ing on "the band wagon" and treating the charges sensationally. We do not believe in making judgments after hearing only one side. We can hardly be accused of suppressing Receives 72% April 2 to 9 the students' side in this issue. But before we come to conclusions, we want to know if these charges stand up under investigation. If they do, they should most certainly be acted upon. Then we will hop aboard with all four feet. . . .

Through the dust of charges and counter-charges, de-Through the dust of charges and counter-charges, denials and rebuttals, one fact stands out: something is radically wrong at A. & M. Of the many charges hurled during the Veterans meeting Thursday night, some were grave and some were silly. To sift out the facts will be a huge, yet delicate job.

a modified basis, is coming back to posed of sixty members when it man, the organization will be composed of sixty members when it man, the organization will be composed of sixty members when it man, the organization will be composed of sixty members when it man, the organization will be composed of sixty members when it man, the organization will be composed of sixty members when it man, the organization will be composed of sixty members when it man, the organization will be composed of sixty members when it man, the organization will be composed of sixty members when it man, the organization will be composed of sixty members when it man, the organization will be composed of sixty members when it man, the organization will be composed of sixty members when it man, the organization will be composed of sixty members when it southpaws. An imposing group of musicians, and clief particular and chief particular and chief

Therefore we hope the state legislature investigating committee will not try to hurry their findings. Two or three vice. At 18, most of those registdays will not be adequate. The people of Texas, along with the students of A. & M., will not be satisfied with a white-full-time and another six months wash; will not be satisfied with a smear. We require a full, impartial investigation, free from political or personal bias.

If these seem cool and casual words at this time of great tension, so be it. Let us not forget that the entire nation is watching us. "Can this be Texas A. & M.?" they are asking. We must show by our actions that we are the same Aggies the nation was paying tribute to a scant few years

Discipline, not rowdyism, has been the keynote of all "rebellious" meetings this year, either of the corps or of the ments limited to saft day help roll study of sidedness published by veterans. This fact will be remembered by the citizens of enforced and courts ments in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the growth in the master fland, a strict moral code been a factor in the growth in the growth in the gr

It is unfortunate that A. & M. must now undergo a year or two of unflattering notoriety. But a nasty job cannot be shirked because it is nasty. That would hardly be the ing money during the training period and is in addition to free food,

San Jacinto day musters will be held soon. It is hoped that every A. & M. club will dedicate itself on that day to restoring the welfare and good name of Texas A. & M. Col- But the new plan emphasizes aca-

Was This 'Liberty'?...

We could hardly believe that the events described below took place in Houston, Texas, United States of America. But the document is signed by four public school executives of this state. We let the report speak for itself, without

Because of inquiries from some of the members of the Texas State Teachers Association as to certain aspects of the convention program, a special committee of the T.S.T.A. has made a careful investigation of all the details in connection with the cancellation of the invitation to Upton Close to appear on the program of the convention held in Houston on November 29, 1946, and makes to our membership this re-

When it became known that Mr. Close had been invited, members of the Association and others began registering protests. Finally a creating group from Houston represented to our president that it was determined to prevent the appearance of the speaker, even to a point per diem pay at Army rates of \$2.50 a day for privates for each the speaker.

The Association's convention program is the responsibility of the president and of the President alone. In this instance, our president, anxious that no unseemingly incident should mar her convention, and ACTING UPON HER CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT, decided to change the program. On November 19, 1946, Miss Koch notified by long distance telephone and by Western Union Telegraph, M. C. Turner, President of the Dixie Bureau in Dallas who handles all engagements for Mr. Close in Texas, that she was cancelling Mr. Close's contract. The Association paid in full Mr. Close's fee thus discharging all con-

On Friday night, after presiding at the session and completing the printed program, the president adjourned the meeting. Thereupon, Mr. Blanton, Executive Vice President of the Houston Chamber of Commerce rushed to the stage, took possession of the loud speaker, and introduced Mr. Close. The Convention hall was well policed by Houston policemen evidently acting under the guidance of the General Manager of the Chamber of Commerce. The speech lasted about fifteen minutes, with more time devoted to a condemnation of Miss Koch, our president, than to the subject anounced by the speaker.

It is the judgment of the Committee that:-

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The president of our Association always makes the Convention Program, and that only those invited by the president have any part training.

in operation at Fort Knox, Kentucky, to perfect this type of training.

of affairs has been derived from denied to both students and factory contacts with members of A.&M. now under training. or any right to appear on the program.

The Association stands squarely behind our president who we believe used her best judgment in making arrangements for the convention program. The convention hall and rooms adjoining were rented by the Asso-

ciation for a cash consideration paid in advance, and the Association alone had any rights in those rooms and hall at the Friday night session of the convention. Mr. Blanton, Executive Vice President of the Chamber of Com-

Mr. Blanton, Executive vice President of the Chamber of Commerce of Houston and the municipal police took possession of the hall and microphone (paid for by the T. S. T. A.) immediately after the adjournment of the program and gave by force another program which the Association had not scheduled as shown by the printed pro-The only question involved in the whole matter is, NOT a question of freedom of speech, NOT a question at all of the proper or improper attitude of any one rather and solely the question of whether title such as "Battleship Texas"

proper attitude of any one rather and solely the question of whether a great convention has the American right to give its own program which appeared in the March 25th in its own way as set up and printed by its own officers, without hindrance and without dictation of the Chamber of Commerce and the City Police of the host city.

The heckling of Governor Arnall and the booing of Mr. Close was not done by teachers but by two INTRUDING groups that are in con-The teachers of Houston and the various arrangement committees

gave the utmost consideration to the needs of the convention and extended innumerable courtesies to our membership.

memorials to remember famous people and occurrences of history.

tended innumerable courtesies to our membership.

It is with deep regret that the committee has to call attention to the indignities referred to above.

H. W. Stilwell, Texarkana (Superintendent of Public Schools); H. D. Fillers, Wichita Falls (Superintendent of Public Schools); Joe Humphrey, Abilene (Principal of the Senior High School); Oscar Miller, San Arterio (Principal of the Herney Many Lynior School) Antonio (Principal of the Horace Mann Junior School).

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Peacetime Draft . . .

Vote in Favor

By A. D. Bruce, Jr.

ered for universal training, much as they were under Selective Serered under the proposed plan are to be inducted for six months of of part-time training. Those still n high school are to be deferred until graduation.

EXEMPTIONS will be few; physical and mental standards will be Beethoven's

six months is proposed for each trainee, to be given in an Army-like camp near his home. Special camps are to be provided, with resignation this month. He was side is a cultural and social conmore elaborate barracks, refreshby trainees themselves.

PAY is to be considerably under Army rates, probably at \$7 to \$15 a month. This is to provide spendquarters, medical attention and

uniforms.

TYPE OF TRAINING, as planned now, is to be largely military. demic instruction for those needing it, vocational training, and much physical conditioning. The idea is to give only basic training in the military field, to be followed up with more specialized training

up with more specialized training in subsequent part-time courses. STATUS of the trainee remains that of a civilian. He will not be available for service overseas, for combat, or for other use by the Army or Navy except in an emergency declared by Congress.

PART-TIME TRAINING is to follow this six-menth course for an

follow this six-month course for an additional six months or longer. These choices are offered the trainee for this phase of the program: NATIONAL GUARD or reserve

day of actual training.

SPECIALIST TRAINING in an

approved technical trade or vocational school is another choice, with tuition paid by Government. COLLEGE ROTC courses are

a third choice, under an agree-ment to complete the four-year course and accept a reserve of-ficer's commission, if offered, upon graduation.
ENLISTMENT in the Regular

Army, Navy or Marine Corps, or appointment to any of the service academies, finally, is accepted as a means of completing the individual's training.

favor such a program, according to a recent Gallup Poll. The plan is backed by the White House, the State Department, the Army and the Navy. A pilot camp already is

have reviewed and discussed all attitude that he has taken in controversial matters during the past few months.

The traditional liberty of expression of individual views and ideas of a constructive nature is being

These arguments are being pretary power to back up the U.S. stand in an unsettled world,

Letters

BATTLESHIP 'TEXAS'

In my opinion the "Bat" is really

The person who wrote it must have been off his nut at the time. After all, this old world (especially Texas) is getting hard up when it can't spend a little money to up-hold traditions and to establish

"Texas". She did her part and did it darn well, and this old stuff about all she did was "stand off Normandy and lob shells (probably at American troops) and wan-der aimlessly around Okinawa," just rubs my fur the wrong way; I imagine there are a lot of other people it affected the same way.

The fellow (nut) who wrote article made it sound as if the "Texas" was on a pleasure cruise, but when you have eight-inch shells flying over you and into you, and have Jap planes crashing around you it sorta takes the pleasure

He (whoever wrote that bunch of bull) says his dad did as much toward winning the was as the "Texas" did. Maybe he didn't snow the Navy didn't play near as big a role in the last war as they did in World War II. In the first few months after the invasion of Okinawa there were more navy personnel killed in action than the Army and Marines there put to-

Symphony

By David Seligman

Universal military training, on Under the direction of Ernst Hoffa modified basis, is coming back to man, the organization will be com-

the foremost twenty symphonic organizations in the country. Hoff-mann and his musicians have been

Contrasting with the programs presented by the orchestra in the its. previous performances, the entertainment will be supplied from more formal presentations. Selected for their appearance here are Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, much lower than in the Army.

FULL-TIME TRAINING for the William Tell Overture.

This will be Hoffmann's last season with the Houston Symphony since he has tendered his plains, "preference for the director of the group for some enforced, and courts-martial run size and quality of the organization in those seasons.

Those wishing to attend the per-

formance who do not possess Town Hall season tickets may purchase general admittance for \$1. Student tickets are on sale at 60 cents each.

TEXT

(Continued From Page 1)

the school should be so great that, no matter what the provocation, licity concerning the school.

Under Mr. Gilchrist's administration, the scholastic standard of Texas A&M has fallen. We have lost the Blue Star, the symbol of outstanding R.O.T.C. achievement. Many of our sons are going to other colleges and universities because they cannot obtain the necessary course of study leading to a degree, courses that A&M once offered. We have many inexperienced men and women as instruc-tors. We need laboratory and hospital equipment. Yet our greatest eed is a strong, able leader for our sons-tomorrow's citizens.

We believe that your feeling of responsibility for your high post of office will cause you to investi-gate and deal fairly and impartialy with all facts; and that your irst interest will be the welfare of the student body and the welfare of Texas A&M College—the school

Very sincerely yours, THE FORT WORTH A & M
MOTHERS CLUB

The Board of Directors: The A.&M. Ex-Students Association and the Senior Class A. M. College

Ex-Students now residing in the Winter Garden District, principally lost confidence in the President of Dimmit and Zavalla Counties, we have reviewed and discussed all ial attitude that he has taken in

present student body; from friends

Hell no, you wouldn't! Maybe the fellow who wrote the article should have tried it.

much, if not more than any other memorial ever established. David M. Schell.

Dear Editor:

when you mentioned a better use of that large sum of money which

by the state.

But 1 do not agree with you and your idle chatter about the ship doing nothing to aid in World War II. The "Texas" did an excellent job at Normandy, and the official records give the account. It also served as a training ship. Didn't that training ship compare to the training camp where your father served in the last War?

And something else—were you ever on a beach with a shovel? Those wagons looked mighty darned good out there. I'll bet you were a "junior birdman" during the war and are still sore about not being able to draw flight pay here at A. & M. for all the "work" you do.

Sincerely,

ARCH D. BARNES, '44

(Editor's Note: You lost a bet! The author served in the Field Artillery in the Pacific Theater, with "wagons" to the left of him, to the right of him, in front of him, and behind him).

What's Cooking

SUNDAY, March 30 6:00 p.m.—Westminster Students League, Presbyterian Church, YM-CA. Showing of "Trees and the Bible."

TUESDAY, April 1
7:00 p.m.—Saddle and Sirloin
Club, A. & I. Lecture Room. Would you like to be wandering aimlessly, as he put it, around Okinawa with that sort of thing go
Would you like to be wandering aimlessly, as he put it, around Okinawa with that sort of thing go-

Report on Sinistration . . .

The Battalion has been bitterly criticized for not jump- 6-Month Plan Changed From Psychiatry Professor Says on "the hand waron" and treating the charges sensa-'South Paws' Made, NotBorn cal—Pre-Dental Society on Saturday, April 12. The excursion is an

Physical or mental deficien-

cy, faulty education, and "emotional negativism" are the

is neglected by his mother may become left-handed, just as he

three causes Dr. Blau lists. The child who feels unloved and

choneurosis.

"You are right- or left-handed+ because you learned to be, not the Next on the Town Hall calen-dar of events is the appearance of and inherited it. Children in our Association, Dr. Blau lists three reasons why there are left-handed people in our right-handed society. the Houston Symphony Orchestra. right-handed civilization should be taught to be right-handed."

This revolutionary new theory,

Dr. Blau states bluntly that "there is no evidence to support" mann and his musicians have been the generally accepted idea that well-received here in the past aphandedness and other forms of laterality, or sidelines, are hereditary

> The newborn babe, according to the theory, is bilateral with no developed handedness and latera-lity. This no-handed theory is typiples. Theoretically, the human baby has a 50-50 chance of becoming

But in humans, Dr. Blau exvention. In the 'Master Hand', a

near College Station, and from Exstudents throughout the State who are interested in the continued growth and welfare of the institution. The unquestioned integrity of the individuals from whom we have secured our information has caused us to believe that there are some serious problems of a recurring cumulative nature at Texas A&M, and that the ultimate solution of these problems evolves upon essential changes in the upper levels of authority if permanent injury to the status of the institu-tion is affected as desired at once.

As Ex-Students ourselves, and with every consideration to the present and future welfare of the College, we have concluded, upon the basis of evidence at hand, that the Administrative policies now in effect, including the publicly admitted policy of President Gib Gilchrist to eliminate a majority of the traditions and customs which have combined to develop in the past a type of graduate capable of assuming varied and responsible positions of a leadership in civilian and military pursuits, is seriously threatened and almost certain to be eliminated unless this trend of management of College affairs is altered immediately.

We feel that President Gibb Gilchrist has sanctioned, if not actually sponsored, a method of administration of affairs of Texas A.&M. College whereby censorship of news and information is being practiced to prevent the public from knowing the full impact and seriousness of existing conditions. Our knowledge of conditions now College Station, Texas:

In a special meeting of A&M justify the outright assertion that the Faculty and Student Body have

Our information for this study of a constructive nature is being the present system of management of College affairs whereby President Gilchrist has surrounded him-I say make a memorial out of her, and she will stand for as sonable salaries for instructors and Professors who are actually doing the beneficial services under a system which is causing us to lose many of our better teachers because they are accepting employment as rapidly as possible in in-stitutions where service is re-In regard to your editorial about the Battleship "Texas", I think you have an excellent point there warded with freedom of expression and reasonable monetary payment.

and reasonable monetary payment.
In view of the above enumerated of that large sum of money which the ship will require if it is bought by the certain the sum of th a desire to regain the previous high standing of the institution in both military and educational status, we recommend the outright removal of President Gibb Gilchrist for the mutual benefit of the present Student Body and the Taxpayers of Texas as a whole.

Signed: E. B. McLeroy '35 George W. Barnes, '32 Harold N. Mogford '43 H. R. MeNiel '25 Leroy Ussery '41 W. B. Brennan, Jr '38 B. H. Bennett '41 W. E. Selman '39 Emil Stuter '34



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Pre-Meds to Visit Baylor Med School

A visit to the Baylor Medical School is planned by the Pre-Mediday, April 12. The excursion is an annual trip taken by the society members to inspect the Houston American Orthopsychiatric installation.

All men who belong to the club except freshmen and those on pro-bation will be given excused absences from Saturday classes to make the tour. Those desiring to make the trip are asked to sign the roster on the bulletin board first floor Science Hall before March 31.



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