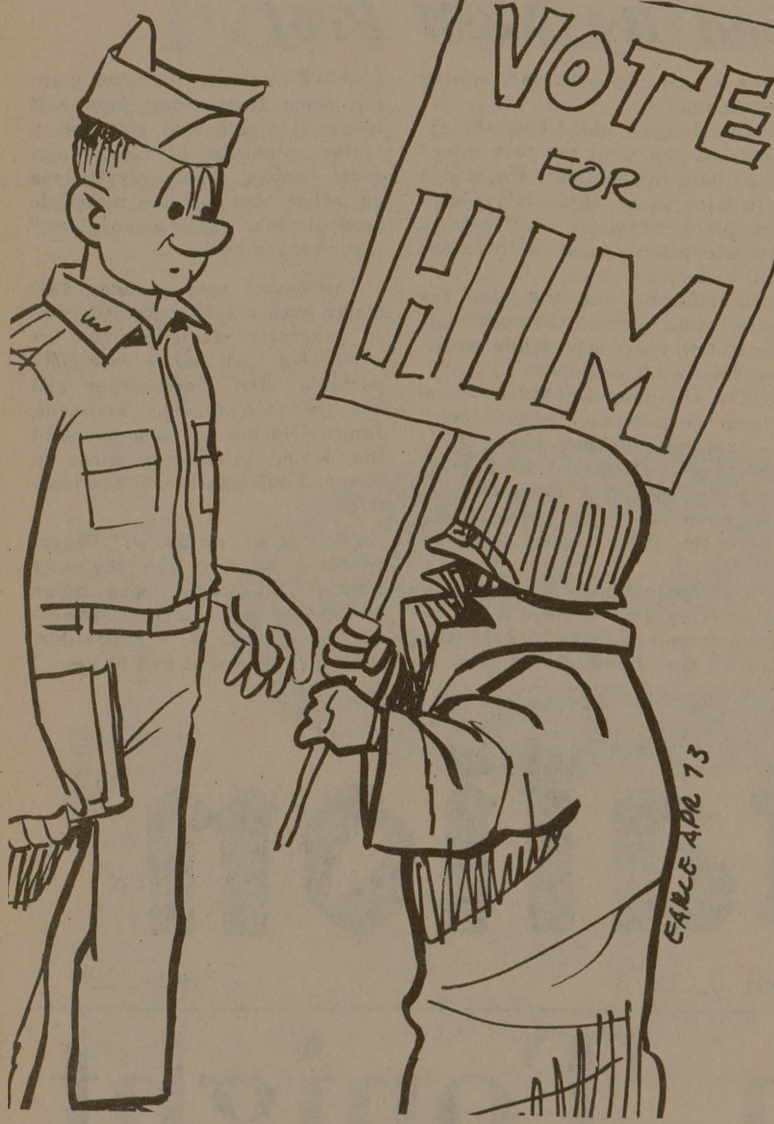


CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"I could make up my mind, but I decided to take a positive stand anyway!"

Listen Up

The Col. Dollar Syndrome

Editor: There appears to be a syndrome on this campus that whenever anyone has nothing better to complain about they complain about food services in the cafeterias. And it appears that the scape goat for this criticism is the Director of Food Services, Col. Fred Dollar. My intent is to inform the student body of the difficult position that Col. Dollar is placed in and to point out the major contributions that he has made to the student body.

To begin with he is faced with one of the lowest board rates in the state of Texas to budget on. Secondly, the rising cost of food across the nation is exorbitant. And thirdly, he is faced with a menu board of students continuously asking for additional menu items of increasing expense.

With these factors to contend with, Col. Dollar has been able to maintain the board rate (no increase since the fall of 1971) while continuing to provide a greater variety of foods and services to the students. It is for this accomplishment that we should be appreciative of his efforts. I am fully aware that there are many more improvements that need to be made in our food services; however, there exists a means to channel the constructive criticism of the student body. This being the three student menu boards that meet regularly with Col. Dollar and his staff. It has been my experience as a member of a board for the past two years to find Col. Dollar cooperative in any changes or ideas suggested by these boards. Over the past years there have been

a great number of improvements and changes in food services, all of which have been made to better serve the student body. With this channel existing it is my request that any future criticism of food services be conveyed to the menu boards so that proper corrective action can be taken.

Bill Darkoch
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Editor: This letter concerns the parking situation here at A&M. In particular the inane practice the KK's have of towing people's cars away. There is absolutely no sense in it. As far as I can see, the campus police do nothing but issue parking tickets and have cars towed away. Maybe they should be called the campus meter maids.

The amount a person would owe for parking tickets does not justify towing his or her car away. If the police want tickets paid, they could make it easier for people to pay tickets. By this, I mean there should be a standard rate per ticket. The present rates make you pay not only for the ticket but any you previously had. As for dealing with unpaid tickets, I believe they could take some kind of action toward blocking registration or some action like that.

This towing of cars away should stop. I hope the newly elected student government will take action to remedy this situation.

Jeff Christensen
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Editor: I think the story by Kenneth Stroebel in the March 29 issue of The Battalion is one of the best pieces of writing to grace the pages of the "Batt" in a long while.

As a senior journalism major with several years working experience on newspapers, I feel I am qualified to say that Stroebel has hit humorous news writing on the head. And let me tell you, that ain't easy to do.

Stroebel managed to use a hint of the "slam-bam" style of Tom Wolfe to bring the bull-neck and cuss world of the Texas Aggies into "national" perspective. Knowing Ken for the excellent

reporter that he is, I was surprised to see his by-line on the story, and it seems he has a hidden talent he has been keeping from us. All I can say is I want to see more.

Bill Herridge '74

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The Student Input Farce

No ands, ifs, or buts about it, the voter turnout for Tuesday's City Council election was absolutely ridiculous—and the registered voters living on the A&M campus didn't help matters any.

The cry of "student input" most certainly is used quite fallaciously at A&M because students aren't concerned with what's happening to them or around them. Anyone complaining about a lack of student-oriented input is in the minority, no matter what others think.

Less than one tenth (115) total vote of 995 (a truly excessive number) made its way to the polling place recently established in the Cushing Library.

As of January 1 there were 9,456 people eligible to vote for this election and only 10.52 per cent of this took enough interest to vote. The showing doesn't look too good for the residents of College Station, either.

It wouldn't have taken much to elect anyone to the Council—at most, five minutes of precious time. With continued non-support in future elections, students wishing to run for office may as well scrap their plans now, because it just doesn't matter to anyone except incumbents whether they are elected or not.

Get involved. City hall is for everyone, not just its employees.

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