

Battalion Editorials

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Get in There and Socialize . . .

This weekend I was tripping the light fantastic in Dallas with a brunette from Austin. After about fourteen steps she purred into my ear that she sure did wish she could transfer from TU to A&M for the next couple of weeks because of all the social activity going on over here.

After my friends drug me back to the table and poured a highball in my face, I recovered sufficiently to think about what she had said. Here was this highly social coed from the Austin Country Club wanting to come over to the poor boys' school on the Brazos for the night life!

The longer I pondered it, however, the more plausible it seemed. The next two weeks at A&M are loaded with entertainment that any college might envy.

Tonight the Hope Show, which has entertained audiences all over the world, will be on Kyle Field. This weekend the Senior Ring Dance, normally one of the big social functions of the year and this year doubled in size, will be in Sbis Hall. The following weekend the Cotton Ball and Pageant, which is rapidly getting up in state fame; will go on in Kyle Field and Sbis Hall. All of which adds up to a large order of partying, no matter whose college you are going to.

But here is the kicker. We'll bet there will be plenty of people on the campus who won't go to any one of the three events. Yet these same people, a week later, will

sit around in a dormitory session and complain about this South Texas desert where nothing ever happens.

All of us do that type of complaining occasionally. Some of it is justified; most of it is not. Actually few weeks go by without some good entertainment coming to the campus. Some of the shows are put on by our local talent, which, like the prophet in his own country, is applauded elsewhere and cold-shouldered here. All of the shows are sufficiently entertaining and enlightening to be worth attending.

Of all the programs and dances we have made a special effort to attend this year, we have never considered any of the time ill spent. On the contrary, we only regretted having missed the others.

It is easy, and possibly gratifying in some way, to sit in your room and grumble about the entertainment that doesn't come to the campus. It isn't too much more trouble however, to put on your four-in-hand and go out and see what does come here. Let us assure you that the latter course is a lot more gratifying.

The next two weeks, particularly, will be chock full of good social activity. Get on out and get in the swim. It makes college life what it should be now, and it will pay off later on by rounding off the social edges.

You'll be surprised how alive this "dead" college can be.

Now If Someone Will Just Answer Them . . .

Those who have difficulty in writing letters should consult an interesting little booklet, "It's Fun to Write Letters," published by a large stationery manufacturing company.

The booklet, secured by sending in a coupon contained in one of the company's boxes of stationery, would hardly be publicly approved by any self respecting scholar of English grammar. The style of letter writing recommended by the booklet is that of the care-free, light, conversational vane instead of a stylized, formal, stilted method of letter writing.

We are charged (by the booklet) of sacrificing our natural ability to write interesting, personal letters because we are endeavoring to hold to all the "do's" and "don'ts" of the English textbook. Liberal sprinklings of dashes, exclamation marks, personal references, and coined words give personal letters a sparkling individuality that reveals one's personality as truly as he does in conversation. After all, the booklet assumes, personal letters are merely written conversation about commonplace things of mutual interest to

the correspondents.

Under the heading "letters that must be written" they list a regular lesson in social etiquette. "Thank you for the gift, Thank you for the weekend, thank-you for the favor, Mr. and Mrs. accept with thanks, bon voyage and best wishes, congratulations, and my deep-felt sympathy" these are cases when only a letter is considered good manners.

Toward the end of this clever rule book is the company's commercial which stresses the importance of good stationery for letter writing. With reason, they conclude that paper upon which a letter is written either compliments the writer's hand writing, or gives the reader an adverse impression of the person who has written the letter.

When we write our old pal, Joe, or our girl friend, Flossie, we like to let our hair down and throw grammar rules to the wind. In fact that is what we have been doing.

The little booklet is welcomed for it relieves our conscience of the guilt of the kings English we've been murdering.

The Passing Parade . . .

The Russians, floundering around in their faux pas and trying to save face, frequently trip over their own releases from Berlin. (AP quote).

Berlin anti-communists chuckled today over an announcement in the Russian-controlled press stating that communist youth would stage a big torchlight parade tonight in the Soviet sector of the city.

This will be the first torchlight parade seen here since the Nazi era when it was a favorite Nazi spectacle. And it is scheduled on the eve of—guess whose birthday? Adolf Hitler's. (end quote).

We wonder if anyone has thought to make any other comparisons between the two torch bearing groups of yesterday and today?

The Battalion

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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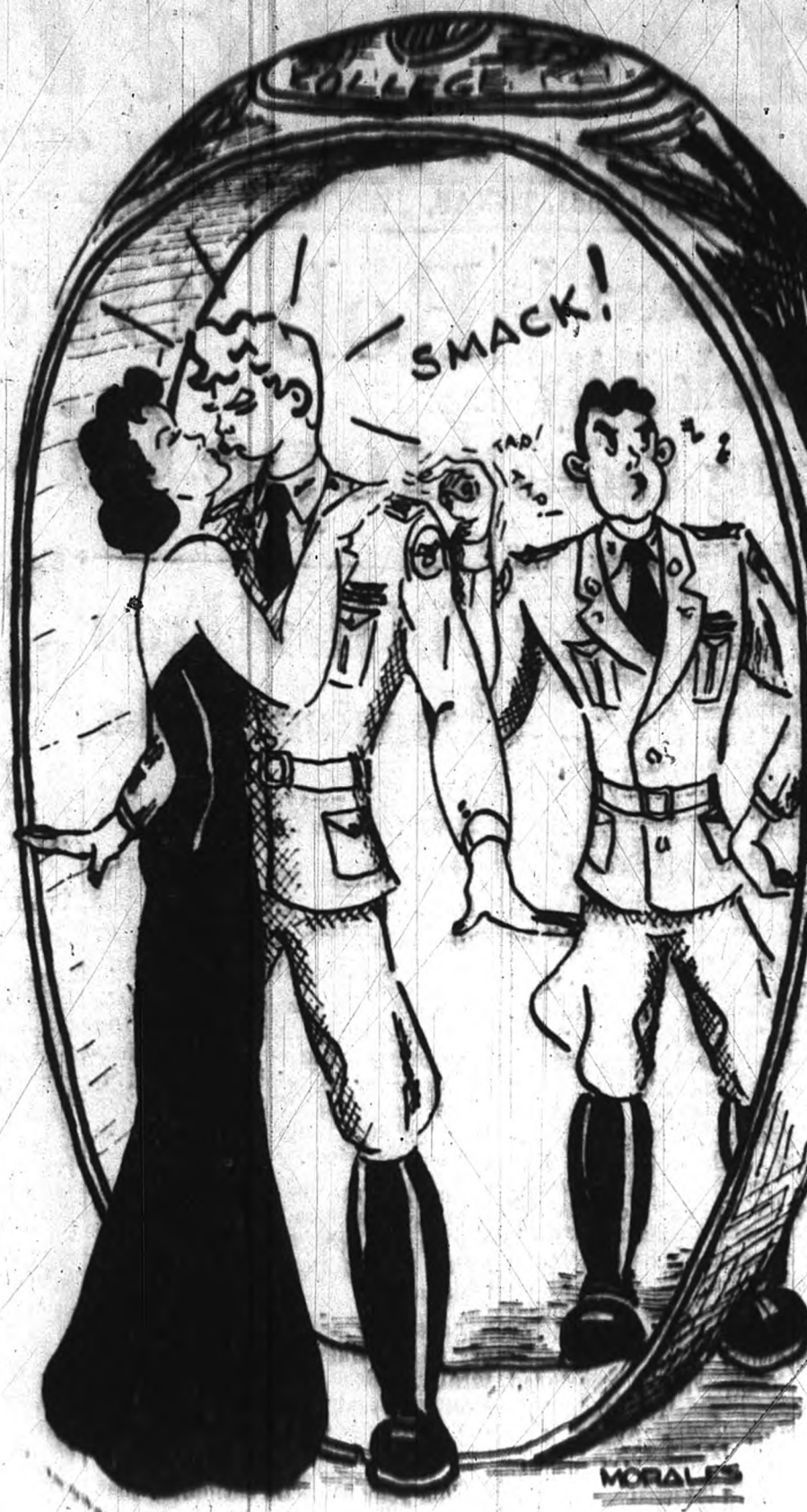
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"May I cut in?"

Hal McIntyre To Play Ring Dances

By BUDDY LUCE

Taking a last gander at glory Friday and Saturday nights will be a record number of wearers of the Senior Ring.

Sbis Hall will be the scene of the ring turning fracas and music for the occasion will be furnished by Hal McIntyre and his orchestra. Hal's musical contributions will be the musical mode for both nights dancing.

In the focus Saturday evening at 6 p. m. is the Senior Ring Dance banquet which is also being held in Sbis Hall. Principal speaker for the \$1.25 per plate feed will be Boyce House, noted Texas author and lecturer. House is the author of nine books such as "I Give You Texas."

Organization commanders will be awarded keys at the banquet by Lt. Col. Joe Davis, assistant commandant. Who's Who medals will be awarded at the banquet by C. G. White, director of student activities. Jim Stephens will be master of ceremonies and Bob Blakney will read the class history.

Two big rings will be situated

in the Sbis annex for the traditional ring turning and lipstick swapping. The two rings will handle the large number of couples while the dance is in progress.

Seniors and dates will go through the rings according to a definite schedule listed below. The two rings are designated as "A" and "B." Seniors must bring their cards to the dance along with the ticket in order to go through the ring on schedule and without last year's confusion.

The schedule as announced by J. B. Rochelle, chairman of the ring ceremony committee, is as follows:

Friday Night		Saturday Night	
9:15-9:45	1-60	8:15-8:45	1-60
9:45-10:15	61-120	8:45-9:15	61-120
10:15-10:45	121-180	9:15-9:45	121-180
10:45-11:15	181-240	9:45-10:15	181-240
11:15-11:45	241-300	10:15-10:45	241-300
		10:45-11:15	301-360

This schedule will allow each couple 30 seconds to go through the ring, Rochelle said. First sergeants of the different outfits will be on hand to carry out the ceremony on schedule and in due process of law.

Sbis will be decorated as sturdily as the class of 1949 can manage so that the decorations will last for two nights. Emphasis, spotlight, and password importance will be put on the "49" theme.

Future Farmers To Give Barbecue

A stag barbecue will be held by the Collegiate Future Farmers Chapter at 7:30 p. m. April 25 at Henzel Park, John Bradford, club president announced today.

Committees are at work planning the program, and barbecue, potato salad, baked beans, onions, pickles, soft drinks will be served. Plans include bringing freshmen from the annex who are majoring in agriculture, Bradford added.

Erma Kennedy Is NTAC's Duchess

Miss Erma Lee Kennedy, daughter of Mrs. Clara Kennedy of Pampa, has been selected by the NTAC Club to represent it at the Cotton Ball and Pageant. She is a former student at TSCW.

Gene Barber, sophomore CE major from Pampa, will be her escort for the Cotton Ball and Pageant.

Dick Scott, president of the NTAC Club, announced the club will present a program next Wednesday night at 7:30 p. m. in the CE Lecture Room.

The Last 'Sticking My Neck Out'

Death of Column, Birth Of Pups Top Weekly News List

By C. C. MUNROE

A United Nation's conference would have been put to shame a few months ago when all the wheels on the Battalion staff got together to decide whether to inaugurate a new column for the paper.

Cigar smoke mingled with a "salty" atmosphere as the self-styled journalistic crusaders gathered in the "back" office to talk the situation over. After much discussion everyone agreed that a column by various members of the staff would be worth while and might even be read by a few readers with nothing better to do.

The question of a name for the forthcoming Battalion baby was brought up. Long names were discarded because of lack of space. The good ones were tossed out as being unfit for print. Finally, a brighter member of the crew with a gleam of liberalism in his eye suggested "Sticking My Neck Out."

The theory was that each writer could use the column to tear into anything he might desire. No holds would be barred. Everyone was satisfied and sat back to await results. No doubt, we all thought, history will be made in the upper right hand corner of the editorial page.

A sheet of paper was put on the wall so that each writer could list his topic for the week. This would avoid duplication, or so it was thought at the time.

A few half hearted attempts at crusading were made, but none of them were history making.

Days lengthened into weeks and in just a short while the baby, which had shown so much promise when it was born in the confines of the editorial writer's inner sanctum, died a slow and unnoticed death. "Sticking My Neck Out," from all angles, appears to be as dead as my checkbook after this month's fees were paid at the fiscal office.

Nevertheless, it did have possibilities so pause for a moment to speed the ill-fated project on to its due reward?

Blessed Event

Now that the proper respect has been paid to the dead here is a note about a campus character that definitely is living, and from all appearances has "lived" in bygone days.

In case you didn't already know it, the brown dog which was the subject of much speculation before the holidays finally gave birth to nine bouncing pups. Those unfamiliar with the mother should know that for the past several weeks she has been seen regularly around Duncan Hall at meal formation.

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Just before the holidays more than one cadet expressed concern over her "condition." In fact, the dog was the only resident of the area that wasn't concerned. She apparently believed in allowing nature to take its course.

Well, nature did take its course over the holidays, and Bill Hense, junior EE major from San Angelo, was honored by the mother for it was on his bunk in dormitory ten that the blessed event took place. Bill reports that both mother and nine children are doing fine.

As soon as Battalion photographer "Bill-Life" Sandridge can be located, the paper will try and get a picture of the new family.

Reporters Needed

Leaving the births and deaths for a moment, I'll take the rest of the column to pass some word that should have already been kicked around, but in case it didn't get by your way, here it is.

The Battalion, as you know, publishes an edition during summer school. Last summer a girl had the only paper in the conference that was published three times a week. This was good for several reasons. One was that those of us who put in some time in the Batt's Goodwin Hall offices drew down some extra money. Another was the distribution of this paper to the various ROTC camps.

Correspondents in each of the camps sent their material back to the school where it was rewritten by the summer Batt staff and published. That enabled the vacationers at such places as Camp Hood, Kelly Field, and the dozens of other summer resorts to keep in touch with things back at school.

Well, the Batt would like to do the same thing this year. For from all reports even its severest critics enjoyed reading their copies.

But, in order to give complete coverage at each camp, we've got

to recruit some correspondents who are planning on the annual six weeks, all expenses ROTC tour. All that will be required will be the ability to come by the Batt office for some spare period in the near future where we can give them the necessary instructions. So, if you know somebody who might fill the bill, give him the word that we're looking for him.

Campus

LAST DAY
Features Start—
1:00 - 3:00 - 4:50 - 6:40
8:30 - 10:00

NIVEN WYMAN
KISS IN THE DARK

Plus—
CARTOON NEWS

THURS. - FRIDAY
Features Start—
1:25 - 3:35 - 5:40 - 7:50 - 10:00

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