

Listen Up—

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle

A&M: A Mixture Of Feelings

Editor:
I would like to address Suzanne Hitt, her friends, and all others in this academic community who are similarly depressed. It is "that time" of year again, (spring finals-yeech), and it's hard to avoid depression, but I would like to make some observations:

Professors who seem cold are often pre-occupied with one or more of their many duties. Professors who seem indifferent are often struggling to maintain objectivity in their grading systems. Administrators who seem vindictive are usually trying to maintain the integrity of the University's rules and systems. Students who are rude or aloof are primarily frightened of flunking, failing to get into vet school or med school, or missing out on the dean's list. University living requires us to perform under pressure—peacefulness is entirely too boring.

I am what one might call a perpetually erratic student. After this term, I will have taken 100 courses over 25 terms at four different colleges. In my view, the A&M faculty and students

are more warmly human than one could hope for. This term I have had special reason to thank the entire English faculty for its kindness and generosity. I much prefer their style—companionship and aid when necessary—to that of my glad-handing smiling-faced friends who turned away.

I believe in this definition of "Human"—human is coldness, warmth, viciousness, compassion, woe, joy . . . human is ambivalences and paradoxes—they are our strength. Animal "must do the things he/she feels." Human has a great deal of control—human can be two things at once. Suzanne, please don't be bitter about "hurt and sorry," without them "peace" wouldn't mean a thing.

Carlson W. Yost
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Editor:
Thank God the energy crisis is over. I thought that nobody would ever be able to see every square inch of the Zachry Engineering Center from Navasota at 3 a.m. again!

Ray Quinn '73
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Editor:
In the midst of reports and warnings of fuel and power shortages we can look out the window at any time of night and view the Zachry Engineering Center flooded with light. It seems the Oceanography-Meteorology Building is or will be getting the same treatment.

This magnificence expends over 36,000 kilowatt-hours of power/year for Zachry alone. Is there a valid excuse for it, or is it merely an "insignificant waste?"

I would like to hear from you, President Williams. If you are not responsible, at least tell me who is.

C. David Stasny '74
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Editor:
In reply to Pam Bilderback's letter in The Battalion on April 20, 1973, we of the Department of Poultry Science are also aware of the rat problem, and have been for some time. Rat bait was put out on 9/5/72, 11/30/72 and 4/2/73. The type of bait used goes under the trade name of Warfarin. We use this type as there have been a number of restrictions set on the type of poisons we can use. This type of rat bait does not start eliminating rats until they have been consuming the bait for approximately two weeks.

The same week that Ms. Bilderback noticed the rats, the University exterminators had already been notified and were promptly on the job. The University exterminators are also working with commercial exterminators on this problem.

We appreciate Ms. Bilderback's concern and would like for all to know we are doing our utmost to alleviate a perennial problem.

C. R. Creger
Acting Head



"Want to check by the meteorology department with me?"

Former TAES Director Dies

Dr. Ide P. Trotter, the sixth director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and chairman of A&M's Agronomy Department for eight years prior to that assignment, died Tuesday in a Bryan hospital. He was 77.

Trotter was a native of Brownsville, Tenn., and had served as Extension agronomist and specialist in Missouri for 13 years before coming to head up A&M's Agronomy Department in 1936.

Praise For A Good Effort

We don't condone or condemn the action the Board of Directors will probably take in raising room and board fees for next year. It's not their fault, it's more a fault of the American way of life.

The Board should be praised in its efforts to postpone taking any action of this sort, particularly in an inflationary period where the entire wholesale food price index rose at an annual rate of 21.5 per cent in the first quarter of this year.

We think students are fortunate that no increase in campus laundry costs were proposed. With a study for optional laundry costs being under consideration by the Senate and University officials who have grown tired of fighting for the existence of a compulsory laundry, an increase would have been foolish, indeed.

The last substantial increases in room and board came four years ago and for people who are dealing with food and energy supplies on such a large scale, we're surprised a proposal for a substantial increase didn't come sooner.

Sure, this substantial increase is a hard pill to swallow and could drastically affect the future of some students at A&M. But, may we offer a suggestion so next time it won't be so large a pill: raise the fees on a gradual basis instead of playing catch up.

Many other colleges in Texas are doing just this and no complaints out of the ordinary are heard. We think it could work here, too.

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