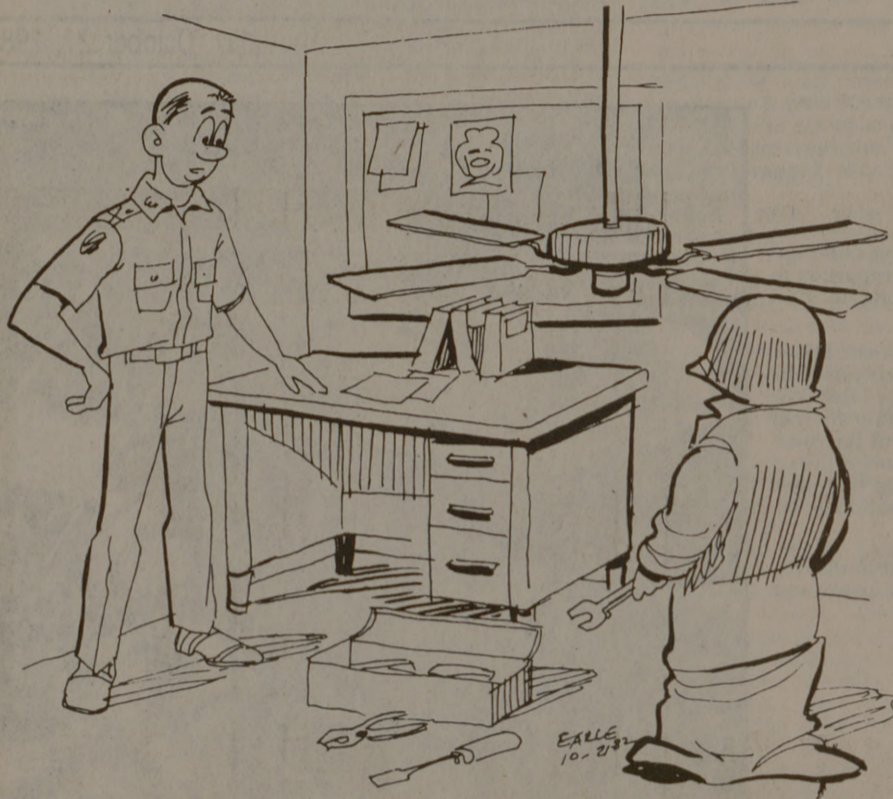


Slouch By Jim Earle



"Before you put up your tool kit, could I make a suggestion?"

Teflon-coated bullet receives publicity

by Art Buchwald

"Did you hear the good news?" Colt, a handgun-loving friend of mine asked. "What's that?" "They now have ammunition that can penetrate any lightweight bulletproof vest. It's called the KTW and it's coated with Teflon." "Fantastic," I said. "That's the same stuff the vests are made of." "That's right. An ammunition company figured out if a Teflon vest was strong enough to stop an ordinary bullet, then a Teflon-coated bullet could penetrate one." "You have to hand it to the person who thought that one up. He must be a genius. Wait a minute. Don't law enforcement officers and public officials wear Teflon vests to protect themselves? Won't they be endangered by the KTW?" "Of course not. The KTW costs \$1.50 a round, and the price is much too high for your run-of-the-mill trigger man. Besides it's only sold by better gun dealers." "The police can't be too happy about the KTW." "They aren't, but you can't just stop selling ammunition because it can penetrate soft body armor." "Why not?" Colt said angrily: "Because when you start talking about armor-piercing ammunition you're getting yourself into a very complex and subjective area. There is no simple dividing line between bullets that will go through Teflon vests and those that will go through a deer, an antelope or an elk. If you ban something like the KTW you have to also ban other ammunition that is used for hunting and target practice." "Who would try to ban a bullet that could go through a policeman's vest?" I asked. "Congressman Mario Biaggi of New York, for one. He has proposed a bill that would ban all soft armor-piercing ammunition." "What does he hope to gain by that?"

"Who knows? But it's bottled up in committee, and I doubt if the NRA will let it get out. Even the Justice Department thinks it's a lousy bill." "What's their objection?" "There are a lot of other kinds of handgun bullets that can go through a Teflon vest, and they feel the Biaggi bill is so broad it would hurt the sale of them as well." "Maybe instead of worrying about ammunition, Congress should concentrate on developing a safer garment for policemen to wear," I suggested. "That's the way we feel about it. It's the responsibility of the bulletproof vest people to keep up with the times. The KTW is alive and well and you don't solve the problem by banning it, just because it can splat through Teflon." "I imagine the handgun control nuts are supporting Biaggi." "Of course they are. They figure if they can ban bullets that kill policemen, they'll eventually be able to ban all ammunition used in handguns." "But that would hurt the law-abiding people who use armor-piercing bullets for sport and target shooting." "That's why we're making such a big issue of it. Let me read you this letter from Wayne Lapiere, the NRA lobbyist, which was sent to all congressmen. 'The most clear and present danger to law enforcement and public officials is not the presence of one type of bullet. Rather it is from the unwarranted and irresponsible publicity surrounding this or other means of defeating soft body armor.'" "That says it all," I told Colt. "It's the media and not the KTW which is threatening the lives of our policemen. Biaggi would be doing a much better service to the country if he proposed a bill forbidding the press from talking about ammunition that can blast through Teflon. By the way, why would someone want to buy a KTW bullet in the first place?" "Because," Colt said. "It's there."

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Letters — a real education

by Robert McGlohon

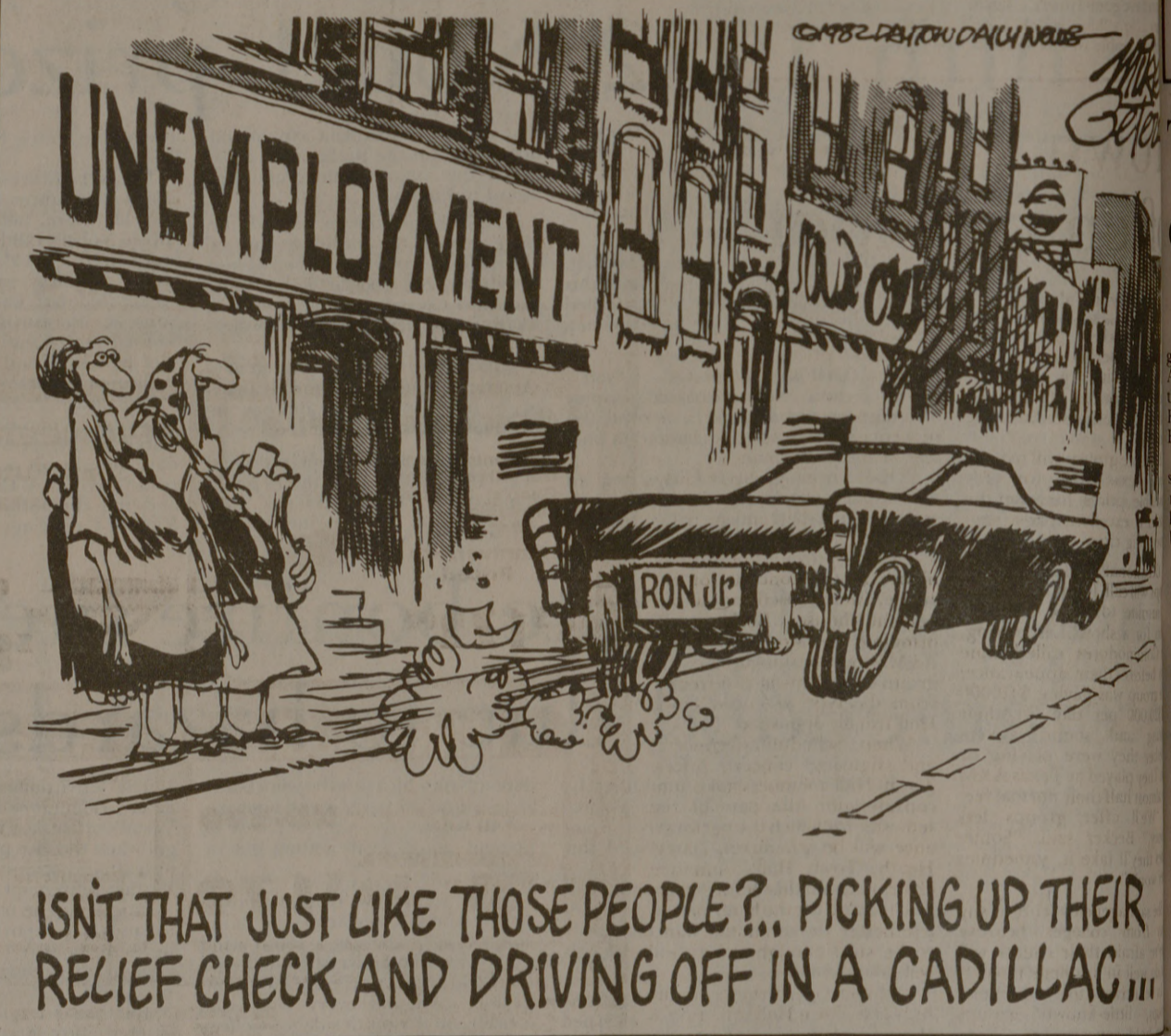
Page two is so educational. Don't you think? I may give up classes. The wisdom of the world resides in the Letters to the Editor.  
For example: I've learned that "Howdy" and "Bonfire" are traditions. Funny, but I thought the A&M tradition was slightly more profound — epitomized by such cliches as "All for one and one for all," "Don't let the team down," "We're in this together" and "He's my brother." (Labeling something a cliché doesn't make it less true — a common fallacy.) I'd always assumed that such things as "Howdy" and "Bonfire" were rituals that made up the Aggie tradition — not the tradition itself.  
I once heard tradition defined as "doing things with the same grand style as our predecessors." I didn't know that tradition is doing things exactly the way our predecessors did. Silly me.  
And surprise, surprise. I've learned that "beat the hell outta ..." is obscene. I guess that means the "Aggie War Hymn" is obscene too. The Traditions Committee has their work cut out for them. I



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wonder who they'll get to write the new hymn. Oh well, that's their worry.  
The historians have got their work cut out for them, too. They've got to go through all the history books, all the back issues of newspapers and change all references such as "Afro-American" and "Negro" and "Colored" to "Black."  
By the way, did you hear about the guy who is going to rewrite Mark Twain's classic "Huckleberry Finn"? I wonder if he's got plans for "Uncle Tom's Cabin," too?  
Another thing I've learned is that six years of armchair quarterbacking is equivalent to a long and outstanding coaching record. I've been watching football for more than twice that many years.

I think I'll go give Tom Landry his money.  
But learning that Democracy the lesson that surprised me the thought democracy was an ideal fought for, bled for, died for, assumed that it was given to us. I what a vet or any member of the Forces (sworn to uphold the Constitution — lith their lives if necessary) to the "gift" of democracy?  
And then I learned that we should be restricted to us "good" Them lousy foreigners should allowed to hold peaceful demonstrations. That's a right reserved for the few. Of course, defining the parameters of that special group might be a I mean is any American a member we keep out the pinkos and the the minorities and the other American Americans? I wonder, cides.  
After reading through the letters to the editor that have been this year, my faith in two old axioms been restored — "Don't believe anything you read" and "Never underestimate the power of human stupidity."



Letters: Rock 'n' roll presentation

**Editor:**  
Well, they told us before the presentation that it would be delivered from a Christian perspective and if we didn't like it, then then was the time to leave. I should have left.  
Friday night in Rudder Tower, scores of people were informed that the majority of rock and roll music is satanic in nature and should not be listened to by young people. Bands like AC/DC, Led Zeppelin, Blue Oyster Cult, Queen, ELO, Rush and even the Beatles were raked over the coals of Christian damnation for an hour and a half; while those of us who knew better were forced to sit and squirm in silent frustration.  
The Maranatha organization succeeded in scaring dozens of people into believing their slanted tirade and effectively snuffed any kind of rational, objective discussion afterwards. I contend that this was just another example of modern day Puritanism aimed at tarnishing the image of several well respected and talented rock bands.  
I challenge the Maranatha group to repeat their performance at a future date and allow a reasonable amount of discussion afterwards to refute some of their off-the-wall assumptions.

nection between the devil and rock music. I was once skeptical myself.  
However, there is strong evidence to support this concept, evidence that most people are completely unaware of. I request that no one call me a lunatic or religious fanatic until you have attended the seminar and have heard the facts. It will be repeated in a few weeks. Then, and only then, can an intelligent decision be made as to how you stand on this issue.

Ronnie Gajdica '83

Plea for help

**Editor:**  
I have found that a person must not only be a little bright to make the grade at Texas A&M, but be able to withstand harassments, and in some cases, hostilities from various colleges, department heads and professors.  
Academic excellence has been replaced by methodical harassment; the latter, it seems, is a means of failing as many students as possible. It appears that in the future, a degree from this University will reflect not the best and brightest but those who could withstand whims, "rants and ravings," and p... of their respective colleges and...  
Case in point, ... mechanical engineering 212. Also, the total lack of seminars on the part of the geology department. In their infinite wisdom, they schedule a class at 7 a.m. The buses don't run 7:15.  
The fact is, I've invested too much money and money at this University to now. I just hope I graduate before one puts a quota on bachelor's degrees.

Found bank card

**Editor:**  
On Saturday, Oct. 16, I found a card in an automatic teller. If you lost one, call me at 696-2270 after 5 and identify it and I will be glad to return it to you.  
Gig 'em!  
Carl Wilson

Seminar support

**Editor:**  
I am writing with respect to the seminar presented last Friday night in Rudder Tower dealing with rock and roll music, sponsored by Maranatha Christian Fellowship.  
The seminar dealt with backward Masking and Satanic influences in rock and roll. I am sure that most people will react negatively to the proposal of a con-

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