

Battalion Editorials

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I'm Not Prejudiced, But . . .

Last Thursday evening's Student Senate meeting heard hot arguments over the position our delegation would take at the Texas Intercollegiate Student's Association convention in Waco this week if the subject of admission of Negro colleges in to the TISA were considered.

After long debate, the decision of the Senate was 15 to 9 in opposition of negro admittance.

Opponents to the motion, with the exception of one man, began their arguments with the well worn phrase, "I'm not prejudiced, but . . ." The one man admitted that he was "a little prejudiced."

Their stands were based largely on traditional Southern claims that most everyone has heard countless times—an opening wedge; they'll be in the swimming pools; it's coming, but now isn't the time; and the classic, "Do you want your sister . . .?"

More logical opposition cited state laws which prohibit negroes being housed at white state institutions and their being fed on state property for whites. A similar law forbids whites using these facilities assigned to colored people at state colored institutions.

An influential factor at the Senate met-

ing, was the desire of the Senate to have the TISA convention meet on this campus next year while the Memorial Center is new and during our 75th Anniversary celebrations. The state law and A&M's position as a state school influenced several votes against the motion.

Other votes were based on "I'm not prejudiced, but . . ." True, education seeks to broaden peoples' minds and make them more tolerant. True, the TISA is an organization of student governments where student problems are discussed and solutions from other student bodies considered.

True, the day is coming when many of the color barriers now in the South will be broken down. "I'm not prejudiced, but . . ."

A dictionary definition of tolerance is "the specified allowance for variations from the standard." Who are the variations from the standard, those who favored the motion, or those who opposed it?

At the same Senate meeting, an overwhelming vote of approval was given to a committee to inquire about the possibilities of having chapel services in Guion Hall Sunday mornings. We're not prejudiced, but . . .

X-Ray Pictures, Something for Nothing . . .

"It didn't hurt a bit, pa," the young farm boy commented as he stepped away from an x-ray camera, not long ago. He and his family had never thought that the kid might have tuberculosis. They only had their x-ray pictures taken for want of something better to do.

But a few weeks later the farm boy was informed that his lungs had spots on them. The x-ray picture showed that. He'd have to start treatments right away or the disease might cause him lifelong discomfort and illness.

If he'd not taken the little time and trouble to have the x-ray picture made, tuberculosis could have easily seized him for life.

Perhaps out of those who will go to the YMCA this week one or two people will discover they have signs of tuberculosis. Perhaps no one will. For those who gain film proof of their freedom from

the disease, only a few minutes were spent to ease their minds. For the one or two citizens of College Station (Aggies and all) who show signs of tuberculosis the pictures will have done them an inestimable service.

Starting at 8:30 tomorrow morning and every morning this week x-ray pictures will be taken until 5:30 in the afternoon. Next Saturday, last day the x-ray photography unit will be on the campus, picture taking will begin at 9 in the morning and end at 4 that afternoon.

There's no compulsory attendance, it's all on our own. The service is here; it is free. It's something for nothing, and something which may help someone beat tuberculosis before it gets a good start.

Maybe you don't think you have any reason to go over and have your lungs x-rayed. But are you sure?

Joke of the week: Senator Joe McCarthy (current finger pointer at numerous unsuspecting people whom he alleges are spies, foreign agents, and other subversive characters) gave a speech the other day about getting rid of red-herring hunts. Obviously, the Senator thinks his hunts don't fall into the red-herring category.

Signs seen in business establishments recently: In a laundry, Let Us Do Your Dirty Work. In a clothing store, We Have Fits. In a termite exterminator business, Murder, We Do It.

This past week Harry Truman spent his fifth year as president, and nobody knows when he will get out.

He's like many of our students who come here to stay four years, and after five, nobody knows when they'll get out, either.

A&M students are favored on rainy days to see their campus streets, many of them, turned into canals reminiscent of Venice. Instead of gondolas, however, Aggies must contend themselves with splashing automobiles who sprinkle the air with muddy water instead of love ballads.

The Battalion

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"
Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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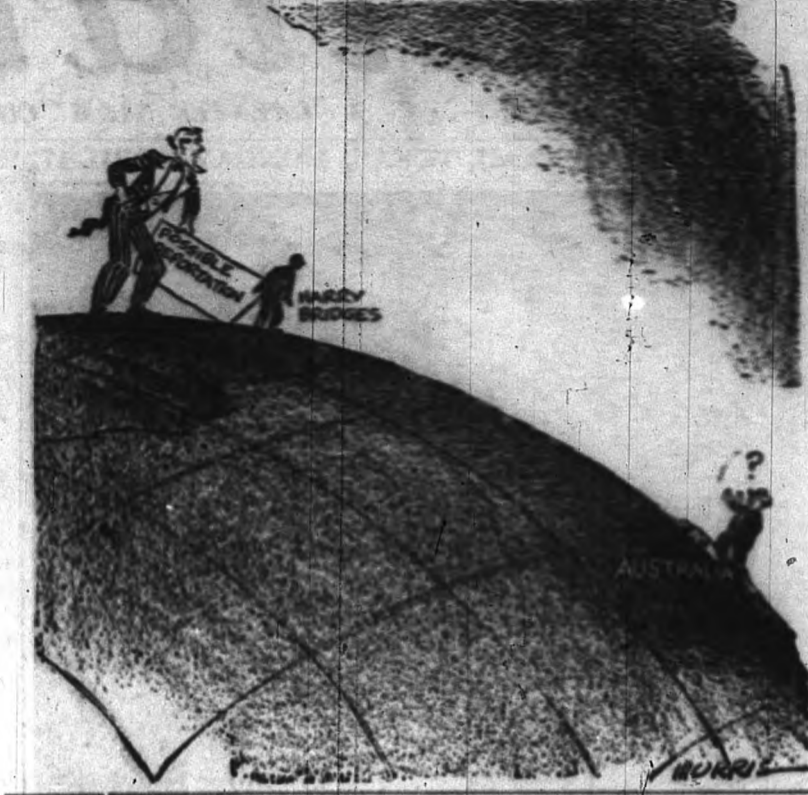
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Letters To The Editor

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MY ACHING BACK.

Editor, The Battalion:
This is my second letter to The Battalion and I am afraid that this letter is not going to be as complimentary as the last. Since I am a stranger to this part of the country, I have never heard the Aggie War Hymn and do you know that I have asked as least fifty freshmen out here at the Annex and not one of them could quote me the words to the first line.

This is a terrible situation. Will you please print a copy of the words to the Aggie War Hymn because I for one want to take enough interest in A&M to learn the school song. I regret I have to bring this sad situation to light but I think it would be better for a student to bring it to life than have an outsider do it.

You will please pardon my insolence and if you get the opinion I am running down A&M please correct it. I just don't want some outsider to run it down.

Thank you for your cooperation in this respect.

I remain your servant
Lewis E. Smith '53
(Editors Note—Copies of the words to the War Hymn, other Aggie songs, and yells can be found in the handbook available through the YMCA. We figured everyone at A&M would at least know the words to the War Hymn by this late in the year.)

MUSTER CEREMONY

Editor, The Battalion:
Our memory of past musters held on the lawn in front of the Administration Building is too

Lookin' Back

From the Battalion Files of 15 Years Ago

Fifteen years ago, the Easter holidays weren't called Easter holidays, and everybody didn't go home.

They were called "RV holidays" and the Ross Volunteers of the mid-thirties remained on the campus for their spring holiday merriment, while the rest of the troops rushed madly away, as is the custom today.

It was during the RV holidays that that white uniformed group held their annual Ball and Banquet. In those days it was one of the biggest affairs of the year.

Wonder how the RV membership today would be affected by a change back to the ways of the 1935 troops?

Bible Verse

I was glad they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord."
—Psalms 122; 1

Official Notice

Thursday, April 20, is the deadline for payment of the final installment of fees for the Spring semester. The final installment including room rent, board and laundry is \$72.50.
W. H. Holmann, Comptroller

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From Where I Sit . . .

Wanted: More Answers To The Battalion Movie Poll

By HERMAN C. GOLLOB

With John Whitmore, our first lieutenant in charge of cutting out John Rosenfield's clippings, still absent from a week-end sojourn to the Denton harem, and George Charlton, attaché of Herbert Ross, nowhere to be found, it is left for weary, weebone us to wave the flag for the proposed Film Society, which would bring examples of United States and foreign movie making at its best to the students and faculty.

We've enjoyed reading the sug-

gestions thus far submitted; from them we've been able to get somewhat of an idea of the films which John Public has taken to his heart, and at the same time shed nostalgic tears at the mention of old pictures brought back memories of the days when we went to the theatre to eat popcorn and candy, go to the rest room, hold olympics in the aisles, talk and neck with little girls in the Popeye Clubs.

Almost unanimous choices in the poll are "Northwest Passage," "All Quiet on the Western Front," "Dawn Patrol," "Tobacco Road," and "The Grapes of Wrath" (no was "Etcetera," but the censors wouldn't let us include it). And practically every slip has urged the showing of foreign films, some with the mere generalization of "foreign pictures," other explicitly asking for "Faisan," "The Bicycle Thief," etc.

What seems to be the most virile taste belongs to Bob Martin of 'A' Engineers, that cutthroat crew, which wrecks continual havoc in Dorm 4. Bob would like to see again "The Roaring Twenties," "The Last Gangster," "The Last Mile," "Scarface," "Saratoon," "Red Dust," and "No Man of Her Own." Whew!

This week's Spirit Cluster goes to Jack Harper, who rates "We've Never Been Licked" as one of film-dom's all-time greats. We concede that the subject matter is worthy

to be termed "classic," but doubt the artistry used in transferring it to the screen. Drop by the office anyway, Jack, and pick up your award.

And to you who have remained silent we say, "What the hell are you waiting for?" We can form the society and incur financial responsibility only if enough interest is shown in the community. And to be convinced, we need many more interested parties.

Deans Attending Education Meeting

Dr. J. P. Abbott and Dr. M. T. Harrington left Saturday to attend the fifth annual National Conference on Higher Education in Chicago today through Wednesday.

Dr. Abbott is serving as consultant for a group which is studying evaluation of the services of faculty members.

The conference is being held under the auspices of the National Education Association of the United States.

After the conference Dr. Abbott will attend a conference in Austin on Testing and Guidance in Higher Education April 20-21.

Battalion Movie Poll

I am interested in an A&M Film Society.

My name is:

My address is:

Suggestions:

V A Announces GI Education Final Deadline

The deadline for most veterans to start a course of education and training under the GI Bill is July 25, 1951, Taylor Wilkins, veterans advisor, said today.

The only exceptions to this training deadline are men discharged after July 25, 1947, and those who enlisted or re-enlisted under the Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act, which was between the dates of Oct. 6, 1945 and Oct. 5, 1946, Wilkins said.

The rules listed in the Veterans Administration regulation listing the deadline date included:

"1. Any veteran not actually enrolled in college during the Spring Semester or quarter of the coming school year or in a summer session for 1951 starting before July 25, 1951, will lose all further rights to educational benefits under the GI Bill.

"2. Any veteran who drops out of college after July 25, 1951, will lose his right to further educational benefits unless his failure to enroll is due to reasons beyond his control." Failure to enroll does not include enrollment for a fall or subsequent term.

"3. Any veteran who wishes to change a course for reasons other than approved by the VA will lose all further educational benefits if he changes course.

Rules regarding education and training for men discharged after July 25, 1947 or for men who re-enlisted under the Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act may be obtained from the VA office in Goodwin Hall, Wilkins said.

Valid reasons for changing courses are also listed at the VA office, Wilkins concluded.

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TODAY - TUESDAY

BUCCANEERS GIRL

TECHNICOLOR

YVONNE DE CARLO PHILIP FRIEND

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS SETTLED IT! OFFICIALLY STATING THERE ARE NO FLYING SAUCERS! TRY TO REMEMBER THAT, TREMBLY!

THANKS FOR THE LIFT IN YOUR FLYIN' SAUCER - BUT DON'T THINK NO IS HIDDEN ME. AH IS A IN-TRELLY-JUNT AMERICAN. THATS HAIN'T NO FLYIN' SAUCERS!

Guion Hall

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