

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"With a guy named Capone playing linebacker, do you think we might have been robbed by the Mafia?"

Washing the Press

We wish to take issue with an article printed in the Saturday (Sept. 22) edition of the Bryan Eagle, entitled "Student Apathy Attacked," written by an A&M student, Peggy Ingram.

The story is an obvious attempt by TAMU student Government Vice President Shariq Yosufsaï to "snow" the very people he may possibly be turning to at an election time this spring. This is all right for an "overzealous" foreign student.

Mr. Yosufsaï has been doing the same and saying the same thing since the beginning of his tenure in office which started after a slightly-questionable campaign in which a small controversy centered over a letter with forged signatures, endorsing the Bengali Senate President.

But Mr. Yosufsaï has been causing headaches for many "elite . . . senators" with his incessant push for placing the Student Senate meetings on KAMU-TV, Channel 15 (our local educational TV station)—a move that would surely lose many viewers for the station, the few that it already has (of college age, that is).

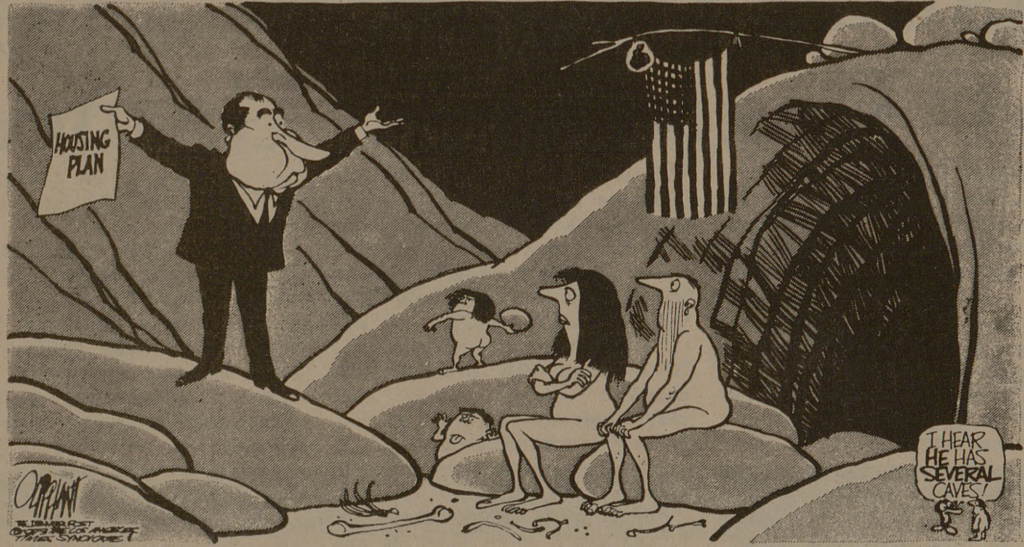
Throughout the summer he has been bombarding The Battalion with ideas of what he would like to do, rather than taking his ideas to the students for a test or survey of what the majority would like done.

The lord of parliamentary procedure, Mr. Yosufsaï, has also tended to drive student senators up the wall with his unending failures to recognize the commonest courtesy without becoming lost in his parliamentary booklore.

Ms. Ingram's article also reaked of sad editorialism, perhaps understandable for an Eagle intern. But none the less, there is really no excuse for either her or Mr. Yosufsaï to refer to A&M student body as the "lower class," a term obviously intended on the writer's part to tempt to low-key hatred of the A&M Student Government within an article intended by Mr. Yosufsaï to bolster the SG's effectiveness.

The second note of editorialism is, of course, the headline "Student Apathy Attacked." Nowhere in the story does the vice president indicate there is apathy anywhere at A&M, unless its call is aimed at unsuspecting student senators by the ill-informed writer and A&M intern putting out the "Saturday Sunrise Edition."

By all rights, though, the two ought to come together and PR themselves away from the unwary readership where no one is hurt by their amateur abilities.



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Ethical Dilemmas Unanswered

By DR. DAVID VAN FLEET

As this is the first "faculty comment" column for the student (hopefully soon to be the university) newspaper, I should like to address the issue of faculty ethics, especially as they pertain to student related matters. One question of a newcomer, of course, is why is this the first such faculty expression in this paper? Is it considered unethical for faculty members to state opinions outside of the classroom?

Perhaps faculty members prefer other media, i. e., the AAUP, the "Free University," or faculty advisory committees. Or perhaps, like working with, on, or for the city and county government, school boards, political groups, OPAS and so on.

Maybe many faculty members do not really care about students learning outside the classroom. Then again, maybe students don't care what the faculty have to say.

Perhaps this is the first "faculty comment" column merely because faculty members have never before been asked to write such a column.

Questions but no answers. A typical academic dilemma. But while I'm raising questions, let me raise some on ethics which, at a previous institution, developed some interesting reaction and

assign term papers and then not really grade them? To grade them by volume, appearance, or number of pages?

Is it ethical not to return to students their work after the teacher has evaluated it?

Should faculty and administration be more concerned with how many students can get into a program rather than with how much

to simply dismiss classes when he or she is sick, attending a professional meeting, or desires a vacation?

Should faculty members "teach gain individually" for higher salaries if such efforts merely produce the funds available for other faculty members?

Is it ethical for a teacher to organize classes into "self study" or "work session" groups during which the teacher is not present and hence may obtain a slight reduction in course load and/or preparation time? Only if such arrangements are acceptable to the leagues? Deans?

Is it ethical for a teacher to teach as few as six hours a term? How about three? Does it depend? Upon what?

Is it ethical for one faculty member to call poor performance or unethical behavior to the attention of another faculty member? Is it ethical not to?

Should one faculty member call to the attention of the department head or dean the poor performance or unethical behavior of another faculty member? Is it ethical not to?

Is it ethical for a professor to change grading procedures during the term? Only if it was previously announced to the students?

Is it ethical for a teacher to announce his or her grading procedure early in the term?

Is it ethical to use an indiscreet grading standard or procedure merely because it has been traditional to do so? Only if it is "official"?

Shouldn't one work to change such standards? Is it ethical not to?

Is it ethical to entertain students rather than teach them? Is some entertainment not necessary to learning? How much is enough?

Is it ethical to teach "the way things were when I was there" rather than "the way things are likely to be when you get there"?

Is "publish or perish" ethical? "Teach or terminate"? "Up or out"?

Does anyone care? Is it ethical not to?

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guest viewpoint

discussion among students, faculty and administrators.

Is it ethical for a professor unilaterally to decide to require a text from which he or she receives royalties? What if colleagues agree?

Is it ethical to use students (even graduate students) as graders? Only if the material to be graded is objective in nature?

Is it ethical for a teacher to

the students can get out of the program?

Is it ethical to permit unqualified part-time persons to teach merely because it is economical to do so?

Is it ethical for a professor to accept compensation for "lab" or "seminar" work not requiring his or her presence or preparation?

Is it ethical for a teacher to

Listen Up--

Coeds Resent Callers

Editor:

We have had it! We are sick and tired of sleepless nights and constant nuisances on the telephone. We do not know what comes from these phone calls that upset Maggies. What do guys get out of these calls where they call up a girl and breathe heavily into the phone. So what if they can breathe? We do not care. We like to sleep at night and stay awake in class. Do guys get turned on by breathing heavily into a phone while a girl is on the other end wondering what the hell is going on? Why is such a thing happening to her?

We are not the only ones that this has happened to, but we are the only ones who have decided to try to end it. Who are you perverts? Why do you not get psychiatric help? However, on second thought, even that might not help people like you. All we ask is you stop!

Brenda Atherton '75

June Dunn '76

Debbie Calhoun '76

Cissy Bale '77

Janet Burrow '77

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Editor:

So Velsa Lewis doesn't care for the laundry's nomenclature, eh? She's lucky that her stuff came back. I've lost count of the number of my socks they have

lost over three years. Since when is A&M a country club? "Who wants to wear only two pairs of slacks during a seven-day span?" What does she do to get her slacks so dirty, slop the hogs every day of the week and twice on Sundays? Poor little lamb!

And while I'm on the subject, who's this Julia Jones who have writing for you? She writes an editorial on classroom manners—for professors, not for students. After having been back for less than three weeks, I don't believe there is a larger group of people in Christendom who are as rude, as smart-alecky, as the A&M student body this year. I've been here three years and with only a very few glaring exceptions, I've never met nicer people than the member of the faculty here. I won't vouch for the staff, but I will stand up for the faculty.

The next day this Jones person does the Batt Book Review of Arthur Bremer's diary. "Bremer seems to be sane." Few neuroses makes their bearer completely nonfunctional. "He emerges as a fairly reasonable human being." Never mind that he attempted to assassinate a presidential candidate. I resent her calling it "an American experience." I am an American and I warmly resent it. I read a comparison of me with Arthur Bre-

mer and I hate it. The desire for power, money, fame, is not indigenously to America.

Larry Spain '74

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Editor:

I'm writing this letter to inform whoever threw Barney, a formerly healthy rubber plant, off the fourth floor of Fowler Hall that he is in very poor condition and may die as a result of this cruel act.

I have investigated the possibilities of Barney falling off on his own. Since the pot is too large to fit under the rail and there was no spilled soil on the balcony, I can only assume that some deranged person threw him down.

The damage (to badly split leaves and torn roots) has been done. I hope whoever did this is satisfied with himself.

Lynne Edwards '76

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Editor:

The Wednesday (Sept. 19) coed page was an outstanding piece of journalism, with Kathy Morgan and Steve Goble to be highly commended for their articles on abortion. Such reporting is a very pleasant surprise for the readers of the ice-stained bastion of conservatism, The Battalion. I hope this the start of a new tradition.

Carol Moore '76

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