

Listen Up

# Kunstler retracts criticism of Congressman Teague

Editor:

First of all, I want to thank the students of TAMU who invited me to speak at A&M as well as all of the people who attended my talk. I hope that the interchange was as stimulating and informative for the audience as it was for me.

Secondly, I want to clear up any misunderstanding that might have occurred because of my mention of Congressman Teague during my remarks. Steve Kosub approached me after my talk and stated that he had had no contact with Mr. Teague in connection with cancelling my SCONA appearance and that I had implied that he had had such contact.

I did not say that any such contact had taken place and I have no knowledge of it. I trust that this clears up the matter.

Lastly, I did say that Ralph Nader's appearance at SCONA last year had been cancelled by the Committee. I relied on hearsay for this statement and I am informed by the chairman of SCONA 18 that his failure to appear was due to a failure of communication with his secretary and not due to any action by SCONA. As a lawyer, I should not have relied on hearsay and I apologize for the misstatement.

In closing, I want to thank everyone concerned for the warm and cordial welcome I received at

TAMU. I hope that I will be asked back in the future and that my remarks result in the full debate and controversy which I believe are vitally necessary if this republic is to survive as its founders intended it to survive.

William Kunstler

### Unpleasant pic

Editor:  
Re: Your photograph on the front page of The Battalion, Wed. March 13.

With all the lovely and interesting things in this world that can be photographed why would your newspaper publish a picture of the butchered and bloody re-

mains of a once beautiful animal? Theo Boatright

Is it a newspaper's purpose to print only the lovely? We think not. We felt the students would like to know what happened to the \$40,000 Grand Champion steer given to the university—Ed.

### Disappointed

Editor:  
From the fanfare and publicity that preceded the recent speech of Mr. Kunstler, I expected that he would be either an excellent platform speaker or a magnetic personality exuding Humanism; but I was disappointed after hearing his speech. Most of his speech centered around the incident of cancellation of his earlier speaking assignment. If Mr. Kunstler were a person really dedicated to the championship of the cause of the underdog, he should have been

indifferent to trivial incidents like this and carried on his work unmindful of personal slights and inconveniences.

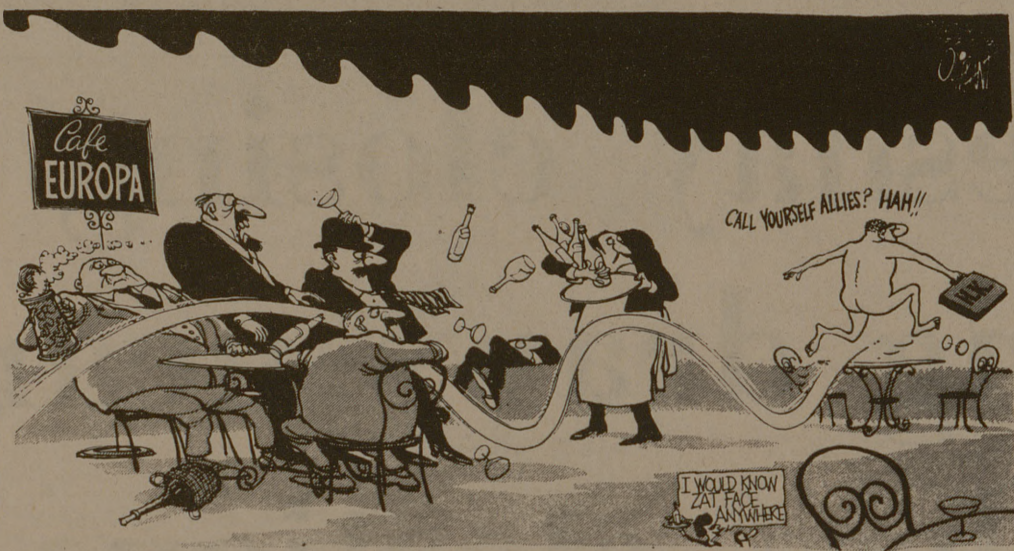
To me, who went there with the expectation of either listening to some great ideas or being treated to a feast of oratory, it was not only disappointing but also painful to hear a speech which reflected only personal disgruntlement. Whatever the circumstances surrounding the cancellation of his earlier speaking assignment, Mr. Kunstler certainly over-reacted in charging the good old Congressman, Teague, and the president of the university, Mr. Williams, with trying to pervert the students of this university. It is wild to accuse the president of transgressing the right to freedom of speech as he has not done anything to prevent Mr. Kunstler from speaking in a hundred forums outside the university. The concept of liberty implies recognition of the rights

and responsibilities of the other side also.

After all what is the "Great Issue" involved in the hour long speech of Mr. Kunstler except his unwarranted comparison of President Williams to the Watergate conspirators and asking him to resign? What is the inspiring message given us except asking us to picket the house of the pres-

ident and disturb the peace of this quiet campus? After hearing the speech I was convinced the president would have been certainly justified even if he had persuaded SCONA to withdraw the invitation to Mr. Kunstler. As students we want to hear on "Great Issues" by great speakers.

Murty Vemuri



'WAS THAT WHO I THINK IT WAS?'

## An overreaction

A few weeks ago students began a frivolous pastime which makes a mockery of contemporary dress laws while allowing students to release stored up energies. The pastime is, of course, streaking and has boomed in popularity on college campuses (and sometimes off-campus) with very little reaction from the establishment—until recently.

Now, however, the authorities are stepping in to halt the stampede of nude runners. And sometimes this reaction has become an overreaction.

In Denton last week police arrested 48 people following a streaking incident, including the assistant dean of students at North Texas State University. Smoke was used to disperse the crowd estimated at 300-400. Elsewhere, two students from Kilgore College were fined \$200 in Municipal Court for streaking and at Lamar University police carrying clubs nabbed 20 students who were aggravated at their presence on campus.

At A&M, the overreaction came from the Dean of Men's office, where Dean Charles Powell announced that streakers, if caught, would be suspended from the university. Streaking is of little potential danger to the safety of the university and its inhabitants, although the flesh-colored blur in the night may offend a few of the pure at heart. The punishment does not at all fit the crime.

In the past, the university chose to ignore reports of students being involuntarily stripped of clothing and roughly deposited in such places as the fountain by Sbisra or five miles down Highway 6. Now, when students strip voluntarily and dart through areas inhabited by legal adults, the administration enforces highly punitive measures. If administrators insist on being reactionary, they can at least react consistently.

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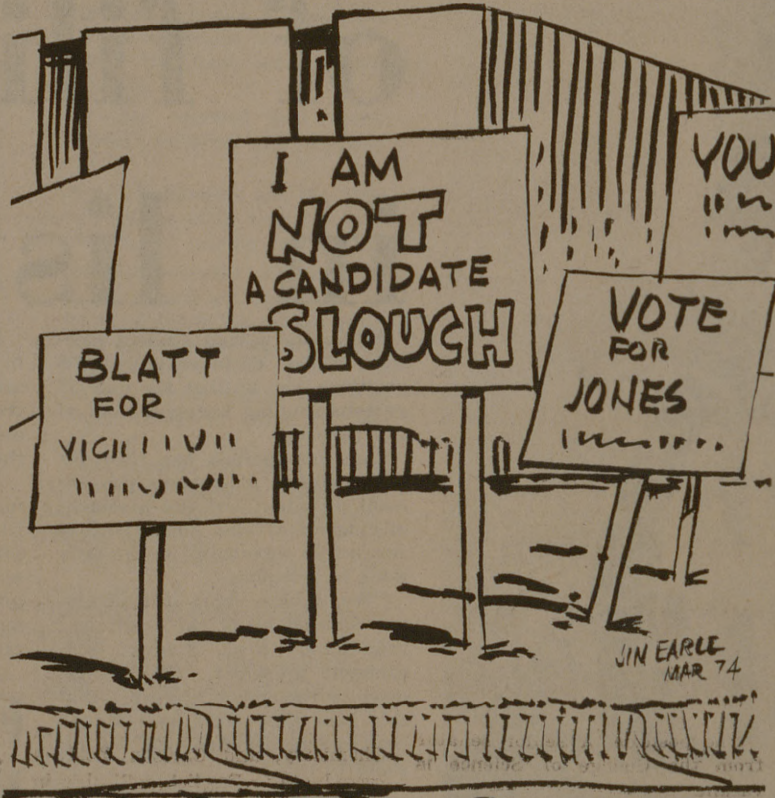
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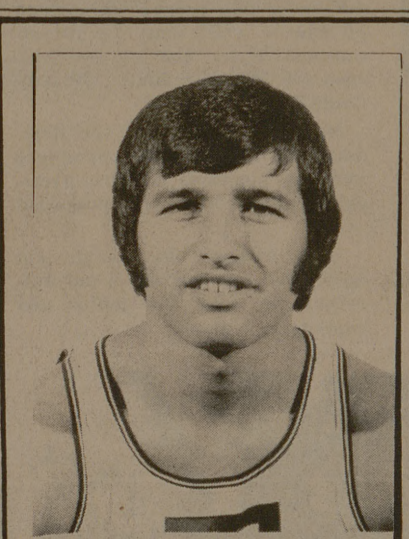
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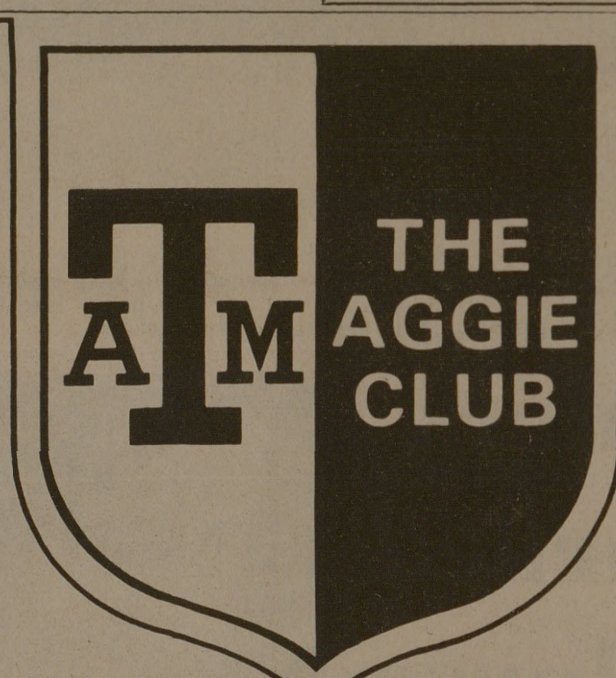
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