Administration Busts

In all the charges made by the VSA and the Cadet Corps we failed to detect a well-grounded grievance that certainly should be brought to light. That is lack of tact, insight, and skillful diplomacy on the part of the administration when dealing with students.

It is possible to trace back through the record of the entire controversy and find numerous instances where the Commandant, the President and the Board of Directors have fumbled the ball in the precise job of student relations. Bust No. 1

Start at the beginning-January 27, 1947. A new order was released to the Cadet Corps, prohibiting room orderlies. use of the board, freshman walking in the streets, humping, and allowing fish to sit in booths at campus confectionaries without fear of penalty. This was all embodied in the Articles of the Cadet Corps.

But here's why the seniors decided to turn in their commissions—neither the senior class as a whole, nor individual members had been consulted for advice in framing the Articles. No one had even ben notified, officially, that a change in discipline was contemplated. All was strictly hush-hush as if the administration were planning the invasion of Rus The Senior Class president was not notified or consul-The Cadet Colonel, though he knew, was not at liberty to speak about the Articles.

The first complete dope anyone had on the subject came out in The Battalion the night the switchover from dean of men to commandant was to be announced. Seniors were quite wered so easily. Such as "Exactly what type institution does naturally perturbed, and felt they had been by-passed on a the Administration seek to make of A. & M.?" There is matter of utmost importance to them and the school. They nothing sensational about such a question, but it is fundablew up, and butted heads with the Administration, to the mental. grief of all concerned.

All the bickering, distrust, and unrest might have been prevented by the simple democratic procedure of sitting down the facts, or had investigated very sloppily. Newspapermen around a table and discussing the proposed change in dis- at the meeting were amazed at the loose nature of the quescipline. That would have been tactful, skillful diplomacy.

Instead, a new and galling change in the Cadet Corps was thrown in the face of the seniors, and the administration was foolish enough to believe they would take it lying

Bust No. 2

President Gilchrist met with a senior committee late one afternoon during the January ruckus. He listened to their and the demand for Gilchrist's ouster, had little to do with plea, then dismissed some of their grievances as trivial. He each other. flatly stated that he anticipated no change in the Basic Policy, nor in the interpretation of it in regard to hazing. His manner was short, brusque, and somewhat disinterested. Result of this interview was a demand for the removal of Gil-"insulting."

Could this have ben prevented by tactful handling of the committee? Perhaps so.

Bust No. 3 Here's one that very few people know about or understand. Col Meloy felt the seniors' vote of "'no confidence' in Brandt and Nelson was unjustified. The night after the vote was taken, he met with the seniors and made this statement in regard to the vote—"That action is communistic."

Now if you are hunting around for a sure way to make a group of Texans angry with you, call them Communists. It never fails, especially where there is no basis for it. And it a legislative committee. didn't fail for Col Meloy.

In the same speech, Col. Meloy ordered all seniors to go to Ross Hall, and, if present at the meeting when the "no confidence" vote was taken, to "repudiate their vote." In using the word "repudiate", Col. Meloy underestimated his audience. Nearly everyone understood him to mean "tell how you voted, and take it back." The seniors, of course, jumped to the defense of the right of secret ballot.

This sement at the meeting when the ho committee. Only facts—unimpeachable facts—the Texas public.

Education Factory...

This semantic misunderstanding was corrected the next day by Col. Meloy, but the damage had been done.

Bust No. 5

was in laying the blame for the veterans uprising to admin- little has been heard from the faculty. This seems strange istration attempts to stop hazing.

To those living at A. & M., his mistake was readily ap- highly vocal. parent; to the people of the state, it looked like a smokecountercharged that the veterans were upset about hazing a unit. restrictions, the people would side with him.

grab pooches for them.

It is regrettable that a person in a position of high edu- has failed to catch up with its own growth? cational responsibility should cite hazing as an issue with the veterans in order to insure approval of the administration housed on the campus itself. There was no need for a facstand. Two explanations for his emphasis of the hazing is- ulty club, when every teacher knew every other, and they sue come in mind. Either Gilchrist believes his allegation could gather in each other's homes easily. There was no is correct because of ignorance of the situation, which is un- great number of students. Faculty-student friendships sprang forgiveable for a college prexy, or he is hypocritically curry- up naturally. ing favor with the people, which is equally unforgiveable.

Bust No. 6 The Board of Directors made this one. In a statement released after last week's special session, the board stated:

college. This matter is one placed legally in the hands of the Board of Directors, and we recognize responsibility . . . was a professor himself. The board of directors, (or trusonly to the people of Texas."

The obvious fallacy in this reasoning is that the students of A. & M. are people of Texas, a majority having the placed.

right to vote. Many own property in College Station or in their hometowns, and pay taxes on these holdings, taxes functions of the academic council. (We don't mean just at which contribute to just such state institutions as Texas A. & M. The board, by their own statement, cannot overlook the student-citizens right to have a voice in the controversy.

Perhaps the board committed this error of logic through ers out of the profession today. ignorance of valid thinking processes. If so, it is a startling reflection on the men responsible for the education of thousands of Texas citizens.

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Two Strikes on Vets...

The Veterans Association goes before the Senate-House investigating committee in Austin tonight with two strikes Broken Up; Units Reassigned

state to attend a mass meeting at which sensational charges were apparently to be hurled. The newspapermen came, the meeting met, but the specific charges, when presented, hardy merit the build-up. They were posed in the form of questions. But the questions could well have been asked without the theatricals simply by consulting college officials — and the same answers would have been received. Why pay \$78 an acre for land when adjacent land was selling for \$60 an acre? Why wasn't Dean Potter's recommendation about the Dear Editor: wind tunnel followed? Why did the college refuse an outright gift of Bryan Army Air Field? All good questions, but easily answered. The land was bought for \$75 an acre, was valued at \$78. Dean Potter never made any such recommendation about the wind tunnel. The Army never offered and aggressive attention to prob Bryan Air Field to the college.

So what were the questions leading to? Charges of financial skullduggery? Mishandling of funds? Or just challenging the judgment involved? No one has yet said, and the questions have only confused the issue.

There are probably many questions which could have been asked by the veterans which could not have been ans

The questions as presented at the mass meetings show ed that the Veterans either had not taken time to search for

The explanation that the questions were being asked honestly in hope of informative answers does not ring true. For on the strength of six questions, before any chance for answer was given, the veterans demanded ouster of President Gilchrist!

Obviously, the charges made at the mass meetings

Strike Two

When the officers of the Veterans Association went be fore the board of the college, they refused to amplify their christ, terming his manner in meeting with the committee charges on the grounds that they had no faith in the board. Yet Bob Polson, vice-president of the association, had said the night before, "We believe certain members of the U. S. Army Not board of directors are in the dark as to certain conditions We believe the board will give us a fair deal.'

And Bill Andrews had stated: "It's not for us to pick the next president. Only the board of directors can do that. And only the board can force Gilchrist's resignation."

That last statement was true. As Director John Newton said, "This board is the only body that can dismiss President Gilchrist—if that is your object." As E. H. Harrison, also a director said, "You're just spinning your wheels with

There is no reason whatever to expect the Senate-House committee to be any more favorable than the board of di-

Only facts—major facts—will impress the investigating committee. Only facts—unimpeachable facts—will impress

(This editorial was written before Dr. F. B. Clark's speech in Dallas.)

The fifth mistake, made by President Gilchrist himself in all the dispute between the administration on one in a statement to the board answering the VSA "questions", side, the cadets and the Veterans Association on the other, to those familiar with other colleges, where the faculty is

Maybe it's the nature of the school. Maybe professors screen to cloud other more fundamental issues. Hazing is of engineering and agriculture just aren't given to speaking abhorrent to the majority of the people of Texas, and Gil- out the way teachers of English or economics do. But it is christ knows it. Therefore, he undoubtedly thought if he more likely due to the fact that the A. & M. faculty is not

on this campus, where te To the unbiased eye, it is evident most of the vets don't could get together and hold their own "bull-sessions." (Yes, care a whit about hazing, either in their dorms or in the corps, and don't participate either. Freshmen don't run details or Professors are just hired hands. Is it the faculty's desire to have it that way, or is it another matter in which A. & M.

Not so many years ago, most of the A. & M. faculty was

Times have changed. A. & M. has grown into one of the nation's larger schools. (Did you ever realize that just before the war, A. & M. was larger than Yale, much larger than

"The presidency of this institution is not an issue of controversy between this board and the student body of this ulty. Policies were set by the academic council, consisting tees), composed of business or professional men, was the

Now the board of directors has taken over most of the A. & M. This has happened nationally.) Teachers everywhere have become merely hired hands in a education factory. That, as much as low salaries, is what is driving teach

The board believes that education is a business, as stated by John Newton at the last meeting. But "business" does not necessarily mean "factory." And even in factories, during the war, it was found that efficiency jumped, troubles slumped, when employee-management committees were used. In business and in education, good ideas may come from the rank and file, as well as from "on top."

IT'S AN IDEA

Says the "Baylor Lariat" in regard to dismissals of Aggie cadets from the corps, "If the purge were conducted on a Reguar Army basis, all these cadet officers would be fined 15 cents, reprimanded, and recommended for promotion."

"MISS, MRS., MS, OR MSS.?"

Miss?—— Or Mrs? That is the question.

Probably into your life there has come the problem of how to address a letter to a woman of whose marital status you are uncertain. address a letter to a woman of whose marital status you are uncertain. Rather than guess at Miss or Mrs.—and usually come out wrong, Mary Kasko, a young woman over 21 who would make life simpler, would have you address all women as "MS". The plural would be "Mss". The pronunciation, respectively, is Miss and Misses. Miss—I beg your pardon—Ms. Kasko says she's received several letters at her home, using the title Ms., and not all of them were misprints.

(Ed. Note: To make her plan practical, Ms. Kasko would first have to get rid of the standard meaning of the abbreviation Mss. At present, according to dictionaries, Mss means, not "Misses"

First Composite Regiment

Strike One

The First Composite Regimental staff was deactivated by order of Col G. S. Meloy last Wednesday, leaving A. & M. with three regiments—the Infantry, Field Artillery and Sec-

Letters

THE LAST MAN

May I congratulate you upon the ditorial, "The Last Man", in the office. We are truly living in a fool's paradise, giving much enthusiatic and aggressive attention and aggressive attention. lems not nearly so much signifi-cant as the one discussed in your editorial.

Sincerely yours, WALTER P. TAYLOR

Unit Leader

Fish & Wildlife Service TEACH RUSSIAN!

Dear Editor:
Due to the present world situation in which Russia plays such a prominent part, I feel that the language of this country should be included in the curriculum of this institution.

this institution.
What are the proper channels through which such a request could be considered? Yours truly,

> WILLIAM F. NICOL DON W. CARROLL Pre-Med., Pre-Dent. Soci-

(Editor's Note: Dr. J. J. Woolket, head of the Modern Language Department stated that Russian will be offered when an instructor can be found.)

Wainwright Says **Involved** in Case

Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright Fourth Army commander at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, stated last week that the army was not involved in the panel-board trials of A. & M. Cadets. Wainwright pointed out that the actions were taken by the college as disciplinary measures. ROTC cadets are not subject to court matrial be said. subject to court-martial, he said.

Hey, Advertisers!

The Battalion needs two men who are interested in writing advertising. Men who will be in school during the summer and throughout the 1947-1948 school year are preferred. For more information contact the Battalion office in the basement of the Administration Building.

The step was made necessary according to officials, by the number of officers dismissed from the corps during the cadet officer trials. Jimmie Demopolous, commander of the regiment, was

among those dropped.
Cadet Capt. Burt T. Summers,
adjutant of the First Composite,
was transferred to the Second Composite with the same rank and

The Engineer Battalion, with Company "A" Chemical Corps attached, goes to the Artillery Regiment as Third Battalion.

The Signal Corps is already in the Infantry Regiment.
The Second Composite includes two flights of Air Corps, and three

Barbecue-Dance On May 3 Highlights Newman Activities

companies of veterans.

Social plans for the spring semester were announced at the Monday night meeting of the Newman Club in the base-

ment of St. Mary's chapel.

Club president Grif Greenwall called the meeting of about 100 members together at 7:15 p. m. Social chairman Bill Perry announced that the outstanding dense of this comestar will be as April 18.

Herman Neusch gave the pre linary plans for the Province Con-ference of Newman Clubs to be held here on April 18-20. Representatives from college Newman Clubs in Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas will attend the meeting. Highlight of the conference will

be a dance and banquet.

The club then heard a report from Joe Cullinan, who attended the regional convention of the Nation Students Association in Austin last week: Cullinan was elected regional vice-president of the regional association.

What's Cooking

WEDNESDAY, April 9 8 p.m.—Town Hall, Housto Symphony Orchestra.

THURSDAY, April 10 7:30 p.m.—Communication and electronic personnel of Naval Reserve meets on second floor Pfeuf-



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Houston Clubbers To Meet Wednesday

A Houston Club meeting will be held Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. in Room 129, Academic Building. Details of the Longhorn picture will be discussed and a movie will be shown. The picture will be made at 5 p.m. Friday, April 11 on the steps of the Agricultural Build-

The club's special meeting at one of Houston's night spots last Thursday drew their largest attendance of the year.

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nounced that the outstanding dance of this semester will be on May 3 when the club will hold a barbecue and dance at the slab. Another dance is scheduled for April 18.

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