

Interest Is Your Admission Ticket . . .

Both the junior and the sophomore classes have, during the past week, voted against electing a non-corps vice-president.

Perhaps the classes voted against this proposal because they felt the non-corps needed no official representation because of their minority.

We are not trying to guess why the classes voted against the proposal, for, although there was probably some principal reason, there may have been many and varied ones.

The interest shown last week was nil in one case, almost as bad in the other. Not a non-corps man was present at the sophomore class meeting.

At 100, and Cowtown Still Grows . . .

Fort Worth Texas's fourth largest city, celebrated its 100th birthday anniversary Sunday.

The Star-Telegram and Fort Worth are symbolic of the growth of Texas, the growth of the west, the growth of our nation within the past century.

While it may seem that we are on the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce payroll, actually we are simply quite impressed by the facts.

As for the Star-Telegram, the newspaper has many facts in which they can take pride and gratitude.

Head-in-the-Sand Ostriches, and Us . . .

In Gilmer, Texas this week citizens are celebrating "Do Nothing Week".

No committee work either for the celebration of "Do Nothing Week."

"Hard work never killed anybody," said the father. "That's just the trouble, Dad," returned the son, just out of college.

The Battalion

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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We are not defending the classes for the action they took. Perhaps they did show prejudice. Instead, we are advocating to the non-corps sophomores and juniors, whatever their number be, that they should not only turn out for these class meetings, but support all functions of their classes.

The non-corps is composed chiefly of veterans and of former corps students. The latter is in a minority in the case of the sophomore class, since most non-veterans are members of the corps.

The only solution to the problem, if there really is one, would be to perhaps create a class office, called the "non-corps representative to the class" or some other appropriate term.

a 4,500 circulation in 1921, when the Star and the Telegram merged, the press run of the commemorative issue was 230,000.

If only each of us could stop, look back, and reflect on our achievements for the past years, perhaps we could all see the cooperation needed to gain any great amount of success.

The growth of the Star-Telegram and of Fort Worth is only one factor among many which has made our country grow to the leading role it now holds in world affairs.

Look to the north. There we have a great city, a great newspaper growing together for the benefit of all.

While we bar our front against Communism, let us not allow totalitarian thinking to infiltrate through our back door simply because it carries an anti-communist slogan.

But we're tired, too. And, like Gilmer's citizens, we want to just "do nothing" for a while.



Take that! room dog—for not reminding me to have my Aggie-land '50 picture made before the deadline. — See "Schedule" story on page one—

SECOND OF SERIES

Pros and Cons of Texas' New State Constitution Amendments

BY JOE FULLER Student Senate Parliamentarian

By far the most controversial proposed amendment to our Texas constitution is the one which will hold second place on your ballot next Nov. 8.

Seems as how the legislators, who are nobody's fools, have grouped the two items together so that John Q. Public has to raise his legislator's pay and direct the legislature to meet once a year, or else leave his pay just where it is and continue holding regular biennial sessions.

Proponents of the amendment point out many advantages that it will have:

- (1) Biennial meetings are as outdated as covered wagons in our modern, constantly fluctuating society—we need annual meetings, with annual budgets, in order to adapt laws, taxes, and expenditures to the changing economic and political situation.
(2) Higher salaries will attract more capable men into the legislature, men who should govern us more efficiently and more economically.
(3) Higher-paid legislators would be less likely to be influenced by a free-spending lobbyist.

Letters

(All letters to the editor which are signed by student or employees of the college and which do not contain obscene or libelous material will be published.)

ANSWER TO THE ANSWER

Editor, the Battalion: In reference to your answer to reader Onstott's letter: What's the matter? Jealous because you can't hold your liquor?

Eds. Note—About the liquor holding, never worried about it. On the second, didn't say we would tear, said we'd try to tear. Would trade those medals (Boy Scout ones too) for a win over SMU, Rice, or both.

John M. Hill, '50, L. E. Horstmann, '50, H. L. Thompson, '49, Dick Bowman, '48, Novy, J. V., '51, Gee, John D., '49

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Jim Onstott and I have settled our differences (see today's front page). If you'll come see me, or I can get to see you, we'll try to settle ours as well. Beat SMU!

Official Notice

Each candidate who expects to complete the requirements for the Master's Degree at the end of the current semester should file application for the degree with the Dean of the Graduate School and with the Registrar not later than December 1.

Phi Eta Sigma To Meet Wednesday

The A&M Chapter of the Phi Eta Sigma, National Scholastic Honor Society, will meet Wednesday to elect officers and plan this year's activities at 7 p. m. in Room 307, Academic Building.

Nomination of officers was made by a joint committee of students and faculty advisors in a meeting held Oct. 25.

Nominees for president and vice president were Voris Burch, Melven Burton, Lowell Holmes, Paul Leming.

Nominees for secretary were James Anderson, Ernest Elmdorf, and Roger Jenks.

For treasurer, Marvin Atkins, James Enloe, and Kenneth Wiggins, were nominated.

Vernon Berry, Dan Davis, and William Mixon were nominated for historians.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Specialist Leaves For Sooner Meet

F. Z. Beamblossom, extension poultry marketing specialist of A&M will leave today for Oklahoma City to attend a regional meeting dealing with the Chicken-of-Tomorrow Contest.

The announcement was made by G. G. Gibson, director of the Texas Extension Service.

Other Schools Say . . .

Kansans Are Anti-Agony, Lousianans Pro-Humanity

BY THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Possibly trying in with an editorial we printed a few weeks ago, after the TCU-Arkansas squabble over roughness, would be the following comment from the Daily Kansan, newspaper of the University of Kansas:

"One of the hardest things to do in football is to remember that it is rarely play any more. It is big business and in some instances it is mayhem.

"Sports pages are sprinkled with stories about shattered teeth, broken legs and dislocated vertebrae. Trainers who can heal strained tendons are as essential now as experts on the forward pass. Additional padding and protective garments have not reduced the injury lists.

"Here is some food for thought from an editorial in the LSU paper, The Daily Reveille: "Illegitimacy and the humanities have something in common. Both are spoken of in whispers, and both words are being seen less and less frequently these days—the

former on birth records and the latter in college catalogues. "And where the case for the disappearance of the humanities is concomitantly weak.

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Houstonians Meet In Goodwin Hall

Final plans for the Corps Trip Dance at the Shamrock's Emerald and Grecian Rooms will be made at a meeting of the Houston Club tonight at 7, according to G. P. Monk, acting president of the club.

The meeting will be held in Room 301 Goodwin Hall. "This meeting is for the entire club, and for the success of the dance we must have a good representation," Monks said.

Tickets for the dance will cost \$3.00, and no corsages will be allowed, Monks added. Dates are requested not to wear evening gowns.

Single-Finger Surgery Latest Technique in Heart Operations

By FRANK CAREY

CHICAGO, Nov. 1.—Single fingered surgery within the human heart—with the surgeon using a knife secured to his index finger and working by touch alone—was described recently.

The American College of Surgeons was told the new technique still is on trial but so far is encouraging in the fight on a frequent disorder of the heart.

It is designed to combat a kind of log-jamming process involving the heart valve most vulnerable to the after-effects of rheumatic fever.

In the operation, the surgeon's finger explores and guides the knife through a single quadrant of the heart—an organ whose total size is about that of your doubled-up fist.

And the surgery itself is limited to the close quarters of the valvular gateway—the funnel-shaped "mitral valve"—linking the two chambers of the heart on the left side.

The operator inserts his knife-bearing finger through an incision in the wall of the heart—an opening only large enough to admit the finger. The opening is pre-equipped with a "purse string" stitch—ready for quick closure when the surgeon withdraws his finger from the heart.

The surgeon wears two rubber gloves on his operating hand. An opening is made in the outer glove at the base of the index finger on the palm side of the hand; another opening is made at the tip. Then the knife blade is inserted.

between the gloves so that in effect, it is lashed to the index finger.

When the surgeon gets his finger inside the heart, he explores to determine diseased structures of the involved valve that need cutting. Then, by a turn of his hand, he makes the necessary cuts.

Prof Appointed To Hiway Committee

B. K. F. Mullins, associate professor of engineering drawing and researcher in channelization of traffic for the Engineering Experiment Station, has been appointed to serve on a national committee in the highway field.

He is one of 18 members chosen from various sections of the country to serve on Project Committee No. 12 of the Traffic and Operations Research Board, Washington, D. C.

Mullins has been engaged on a research project for the Engineering Experiment Station, resulting in the preparation of an annotated bibliography on channelization of highway traffic. Object of the research was to analyze the development and current trends in highway curbs and traffic separators and to determine, if possible, improvements in their construction and use.

Mullins was named to the committee by its chairman, Eugene Maier, assistant director of the Traffic and Transportation Department, city of Houston.

Local Children To See Shrine Circus

Eighty children from College Station, Bryan, and Navasota will attend the Shrine Circus in Houston on Nov. 3, according to Dr. G. W. Schlesselman, head of the Geography Department.

Six Shriners will meet the children in Houston and take them to the circus, Schlesselman said.

Upon their return to College Station at 7:30 p. m. local Shriners will take the children to their homes.

CASTING SHADOWS

November 2—Victor Borge, Piano Humorist; Tickets on sale in Student Activities office; \$1.25 reserved, \$.70 general admission; Guion Hall (Not a Town Hall performance).

November 2—Ticket sale begins for Frankie Carle concert; \$1 reserved, \$.70 general admission.

November 4—Frankie Carle; Town Hall concert; ABC Ball with Curly Broyle's band.

November 5—Frankie Carle concert; not a Town Hall presentation; All-College Dance with Frankie Carle and orchestra.

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