Battalion Editorials

And May the Best Candidate Win . . .

Tomorrow it will all be over but the voting. The campaigns will close, the students will vote, and the candidates will wait with bated breaths for the announcement of who really is the people's choice.

For Wednesday is the day of the yearly Campus general elections to determine who will hold the various student leader positions for the approaching school year.

Aside from one position, this year's campaigns haven't been too heated. Three candidates have moved into their offices unopposed. In the other races, possibly because of the proximity of the end-of-the-semester and its accompanying work, the pace has been languid.

The mildness of the campaigns, however, should not detract from the importance of the election. We are not just electing leaders for the next two or three weeks. The students we choose now will steer us through our next two semesters and all the problems that may arise during that time. They will come in contact with important visitors on our campus and with the public on our corps trips and other places they may represent us. In short, we will be influenced by and judged from, their actions.

For these reasons, vote your ballot thoughtfully tomorrow. Learn as much as you can about the candidates' character, abilities, and personality. Then vote for the man you would most prefer to have represent you in matters you cannot personally attend.

The popular ballot is a valuable and cherished American tradition. The intelligence with which we use it determines the strength of our government and our country. Now is the best time we can think of to learn how to use it properly.

The wisdom of our choices tomorrow will be reflected by A&M's reputation next year.

Legislator, Spare That Budget . . .

Several legislators have announced their intention to go over the proposed state budget with a fine-toothed comb and delete or reduce many requests for appropriations. More than one of these champions of economy have added as an afterthought that many state agencies and colleges could operate on much less money.

Rather than raise taxes, they feel that a few well-chosen hacks at the budget can bring Texas' expenditures down to its income.

If our memory serves us right, the educational system of a state is the first place where legislators seek to reduce budgets. We hope that this procedure is not followed again since that would be a direct contradiction of the admirable progress the present session of the legislature has made in the field of educational legislation.

To implement an improved system for education and then to strangle it with lack of funds will waste not only the appropriations made but also the efforts of the legislature spent thus far to improve our school system.

Money spent for education produces great but intangible returns; we often see only small results for considerable educational expenditures. But few who think would deny that dollars spent for education (whether spent by the individual or the state) are misspent.

We feel that our present educational system will be improved by legislation already passed by the present legislature. This improvement committs us to other forward strides in this field.

Certainly it is one of the primary functions of the government of the state of Texas to educate the school children and college students of this state. To shirk that responsibility, to do only a half-good job, to promise but not fulfill — these are conditions that could well develop if our state legislators chose to cripple educational appropriations.

Like an automobile with a cheap grade of gasoline, an educational system without sufficient appropriations will not function smoothly.

The Passing Parade . . .

This notice of a new plan to stem the tide of youthful waywardness came in last week. (AP quote)

A new plan to handle the state's juvenile delinquency problems was passed on second reading in the House yesterday.

The bill would set up a state youth development council composed of the head of eight State Departments, six citizens appointed by the governor and two full-time workers.

The council would be in charge of the state's three training schools for delinquent children and would be empowered to set up a diagnostic center to try to determine what made a child delinquent.

The bill was passed on second reading 79-46, and must now be approved on third reading and final passage. A similar measure is awaiting Senate action. (end quote

Just to make doubly sure, we'd like to suggest a rider to the two bills. How about setting up a State Parental Development Council to take care of the other half of the blame.

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A COUPLE of old friends, according to the Burlington (Ia.) Hawkeye-Gazette, recently celebrated their 88th birthdays. They are twins. Both are widows. *Congratulations.!*

AN ITEM in the *Cleveland* (O.) *Plain Dealer*, referring to a woman's estate, said her "only close relatives died years ago, including niece whom co-administrators are now trying to locate."

The Battalion

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Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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"I understand a few candidates who couldn't get on the ballot drifted over from the University this year."

Letters To The Editor

RANGE WAR

Editor, The Battalion:

Ordinarily I'm not the kind of guy that pops off, but — an editorial appearing in today's Battalion (Thursday, April 28) entitled "Getting the Cattle Out of the Yard" rubs my hair the wrong way.

The editor of this journalistic gem infers that under the present system students are bothered by offensive odors wafted on the breezes, and that motorists on Highway Six have to battle "the legions of flies that congregate in our picturesque meadows in the heat of summer." He also seems to think that it is a disgrace to keep the livestock in an area where they may be seen by the public.

Now, if I may have my turn at blowing off steam, I wish to state that I whole-heartedly disagree with this editor. Evidently he has no interest in the agricultural standing of this school. I believe that it is very much of a mistake to move the livestock in order to make way for such a relatively unimportant diversion as golf.

I play golf after a fashion, and I enjoy the sport, but this situation compares to subordinating an important industry, the livestock industry, to a mere sport, golf. I don't believe golf is that important.

As for the disadvantages the editor listed, the odors and the swarms of flies; they are delusions. I live in Dorm One, the closest dormitory to the livestock pens, and in traveling to and from classes I pass directly by the pens.

As yet I have little complaint as to the foul odors, and I believe that this argument is over-emphasized. To the delicate nostrils of a few, the odor may be truly offensive, but I know of no student who is so oppressed that he has lost sleep over the situation.

The "swarms of flies" is another point which is magnified too highly. Since last September I have frequented the cattle pens and horse barns, and have never been bothered by flies. I don't even remember seeing any. Of course, they may be slightly worse in summer, but I dare say no worse than any other place along Texas highways.

Now we come to the important point; whether or not the animals should be moved to make way for a golf course. Our school enjoys the distinction of being the leading agricultural college in Texas. The agriculture students from A&M have in the past filled important positions in the agricultural world. In the past, though, agriculture has been taken for granted more than it is now or will be in the future. Agriculture is becoming more technical every day, but does this mean we can forget about the practical aspects? To really learn animal husbandry one must work with stock in addition to reading books. It would therefore seem important to keep livestock handy for instructional purposes. How can we maintain a practical course in animal husbandry if we have to make a trip across the railroad tracks every time we want to work with the animals?

In addition to this is the consideration of the important position on the campus occupied by the livestock. The public expects to see signs of agricultural activity when they visit an agricultural college. I did when I first came to A&M, and I have noticed that other people are interested also. They expect to see, whether they are financially interested in agriculture or not, indications of modern agricultural work.

The trouble is, we fall down in making the place more attractive. Instead of doing away with our present livestock area, we need to modernize our barns and equipment. We need to take more pride in our livestock, and capitalize on the fact that they are located in a prominent position on the campus. The beautifying and modernizing of these areas is not only good advertising, but it is necessary if A&M expects to keep ahead of other large agricultural colleges.

On the contrary to the editor's opinion, I say we need to improve the present livestock areas much more than we need to build a golf course.

John Lee Barrow, Jr.
Dorm 1, 427
Class of '50

(Editor's Note—There is no connection between removal of the cattle from the East Gate and the proposed golf course. Plans for consolidating the college livestock herds were started during the war. Since the East Gate pastures are limited by Highway 6 it has been found desirable to place all the college livestock across the railroad tracks where adequate land is available. Duplication of facilities for handling the growing herds can also be eliminated.

Plans for constructing new cattle barns are well advanced, and construction should begin soon.

The magnitude of the odors eminating from the present cattle pens is strictly one of personal opinion.)

Official Notice

SCHOOL OF MILITARY SCIENCE

The Board of Inspecting Army and Air Force Officers could not divulge their reports to us at this time because they report direct to their respective commanders. However, it was very obvious that they were exceptionally well pleased with all military matters inspected.

They remarked that the courtesies extended them throughout their stay on the campus far exceeded the normal military and other to-be-expected courtesies, especially the hospitable greetings extended on the campus by non-military as well as military personnel.

This evidence of mutual understanding and team work, which was so apparent as to attract the attention of the Inspectors, makes our work more pleasant and more effective, for which the School of Military Science is most grateful.

(Signed) H. L. BOATNER
Colonel, Infantry
P. M. S. & T.

AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS

The U. S. Department of Agriculture needs professionally trained men interested in a career in that department. I have just received a copy of U.S.D.A. Miscellaneous Publication No. 675, entitled "Opportunities for Career Service in the United States Department of Agriculture." This publication gives information regarding fields of work, nature, and terms of employment. Interested students are invited to inspect this publication in my offices.

Chas. N. Shepardson,
Dean of Agriculture

AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS

All agricultural students who are currently enrolled in their fourth semester at A. & M. and all transfer students who plan to egister for Summer School this summer will be required to present their approved degree plans when presenting their assignment cards for approval at summer registration. Students who have not completed their degree plans should check with the head of their major department as soon as possible.

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Boyle's Column . . .

Discord On Earth Ruins The Music Of The Stars

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK, —(AP)— In a vast mansion of Mars the president of that planet sat listening to the music of the spheres—the melody made by the stars in their courses.

But into the universal symphony came a jarring sound.

"Sire, the jarring noise comes from an obscure planet known as the earth, our neighbor in this constellation," said his wise men.

The president had his leading stellar explorer, Rado, brought to him.

"Rado", said the vexed chieftain. "Trot down to Earth and see why that flyspeck in the sky is out of tune."

Exactly a year and a day later Rado returned to Mars.

"Well, what is the earth like?" asked the president.

"It's a beautiful globe, washed by soft seas," said Rado. "It is capped at both ends by mountains and wide fields covered with a cool white substance known as snow. And between the caps are green fields and towering cities full of living things."

"Why is it out of tune then?" said the president crossly.

"I think it is the people."

"What, in the name of the Milky Way, are people?"

"There are two forms of life that move about," said the explorer. "One kind is people. The other kind is animals. The people have enslaved some animals and driven the rest into the wilderness."

"How savage!" cried the president. "That explains the discordant note."

"No sire," said Rado. "There is more to it than that. After enslaving the animals, the different peoples began enslaving each other. And they destroy themselves in great disastrous wars. The wails they send up ruin the music of the stars."

"What do these repulsive creatures that call themselves people look like?"

Rado reached into his space ship and pulled out a sleeping human baby.

"I brought one along to show you, sire," he said. "I found it in a war-wrecked village."

The president looked at the dozing child.

"So small and harmless a thing as this disturbs the harmony of the heavens?" He asked doubtfully.

"It grows up," said Rado.

Letters

HOUSTON'S LOSS

Editor, The Battalion:

Realizing fully that the best of newspaper people make an occasional mistake, I would like to call to your attention one made two days running in The Battalion.

Hoping to cause no offense to the people from Houston, I must decline the honor of being one of its native or transplanted sons. In last Thursday's and Friday's publication among the list of candidates in the coming election for Corps Athletic Council Representative you, or one of your staff, made me just that.

I am quite confident that you are as proud of your home town as I am of mine. Mine is not Houston, but rather Fort Sam Houston.

The possibility of mistake is easily seen, but I would appreciate it if you would correct it.

Thank you,
D. A. K. Proctor, '49.

(Editor's note—Upon hurried consultation with our student directory we find you listed as a resident of San Antonio. Our G-2 tells us that Fort Sam Houston is in San Antonio, so to you we extend our deepest apologies. We also have word from the citizens of Houston who say they will be able to overcome their loss.)

LOST, STRAYED, OR STOLEN

Editor, The Battalion:

What ever happened to "Violet"?

Floyd Blount, Jr.

(Editor's Note: "Violet," otherwise known to Aggies as "Pansy," "Footsy" and several other names disappeared to unknown haunts about two weeks ago. Preliminary research by The Battalion's Lost Dogs editor failed to uncover Violet's whereabouts. Any reader able to shed light on this mystery is asked to communicate with The Battalion or reader Blount.)

Bubonic Plague Is Threat to Texans

AUSTIN—(AP)—Typhus and bubonic plague are real dangers to Texans, the State Health Department warns.

While there have been no reported cases of bubonic plague in man for many years in this state, the health department's weekly bulletin said, there have been "repeated findings of plague in rodents and their fleas in West Texas."

This, it said, points to a "grave danger of human infection."

Reports for the week ended April 16 indicated a big increase in typhus. There were 13 cases, compared with the average of 6 for this time of year.

Poliomyelitis was also among communicable diseases showing greater than usual incidence during the April 16 period. There were 12 cases reported, compared to the median of 4.

Arabs and Jews In Jerusalem Encounter

TEL AVIV, Israel, May 3 —(AP)— Israeli troops battled Arabs in a short but sharp encounter last night between Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

Sirens blacked out the Holy city.

The reason for the blackout was not made clear. The only firing heard was of Mortars and small arms.

Jewish sources said the skirmish began when some Arabs refused to get out of a strategic position under terms of the armistice agreement with Trans-Jordan. How the blackout order came about no official would say.

Air Force Reports Officer Program

The United States Air Force has announced a program for building an officer corps composed of graduates from colleges and universities throughout the nation, First Lieutenant Robert J. Reilley aviation cadet procurement officer for the Houston U. S. Army and Air Force recruiting station, said today.

Seniors who apply now will have their papers processed so that, if qualified and accepted, they will be ready to begin training in one of the first classes following graduation. After one year of aviation cadet training, they will be commissioned in the reserves and given flying assignments. Outstanding graduates will receive regular commissions.

College graduates interested in non-flying administrative and technical careers in the Air Force may receive reserve commissions after six months of training at an Air Force officer candidate school. Both men and women are eligible and no ROTC or other prior military service is required.

British Naval Man Calls Attack Impulse

SINGAPORE, May 3 —(AP)— A high British Naval authority said here yesterday he is convinced the Chinese Communist attack on the British sloop Amethyst April 22 was not deliberate.

The informant told a news conference he believes the attack was caused by lack of discipline among the Communists lining the bank of the Yangtse River, or by excitement among the troops.

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