

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"It use to be that when your laundry got mixed up, you would get back a few things that you could use!"



SWIMMING LESSONS POSTPONED—Due to the loss of lights for P. L. Downs Natatorium during shipment, swimming lessons slated to begin today have been postponed until July 2, according to instructor Steve Montgomery. Montgomery serves as assistant A&M swim coach during the school term and can be reached at the pool if swimming lessons are desired. (Photo by Peter Leabo)

Listen Up —

Reader Defends Nixon In Watergate Scandal

Dear Sirs:
It is regrettable that you deemed it necessary to join the obstreperous choir of those who seek to destroy the presidency. You have obviously fallen a victim to the brainwashing of the most sophisticated propaganda apparatus which dominates the news media, and you can't tell, now, maroon from white.

The rest of the world is an incredulous witness to the bizarre spectacle of how the minor incident called "Watergate" is being blown up by sour losers and personal enemies of the American President. They have already inflicted an irreparable damage to American diplomacy, foreign trade, and the value of the dollar. They have injured the spirit of fair play, the one thing many people most admired in the Anglo-Saxon culture. The way the President of the United States is being treated by the Press as a conspirator leaves me, a foreign-educated person and a naturalized U.S. citizen, deeply irritated and ashamed.

The editors of "The Battalion" have joined a strange company without knowing it. Some self-appointed champions of the free

press claim to save this country from an imaginary dictatorship while their columns regularly appear in full length in Communist countries, whenever their totalitarian regime wishes to make the strongest anti-American statement. I think it is a grave error on your part to consider the Press, dominated by such people, to be a representative vehicle of this country. The American people possess a sense of fairness and good manners. Unsubstantiated charges of conspiracy to demolish a national party might leave the news media as the biggest loser in the Watergate affair.

May I suggest to you, if sound

reasoning is possible, to consider the proven principle of cui bono. Mr. Nixon did not need a burglary to win the election. It does not serve the interest of any government to publicize sensitive matters of national security. It only helps Mr. Anderson and Mr. Bernstein to win Pulitzer prizes. It took guts and a statesman to withhold information about the Cuban invasion plans in 1960!

Finally, if "The Battalion" editors do not see any difference between the American process and Communist-controlled elections, I would be glad to enlighten them. An Aggie does not have to go to Eastern Europe to realize that a voter turnout of 99.5% is hard-

ly voluntary. To this observer of the American political scene, the deployment of the CIA by a president, or of our campus policemen by Mr. Bill Moore for elec-

tion purposes seems to be highly unlikely.

Sincerely,
Joseph Nagym
Professor

Radio Club Set To Meet On Thursday

A&M's Radio Committee has scheduled a meeting on Wednesday, June 14, in the Student Programs Office room 216 for 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will concern itself with a code-theory class organization and with field day preparations.

All members and prospective members are urged to attend and any questions should be directed to Kurt Freidberger, summer chairman, at 845-4848 at the MSC.

Two Aggies On Support Of Skylab

Two A&M graduates are among Air Force personnel flying in support of the Skylab I mission.

Capt. James G. Gibson of San Antonio and 1st Lt. Randall T. Schulze of Dickinson are in recovery service at Clark Air Base in the Philippines. Schulze is an HC-130 Hercules pilot; Gibson a navigator.

They are part of the Military Airlift Command's 31st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron assigned on the U. S.'s first experimental, earth-orbital space station missions. The NASA support service continues through the two 56-day Skylab missions.

Capt. Gibson is a 1961 graduate of Texas A&M, in journalism. Lt. Schulze finished studies in petroleum engineering in 1971. He commanded Squadron 4 in the Corps of Cadets.

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