

Get Out and Vote . . .

Tommorow is Election Day!

The whole student body is represented by the various candidates for the various offices. The task at hand is to decide who will be more representative for each office, so that all will reap the benefits. It will not be an easy decision to make in several of the races, such as the ones for Junior yell leader, Veterans yell leader, and the Longhorn co-editor from the Corps.

Voting, anywhere, anytime, is a privilege, and like any other privilege, should not be abused. Voting is also a duty, and like any other duty, should not be avoided. To get the best possible men to fill some of the higher offices on the campus is the purpose of this student election. It will require the cooperation of all concerned to do the job.

Go to yell practice tonight and hear the speeches; talk to the men themselves; and talk to people who know them—then, tomorrow, get out and vote.

Stream-Lined Registration . . .

Congratulations to Registrar H. L. Heaton for the stream-lined registration procedure which put thousands of veterans through the works in a short time Saturday afternoon. And congratulations to Exchange Store Manager "Doc" Birdwell for the way in which the store either supplied us with books in a hurry, or else turned us loose with requisitions on other stores in College Station.

The improvement over registration-time this spring was amazing. Putting everything together in Sbisa's huge halls certainly saved a lot of trotting back and forth across the campus—no running from Ad building to Academic and back to the Ad building. Who says a college can't do things efficiently?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GOLD DUST TWINS PLACE BIG BLEED WHILE DODGING

The Battalion:

It comes to our painful attention all too often here of late that certain inhabitants of Dorms 15 and 16 just don't quite seem to be able to keep from making like a meatball. They prefer to, and practically insist on sailing beer and liquor bottles down the hall at odd hours of the night just to hear 'em bust. Likewise, they are prone to commit mayhem on the innocent little trash cans placed in the hall—and then set fire to them, whang hell out of light bulbs in the hallway, bash shampoo bottles against the shower walls, or pour water from an upper window on everybody that walks out the dorm entrance in hopes that they'll "playfully" sprinkle one of their "buddies". Last night, though, some jerk delivered the crowning blow: With cold-blooded deliberation and malice aforethought he delicately smashed to smithereens both of the lower glass panels in the dorm's entrance, scattering glass for several yards up the hall.

Gleeful as all get-out, ain't it? The painful part, though, is that by far the largest majority of students in these two dorms are veterans—guys which, so the propaganda goes, are men! Most of the aforesaid atrocities are committed just after the committors have returned from some beer jernt. These guys are absolutely certain it's their born right to get swacked in the glassy-eyed manner and run amock like a pack of fiends.

Psychologists, we are told, classify these neurotic personalities as High School Harrys.

It ain't the drinking, however, that's causing all the trouble. It would be very simple to tell these jerks to take their litle activities out in the bushes somewhere, but then everybody knows that busting bottles, etc., is no fun at all unless you're dead certain it's annoying somebody. See what I

mean?

Eventually, though, there'll come a day when it will be necessary to put restrictions on all us vets so that these two-percenterers will stay in line. The Student Affairs committee is already discussing the situation. What we've got to say to these Hubba-Hubba Huberts is simply this: There's a sharp line of demarcation between friendly horseplay and vandalism. No M. P.'s or Gestapo or restrictions or disciplinary action is ever needed when a man is willing to act like a man instead of a High School Harry!

Joel H. Smith, '42
Dick Hearne, '43

"TO PLEASE RETURN" IRKS ENGLISH STUDENT

The Battalion:

Perhaps you will recall a directive issued early in the semester to the effect that instructors would report students showing defective English to the department heads for further training. This rankled in the minds of the average students, whose English is at least as good as that of their professors. Any student can catch any of his teachers making occasional mistakes in grammar and pronunciation and feels that the teacher should be reported for further training.

Now one of the staff, the Acting Librarian, has split an infinitive in print (Monday's Batt). While this is not the worst error possible, it is certainly one of the most glaring. So how about sending some of our profs to school alongside the the poor stops they have reported.

M. L. Reddeck

BURKHALTER SEEKS REELECTION



As County Commissioner of Precinct No. 1

A native of his precinct and a resident of College Station for the past 24 years, Mr. Burkhalter has taken a live interest in the affairs of the community in which he resides with his wife and four children.

In making his announcement, he said:

"In my campaign four years ago I made only two promises. One was that I would devote all my time and energy to the office, and the other was that I would give an economical and efficient administration of the county affairs, which have been most faithfully adhered to.

I have also managed to be within my budget at the end of the year. Although prices, material, equipment and labor have inflated to almost 34 per cent higher than when I went in office, the budget has been the same since 1940, and despite the inflation, I have managed to make almost 60 miles of rural road possible in all weather. In this 60 miles are five school bus routes, and I am proud to say the school bus routes have been graveled and maintained so that now the children do not have to miss

EXPLANATION OF VETERANS ABSENCE AT SILVER TAPS

The Battalion:

Regarding your editorial about Silver Taps, 98 per cent of the veterans, and especially the old Aggies, would have been glad to cooperate if we had known about it. It is questionable how many veterans even know that Silver Taps was blown until we read about it in the Battalion.

The college authorities have placed us on the opposite side of the campus from the Cadets. This may explain why we know very little about what goes on in the Corps. Maybe there would be more unity in the Texas A. & M. student body if an effort were made to include veterans in the activities here. Information might be the first step toward this ideal.

Sincerely yours,
Herman L. Peace

(The flag was at half-mast, the Silver Taps notice was up, and the Batt had an obituary, which are the regular notices for Silver Taps. Veterans are being included in activities here; see the stories on the election.—Ed. Note.)

school on account of bad roads.

I supervise all of the road and bridge work in my precinct without an assistant, which has been customary, but during my administration we have had to cut down on lots of unnecessary items. Most of that credit is due the swell bunch of men I have working with me out on the roads, who are all cooperative, capable and deserving men.

I am very proud of the progress which has been made in the administration of county affairs during the time I have served as your County Commissioner. We are operating on a cash basis and the indebtedness is being systematically reduced. The tax rate has been reduced and business principles and strict economies have resulted in substantial benefits which have been passed on to the taxpayer.

We have employed a county engineer especially for these two reasons: First of all is the fact that nine out of ten commissioners elected are not capable or qualified to plan for future traffic (and I am no exception). Most are elected because they are popular or can make the most promises or because they are good fellows and need the job—that is all very good, but doesn't always get the job done.

The primary reason, however, for the employment of technical engineering service is that common sense and scientific calculations should be included in all road and bridge construction and maintenance. Incidentally there is a strong tendency on the part of the state and federal governments to allot additional funds for farm-to-market road construction only to those counties which are in position to expand it under engineering supervision. In view of these enormous benefits and requirements, it is nothing but good business and sound practice for the county to have the services of a competent engineer for road and bridge administration.

You elected and trusted me to do the best that can be done toward getting us out of the ruts and out of debt. Well,—that is one of the wisest moves the Court has made to do that very thing.

We spend our entire time studying these things, investigating in other counties and states—some of the trips made at our own expense,—trying to make better county officials.

Some may say this will take part of the work off of the Commissioner, but that is a mistake for I have just as much work and responsibility as before.

If I am honored by reelection, I can definitely assure our citizens



"Everyone in the country should investigate the educational benefits of the G. I. Bill of Rights," said married Army Veteran Douglas Strickland whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Strickland reside at 119 Appian Way, Dallas. His wife is the former Frances Dietsch of Dallas.

He is entitled to four years of College under the G. I. Bill of Rights and is majoring in Marketing Finance at Texas A. & M. College.

Mr. Strickland was discharged in October, 1945 with 86 points after service overseas with the 461 Bomb Group, earning such decorations as the Air Medal with Four Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross, Presidential Citation and the European Theater Ribbon with Four Battle Stars.

His wife resides with him at Walton Hall, Texas A. & M.

EX-SERVICEMENS WIVES CLUB ELECT OFFICERS

There will be an election to fill the offices of president and vice-president of the Ex-Servicemens Wives Club Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m., in Sbisa Hall. All members are requested to attend and to bring a pencil with them. There will be bridge after the balloting.

the continuation of these policies.

Thanking you very sincerely for your confidence and support in the past, and pledging my earnest and continued efforts to serve the people of Brazos County, I am,

Very respectfully,
Norton R. Burkhalter.
(Paid Political Advertisement)

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