

Just a Case of Exaggeration . . .

The enrollment drop at A&M is not as alarming as some people would like to think. True, our number of students has dropped from last year's post-war peak.

People are predicting such a rapid decrease in our enrollment, for various reasons, that they expect a 5,000 to 6,000 student body within a very few years.

Other sources—some we believe to be more reliable—estimate our enrollment will drop just a few hundred more, and then level off around 7,000. This would be a rather ideal number for an A&M student body, to our way of thinking.

Here is another way that these people like to figure our count. "Take 1,400—the average freshman enrollment for the past three years—multiply by four and see how many students we would have. Sure, only 5,600," they tell you. "And just how many of the original 1,400 do you think will graduate?"

These are all very good points. However, we hope we have found a loophole. We believe the freshman enrollment will increase noticeably when the entire college is once again physically united—when the Annex does its last harm, which by

all indications, is definitely this year.

Complaints concerning the Annex are plentiful, but here is one we considered slightly better-than-the-ordinary: "You either had to be a man or a fool to live there for one year, and I'm not yet a man!"

Another possibility, or perhaps probability, is the definite trend toward junior college transfer students entering our school. The junior college is becoming recognized as a serious rival of all large colleges. A large number of these transfer students would have to be counted before any fairly accurate estimate of our future enrollment could be made.

If our economists are correct, there will be some sort of a drop in free-spending soon. In that event, A&M would probably be the least likely of the state's larger colleges to lose enrollment. Primarily, we are a "poor boy's school," a fact we are proud of.

Arguing that we are doomed to become either a small school with our present standards, or a larger school with a direct change of policies, this group must remember that A&M has come through almost 75 years of such problems. We have always licked them.

Communist Trials; Powerful Precedent May Be Set . . .

As we all know, eleven top members of the Communist Party in this country stand convicted. The charge against them: that they did, knowingly and willingly, advocate and teach the duty and necessity of overthrowing the Government of the United States by force and violence.

The well known axiom, "time will tell," may be applied to the significance of this, the longest federal criminal case in U. S. history. Results of nine months' badgering, mostly from defense lawyers, are a five million-word trial text, a one million dollar cost to the government, and a slumping-from-exhaustion jury.

Directly involved was an all important issue of U. S. jurisprudence and political philosophy. The defense argued that books, the Communist Party, and free speech were on trial. The government answered that only eleven individuals were involved, for fomenting a conspiracy, not openly, but in secret against the United States.

Defense attorneys went far beyond their duties in representing their clients' rights. They actually became the prosecuting attorneys, trying presiding Judge

H. R. Medina, the jurors, and the whole American system. They openly charged the court with being a "capitalistic tool."

The decision for the jury to make, as it appeared on the surface, was whether eleven men were conspirators. But beneath this outer layer lay the living-breathing question of "what are the means by which a democracy can protect its existence?"

An answer was found in the convictions of the eleven. The precedent set by the jurors' verdict was the decision that the Communist movement in this country will no longer be considered a party—it will be considered a conspiracy.

The vital question of whether this decision endangered civil liberties will have to wait until the Supreme Court acts upon the Communists' appeal.

If the decision of the court is not reversed, then we would have a potent Anti-Communist weapon. We could finally pick up our new and shiny judicial precedent against any secret movement of the Communist Party in this country.

A very old judge known for the speed with which he disposed of cases, was asked by a friend to explain.

"I always listen to plaintiff, and then I make my decision."

"You never listen to the defendant?"

"Well, I did at first but I found that it confused me."

"So it worries you when your husband talks in his sleep."

"Yes, doctor—he's so indistinct."

Old Gentleman: "You're an honest boy, but it was a \$10 bill, not 10 ones that I lost."

Small Boy: "I know, mister, it was a \$10 bill I picked up. But the last time I found one, the man who owned it didn't have any change."

ADVERTISEMENT in the Yakima (Wash.) Morning Herald: "New Hospital Plan Sweeps Yakima—Entire Family Protected from Sickness, Accidents & Child-birth."

The Battalion

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Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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SITTING PRETTY - BUT NOT COMFORTABLY



Letters To The Editor

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FROM THE SWEETHEART

Editor, The Battalion: I just want to say how much I appreciate your write up of me and to thank you and all the rest of the school for the honor you have given me.

This weekend, needless to say was simply perfect. Thanks to you and all the other boys who gave me such a wonderful honor. It is one I will never forget.

I was just wondering if it would be possible for me to get a Battalion regularly. I would like to keep up with all of my "sweethearts" if possible.

Let me know if I could do that. Thanks again for everything. Sincerely,

Jeanine Holland

(Eds. Note: This delicately-scented note from the Aggie Sweetheart arrived in the office October 19, but it has taken this long to wreat it away from the staff and get our circulation wheels into action. Beginning this week, Aggie Sweetheart Jeanine, will be sent, gratis and with regards, one subscription to The Battalion as a present from the school she so beautifully and ably represents.)

Mullins Named Head SW Club

Joe Mullins, senior in A. Co. A. S. A., was elected president of the Southwest Texas A&M Club Wednesday night, October 19, at the first regular meeting of the club.

Mullins is a physics major from Carrizo Springs and a battalion commander in the corps.

Other officers elected were James C. Flannagan, geology major from Crystal City, vice-president; Jasper Trees, business major from Uvalde, secretary; Joe Braden, an animal husbandry major from Hondo, treasurer; and Wallace Ball, an industrial education major from Uvalde, reporter.

The annual Christmas dance for the club was decided to be held at the Junior College in Uvalde, said Mullins. At the next meeting there will be a discussion of the date and orchestra for the dance.

Extension Agents At National Meet

E. C. Martin, assistant state agent, and W. S. Allen, extension agricultural engineer-buildings, Texas Extension Service, left Saturday, Oct. 22, for Chicago to attend the thirty-seventh National Farm Safety Congress, G. G. Gibson, Extension Service Director announced.

Martin has served as chairman of the State Farm Safety Committee in Texas for the past three years and has been asked to continue in that capacity for another year. He is scheduled to participate in the national meeting and appear on the program. While in Chicago, he has the opportunity to visit and confer with other state committee chairmen.

Agronomy Student Represents A&M

Jack Runkles, senior agronomy student, was elected to represent the A&M student section of Agronomy at the national meeting to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Oct. 25-28.

Runkles will attend a series of programs where scientific papers will be presented by members of the senior section.

These papers will include such topics as grassland agriculture in the United States, factors affecting nutrients in crops, factors affecting seed production, and such technical subjects as mineral composition of the clay fraction, iron chlorosis in sorghams as related to exchangeable soil iron and magnesium, and anatomy of gene centers.

Diato Donor of Funds To Turf Association

A contribution of \$25 has been received from Chryoko Diato of Ysleta, Texas, toward the Turf Research Fund sponsored by the Texas Turf Association.

This contribution has been acknowledged by R. C. Potts, of the Agronomy Department, who is in charge of the Research fund, Dr. R. D. Lewis, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station director announced.

Official Notice

Those students who want their ring for Christmas must get their order in to the Registrar's Office before November 1st. Any student who lacks not more than eight hours of having completed the number of hours required through the Junior year of his curriculum and who has earned an equal number of grade points may purchase the A and M ring.

All rings must be paid for in full when placing the order. The ring window is open only from 8 a.m. to 12:00 noon, daily except on Sundays.

H. L. Heatton, Registrar.

Any Dairy Husbandry major student in the Senior, Junior or Sophomore classes who has a grade point ratio of 2.5 or better should report to me at the Dairy Husbandry office not later than October 28 in order to be considered for scholarship awards this year.

A. L. Darnell, Professor, Dairy Husbandry Department.

How It's Done . . .

Tessies Explain Trip Success

BY THE EDITORIAL BOARD

The success of weekend before last's Fort Worth Corps Trip is still a pleasant memory in our minds. Here's how the Tessie editors explain it.

(Editorial—The Daily Lasso—Thursday, Oct. 20)

"TSCW and A&M have just completed a Corps Trip together which has been rated by many as just about the best ever. Everyone concerned—participants and school authorities alike—was happy about the success of the trip and looks forward to more and better holidays carried on in the same spirit.

"What was it that made this trip so different? No single factor could have made the entire difference, just as no one person could have swayed the general feeling of several thousand students.

"But one of the biggest differences in this Corps Trip and those last year and years before was that there was less drinking done by the group as a whole.

"The causes for this decrease in drinking and for the whole improved aspect of the Corps Trip are pretty important. We might list a few of these factors for consideration and think about them just a minute—because they really need to stick in our minds so we can repeat (and even improve on) this success.

"About the first and most essential factor was the concern of the two student bodies for the trip. The thought that the holiday—which had become so traditional and so anticipated—might be denied, if this year's plan failed, led to some real consideration of values and resulted in some sensible actions. The responsibility of

the choice was left squarely up to the students, and they reacted with considerable maturity.

"Next would be the concern of the administrations of both schools. The heads of TSCW and A&M began conferring early last year—right after the Corps Trips in Dallas, when conduct was very bad and complaints came from many quarters—to try to work out a system that would save the fun of the trip, yet eliminate the damaging record for the school. Excellent cooperation throughout this planning brought the problem to focus at both colleges, and constant reminders of its importance to all students involved kept it in their minds.

"A third factor was that the program actually worked out was one which everyone could really enjoy without having to resort to any false stimulus or unwholesome entertainment.

"So we hope we have found the answer. The dance here at TSCW was one of the biggest successes of several years—everyone reported a wonderful time, and many who did not stay in Denton to attend it regretted their decision.

"Next year the plans can be based on this year's success. The dance here will be bigger and better, if the students who were enthusiastic about it this year continue to spread the word. And no one will be afraid to support the one day out-of-town plan, because the system has already been tried.

"This year was just an experiment. Next time, the happiest events of the trip will be built up and may have new plans for company. But anyway the Corps Trip seems to be here to stay, and the happy ending takes a big load off our minds."

Outstanding Newsmen Speakers At Texas Newspaper Clinic

"Agricultural Promotion That Pays", one of the program divisions of the Texas Newspaper Clinic to be held here Saturday, Oct. 29, will have three of the outstanding weekly newspaper men of Texas as members of this panel discussion.

The men are Franz Zeiske of the Bellville Times, Ed Luker of the Grapeland Messenger, and J. H. Manthey Jr., of the Cleveland Advocate.

Zeiske has just returned from Germany where he spent several months in government service working with the small publishers of the Western Zone of Germany. His assignment was to show small publications editors of Germany how a free democratic press operates.

Manthey publishes three East Texas weekly newspapers which have been the recipients of numerous state and national awards for community service. The three weekly newspapers are the Cleveland Advocate, the Liberty Vindicator, and the Anahuac Progress.

Luker's paper, the Grapeland Messenger, has consistently won press association awards for general excellence, and this past June was awarded first place for agricultural promotion in the Texas Press Association contest. Ownership and operation of the Messenger has been in his family for over 50 years.

The Texas Newspaper Clinic is the initial effort of the Department of Journalism to render practical service to the small daily and country weekly newspapers of Texas. Donald D. Burchard, head of the A&M Journalism Department, will direct the panel discussions.

Other discussion panels are: "Does your job department cost you money?" "How to promote a worthwhile special event?" "Selling Advertising that sells;" and a mechanical conference and demonstration using the facilities of the A&M College Press.

Methodists Observe Prayer, Self-Denial

The A&M Methodist Church will observe a week of prayer and self-denial beginning Thursday, according to the Rev. James F. Jackson, pastor.

The program will begin at 10 a. m., and will conclude with a covered-dish luncheon Jackson said.

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LAST DAY

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