

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## We Want Our Tickets Punched . . .

The action of the Student Senate to petition the Southwest Conference Cotton Bowl Committee for an allotment of tickets to each conference school for the New Year's Day game receives our approval, and second.

Theoretically, the Cotton Bowl game on New Year's Day is a conference affair. But heretofore, it has been a winner-take all proposition so far as the other conference schools were concerned.

Now the Student Senate has initiated the plan to give each school in the conference an opportunity to buy a specific number of tickets to the game. Such a policy would increase chances for a growing feeling of unity and sportsmanship among conference schools.

This policy is especially appropriate now that the New Year's Eve Cotton Bowl Ball has become an annual affair. Students who hold tickets to the game could go to Dallas the day before the game, enjoy the Ball, and cheer for the Southwest Conference representative New Year's Day.

## Six of One, A Fifth of Another . . .

Brought up for legislative consideration in Austin this past week was a bill to permit the sale of mixed drinks in Texas.

Two lobbies promptly swung into action; the night club and tavern owners' lobby and the package store lobby.

Taking the progressive and to them, profitable stand, the tavern owners point out the pleasures of open drinking and the extreme desire of the people to be able to step up to a bar and order a shot. The package store owners, whose business is, and would be to sell by the bottle, are striving to keep the status quo. "Everything is alright now, so leave things as they are," they insist.

Texans, who take it any way they can

## Help for the Needy Americans . . .

Senora Maria Eva Duarte de Peron, wife of the Argentine dictator, has caused our State Department in particular, and Americans in general, considerable embarrassment. The civic minded woman heads a committee to collect donations in Argentina for six hundred needy Washington children.

Though well intended it seems to imply that old Uncle Sam, donor of billions, cannot take care of his own needy. The gesture also gives the Russia propaganda machine a story to multiply several times and then beam to the world.

ASTOUNDING as the assistance is, doubtless the recipients of the Argentine clothing will be extremely grateful.

In this country of abundance there are great numbers who have not received fortune's smile. These people are born into an economic order that gives them few of the

Since the conference collects ten thousand dollars (or 25 percent of the school's take) from the Southwest Conference schools playing in other bowl games, it does not appear too fantastic to ask that student tickets be sold. True, the tickets sold at regular rates would be bought, but regular rates would seem to commercialize what used to be—and we still like to think is—a sport.

Members of the student government of four other conference schools have already voiced support of the plan proposed by the A&M Student Senate. We believe nearly every student from conference schools would be in favor of the plan.

In the near future some reply should come from conference officials. The plan is destined for rough sailing when objections are raised by money conscious conference committeemen.

Football has become a multi-million dollar business in the Southwest. Let us hope that the student bodies of conference schools will not be ungratefully cast aside in the dollar scramble.

get it, have not started any mass movement towards the banner of either lobby.

The first group argues that the present status seem adequate enough. Mixed drinks would mean more drunks. More people would be on the highways after having had "just one or two." And more drinking than is already practiced would result.

On the other hand, those who are going to drink liquor will not be led to drink milk instead. Many now who get thoroughly plastered would probably not get quite so tipsy.

It is one of those problems, typical in present day affairs, that concerns everyone, but the decisions are made in a legislative assembly and the battles are being fought by interested lobbies.

pleasures that the more fortunate enjoy. Life is hard for these people, and at death they can show little for a life's work.

There is rising sympathy for these groups. The Democratic Administration of the past sixteen years has done much to enable these people to enjoy a more abundant life. Proposed legislation will do even more.

Higher minimum wages, broader social security benefits and disability compensation, federal aid to education, and a plan for national health insurance—all would help the lower income brackets.

These people are an element of our society that cannot be neglected. As citizens of our country their welfare is a public concern. But welfare in the form of handouts are neither desired or expected. These people look to the present administration for a fair deal.

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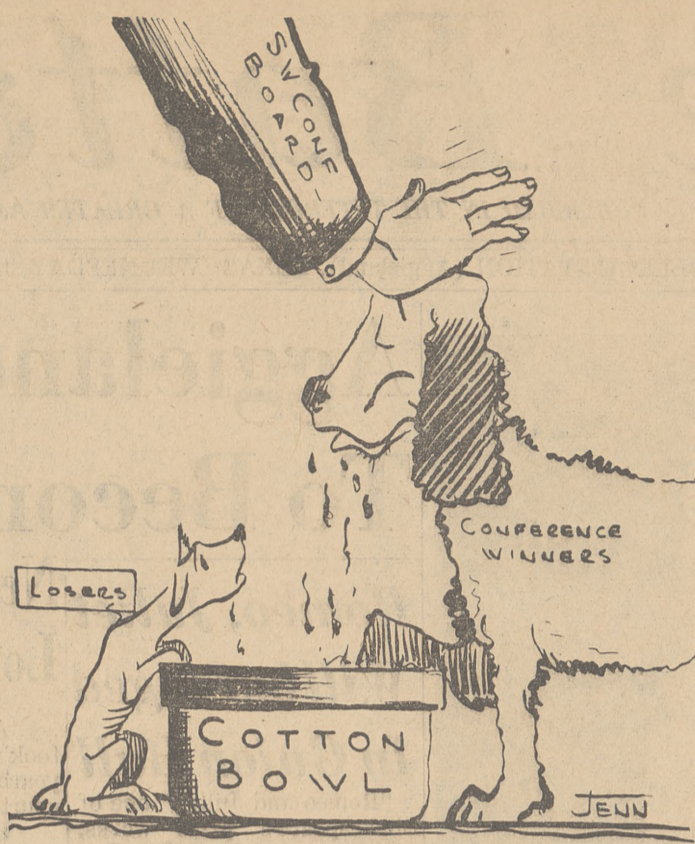
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—SEE LEAD EDITORIAL—



"Move over Big Dog, there are six little dogs wanting in."

## Letters To The Editor

THANKS, COACH

Editors, the Battalion: Sometimes in the hustle and bustle of Exams and changing terms, we are prone to forget to pay tribute and thanks to the folks that have helped us most in our endeavor to do a good job in whatever capacity we are in.

To be sure that I personally do not forget, I would like to take this opportunity now through the medium of The Battalion to sincerely thank the Administrative and Faculty members for their generous help and encouragement during this trying season just passed.

I would also like to acclaim the fine job done by the yell leaders this year in leading this student body in being the real Twelfth Man. We here in the Athletic Department realize that the world loves a winner and we know that it takes a great deal of courage for a group of students such as ours to stick with a losing ball club through thick and thin. I hope we may show the same calibre of understanding and faithfulness through our future victories that you folks have shown in our defeat this year.

We have made several attempts to thank E. V. Adams, and his band members individually, but now we would like to thank them collectively so that all may know how much we appreciate their splendid efforts in getting us ready for each game this year.

There may be sometime in the future when I will have the opportunity to repay some of the

## A-M Cooperates In Training Program

An on-the-job training program for its supervisory employees, is being conducted this week in Dallas by the Texas and Pacific Railway in cooperation with the Industrial Extension Service of A&M.

The complete A&M supervisory training program comprises five separate courses, with 20 hours of classwork in each one. This first unit starting on the Texas and Pacific is called "analyzing the supervisor's job." It is a discussion of the supervisor's responsibility for job training and instruction.

A. L. Kramer of the Industrial Extension Service is leader for the conference. Sixteen employees are attending class for 20 hours, four hours a day for five days.

E. L. Williams, director of the Industrial Extension Service points out that A&M cooperates with the State Board for Vocational Education in all this work.

## Official Notices

Agricultural School

All agricultural students who had completed 64 hours or more of work at the beginning of the current semester must have their degree plans completed before registration. Assignment cards will not be approved at registration unless accompanied by the student's copy of his degree plan. Students who have not completed these plans should contact the head of their major department immediately.

CHAS. N. SHEPARDSON  
Dean of Agriculture

many favors you folks have done for us. If and when this time comes, do not hesitate to call on me or any member of my staff, and we, in our humble way, will do all we can to help.

Again, thanks a million for your continued support and leadership in giving us the will to fight which will eventually bring victory. Let me say now that upon assuming this job, my hopes for all of us, administrators, teachers, student body and players, to go into one big huddle and come out with the same signal, have been reached.

Harry Stiteler  
Head Football Coach

## 200 Expected To Attend Short Ice Makers Course

About 200 persons are expected to attend the short course for Ice Plant Engineers which will be held on the campus from January 23 through January 29, according to Lucian Morgan, assistant director of the Placement Office.

The course is sponsored by A&M and the Southwestern Ice Manufacturers' Association. Registration will be held in Sbisla Lounge from 1 until 9 p. m. Sunday.

A banquet will be held for per-6:30 p. m., January 27 in Sbisla sons attending the short course at Hall. Tickets to the banquet may be obtained at the registration desk.

## Gage Design Short Course Scheduled

Twenty-five persons are expected to attend the Gage Design Short Course to be held on the campus February 3 and 4; Lucian Morgan, assistant director of the Placement Office, has announced.

Registration will be held in the YMCA Lobby from 9 to 10 a. m., February 3. Meetings will be held in the YMCA Assembly Room.

A dinner will be held at 6:30 p. m., February 3 at the Aggie Land Inn.

## Think of This

"Whoever will save his life shall lose it; but whoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." Mark 8:35.

When a candle has burned all the way down, we throw the stub away as being of no further use. It has served its purpose. But even in the act of discard there is a certain worth in that lump of wax not to be found in a whole new candle. It has furnished light for others, even at the cost of its own existence. No matter how beautiful a candle may be, it misses its purpose until the match turns it into flame. Then in self-forgetfulness, it attains ultimate value. You and I become of real worth only as we forget ourselves completely for others.

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## Sticking My Neck Out . . .

# Military Ball Will Make Some Happy, Others Angry

By CHARLES KIRKHAM

The Military Ball to be held Saturday evening, February 12, will feature the orchestra and voice of Vaughn Monroe, Governor Beauford Jester, "Tiger" Teague, and several big-wig generals from Washington. Among those generals will be President Truman's military aid, Major General Harry Vaughn, and the Commander of the Army's ROTC program.

The Military Department has borrowed decorations from several Texas military posts to brighten-up Sbisla Hall's main Ball Room. A popular national weekly magazine is considering featuring the Military Ball in its "Going to a Party" section. Prior to the Ball, Vaughn Monroe will broadcast his national program from the stage of Guion Hall.

### Highlight of 1949

For the Cadet Corps it will be the highlight of the 1949 Spring social season. The Military Ball is an opportunity for them to get together, enjoy an evening, and gain recognition for A&M from state and national officials.

Under this calm description of what is to be, are the troubled waters of discontent from several quarters. Those feeling the greatest injustice are, perhaps, present

Corpsmen who will complete their contracts this semester and will be non-military students next semester. They cannot attend, because they will no longer be in the Cadet Corps.

Another source of discontent is in the non-military areas. These men feel that they should not be denied attendance to a Saturday evening dance featuring one of the biggest name bands. The practice of the past has been All-college dances on Saturday evenings.

### Some Background

A little background on the Military Ball might be interesting for everyone, whatever his stake in the issue may be; It has long been the dream of the Cadet Corps and the Military Department to have an all Corps dance once a year. This year the idea was submitted to Corps officers and met with their approval. Then Student Activities was requested to book the best band available to play for the Military Ball.

The Corps Committee assured Student Activities that the Cadet Corps had \$3,500 to book the band. Student Activities, acting under the policy of booking the best for whoever (one person if he had the money for a private concert) would pay for it, made arrangements for Vaughn Monroe and his orchestra. News of this leaked out and non-military Senators protested. Two meetings were held, and the Corps Military Ball Committee explained their desire to have a Corps Dance. They told of plans to invite key officials who were important and were in positions to help A&M. They admitted that

primarily they wanted a formal ball where they could invite their girls down and really shine.

### No Regulation Violated

Student Activities emphasized that holding the dance on Saturday evening was not in disagreement with any college regulation, though it was a deviation of an unwritten policy.

The result of the meetings was to open sales of tickets to the concert for non-military students two days in advance of general sales. It was thought that in this way everyone, who wanted to hear Vaughn Monroe would have the opportunity.

Before anyone goes off the deep end and cries "Let's have a dance," I ask him if he really thinks he can take the lead in a movement to secure promises for two or three thousand dollars to give a dance. If so count me in for three bucks.

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10:00

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