

Battalion Editorials

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Needed: A Change From Summer Anarchy . . .

During the past two summers, student government has been very similar to what the farmer remarked upon seeing a giraffe: "There just ain't no such animal." Whatever the causes of student government's hibernation during the summer months, this problem should be faced immediately by the Student Senate before it is too late and we have another summer upon us.

The Senate constitution (which needs re-writing) provides for a hit-or-miss system of student government during the summer months. The constitution places student senators who attend summer school on a sort of caretaker basis. They constitute a committee and do the least amount of work they can.

So, actually, student government at A&M has been a 9 months deal with the three summer months degenerating into anarchy.

Our experience with student government, limited as it has been, should not make us form the habit of thinking of student government in terms of the two long semesters, but in terms of the whole calendar year.

Tours: The Victor's Spoils . . .

The dividing line between politics and office is not easily distinguished.

President Truman has, on occasions past, made tours through the country which he described as "non-political." On these tours he has flung many a political charge, and made many a political claim.

Still, posed as the chief executive of these great United States, Harry Truman was merely going to the people in the big cities and at whistle stops telling them what he thought a president should tell his people.

Starting this coming Sunday, President Harry Truman will again make a jaunt through several states, give a half dozen major addresses and 50 off-the-cuff platform talks. The president has described this tour as "non-political."

For such a tour to be "non-political" is impossible. Yet, the people who attend any of his speeches welcome the opportunity to see and hear the President of the United States. Certainly his viewpoints will be prejudiced in sympathy with the program which he is urging Congress to approve. His talks will support the things he is for and undoubtedly they will denounce whoever and whatever opposes him and his programs of increased govern-

A certain general stormed into the office where I was typist one day. "What's the big idea of putting Captain Smith on my staff?" he shouted.

"Those were headquarters' orders sir," he was told.

"Well, I won't have him. He's nothing but an idiot with bars on his shoulders." "Really, sir, he isn't that bad," spoke

Meeting Thursday evening the Student Senate will wind up business for this year. This will be the last meeting unless enough Senators want to finish out their task of strengthening student government here at A&M and hold extra sessions. A year's experience is behind the present Senate and the lessons they have learned could benefit next year's Senate.

Ideas and suggestions could also come from an active summer Senate which would have a summertime administration and do what work was necessary for the summer sessions.

The summer Senate would not make policies that could bind the Senate elected the following October to carry on business during the regular semester. Rather, the summertime Senate would govern during the summer, and not progress along the slipshod path it has in the past two summers.

Dormitory elections to elect summer senators would not be impossible. Continuation of the hit-or-miss summer Senate should be abandoned, and some more workable and working Senate arrangement made.

mental service, control, and spending.

Two years ago Harry Truman on a non-political whirl just before national elections lambasted his opposition and promised more than his 81st Congress has been disposed to give. As a result of his strenuous non-political speeches and his campaigning, Harry Truman upset dopsters and regained the presidency from 1948 until 1952.

In telling the people about their federal government during his approaching tour Harry Truman is predicted to point out how our governmental ills can be corrected—elect Democrats in the next elections.

By virtue of his presidency, his words will have great effect and place his opponents at a disadvantage—for many people believe that if the President says it, it must be so.

Whether we like his "non-political" tours or not, they are with us, and the old saying "To the victor goes the spoils" seems to still hold water.

The non-political tours are merely the spoils which Harry Truman and the Democratic Party earned by 1948's election victory.

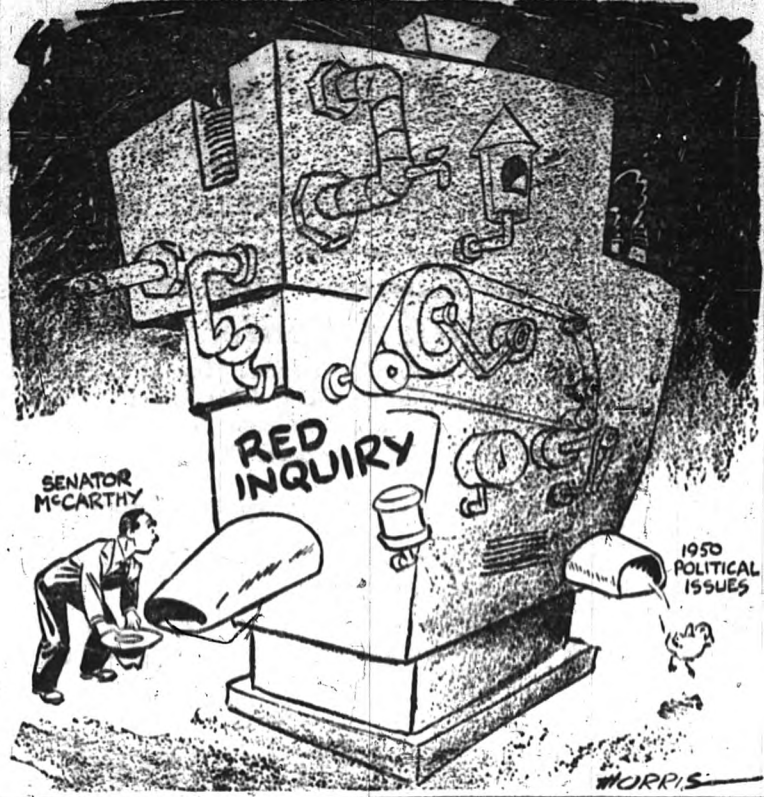
up a colonel. "After all, he's been through dozens of battles."

For several seconds the general eyed him coldly. Then he said with dignity, "Come over here to the window, colonel."

The colonel did, and the general pointed outside. "See those mules. Every one of them has been through a dozen battles too . . . but they're still jackasses!"

— Legion Magazine.

NOT EXACTLY AS PLANNED, BUT -



Letters To The Editor

(All letters to the editor which are signed by a student or employee of the college and which do not contain obscene or libelous material will be published. Persons desiring to have their names withheld from publication may request such action and these names will not, without the consent of the writer, be divulged to any persons other than the editors.)

CLASS INDEPENDENCE

Editor, The Battalion:

There is a tradition at A&M that is as concrete and realistic as the very foundations of the Academic Building. It has existed since the inauguration of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and has done more to build this school into the finest military college in the United States than any other custom that we have.

The tradition to which we refer is that of class independency in the matter of class government. Simplified, this means that with no exceptions in the history of the school, each class has held their elections and chosen their officers from their own thoughts and decisions and not from the opinions of the men in the other classes. Every man in the class of 1951 is certainly capable of making his own decision in the coming run-off.

I must admit that the Letters to the Editor column is a pretty good place for free campaigning and it's too bad no one thought of it before the first election. Or maybe they were too proud to use it. Perhaps, though, a candidate's chances are greatly increased if the wiser men in the class above him provide their endorsement for the candidate.

- Dick Graves '51
- Joe Perry '51
- Donald Lee '51
- Lester Hancock '51
- Jack Baker '51
- David Britt '51
- Nick Deek '51
- Albert Dennis '51
- Donald S. Burns '51
- Jack Coker '51
- Bill Holland '51
- R. L. Sturdivant '51
- S. G. Dardaganian '51
- R. G. Blanchard '51
- E. H. Merritt '51
- Marvin Engelberg '51
- Bill T. Thompson '51
- T. E. Glukinger '51

APPRECIATION

The Agronomy Society:

Speaking for this year's Aggie track team and as a former member of the team myself, I would like to thank the members of the Agronomy Society for the fine job they did Sunday in cleaning up the track.

It is so unusual that we find people that will help us care for the track and we certainly do appreciate it.

I am positive that it was quite a job taking down all the decorations and framework that were put up for the Cotton Pageant and from the looks of the track Saturday there was an equally rough job to clean up everything. If more organizations could cooperate in helping each other like the Agronomy students helped the track team, there would be a lot less antagonism around here and a lot better Texas A&M.

Ray Holbrook '48

Russian Air Might Paraded in Moscow

Moscow, May 1.—A sample of Soviet Russia's armed might paraded today under a modern umbrella of bomber and jet planes in a brilliant May Day show for Premier Stalin and more than a million spectators.

Foreign observers said the air armada was the greatest Russian flying spectacle since the end of the war. It was led by the premier's son, Lt. Gen. Vassily Stalin.

Generalissimo Stalin, looking fit on the rostrum overlooking Red Square, heard Gen. S. M. Shtemenko, chief of the Army General Staff, warn "warmongers" that Soviet armed forces stood ready to resist aggressors.

"Warmongers, the formation of aggressive blocs, the creation of armed bases around the Soviet Union and the people's democracies, and military provocations," Shtemenko said, "do not scare the Soviet Union."

Foreign air attaches said this was the first time twin-engine jet planes have appeared in any Soviet air show. They also observed this was the first time the air force had displayed as many as 64 four-engine bombers. In an air parade last November there were 22 such bombers. Last May, Day there were less than a dozen of the sky giants.

Kelly-Grothaus to Be Married on June 3

Mrs. Maurine Kelley of Bryan has announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Miss Donna Kelley, to Fred E. Grothaus, son of Mrs. B. F. Grothaus of San Diego, California. The marriage will be an event of June 3rd.

Grothaus, a sanitary engineering major, is commander of "A" Flight, Air Force in the A&M Corp of Cadets.

Official Notice REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Some of our students are making plans to attend the 1950 Summer Session in some art or college or university. Such students should check with the Registrar's Office to make sure that work completed elsewhere is acceptable in transfer to A&M.

Courses will not be accepted in transfer for degree credit unless they are substantially equivalent in character and extent. They normally offered at the same level and for which essentially the same prerequisites as similar courses offered at this college. Students who fail a course in any subject and subsequently take such course or subsequent courses in the same subjects at another college may be required to pass validating examinations in such course or courses before they will be accepted for transfer toward degree requirements.

H. L. Heaton, Registrar



TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY



Bible Verse

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

—Matthew 10: 28.

DON'T MISS IT! THE YEAR'S BEST ENTERTAINMENT

"O Mistress Mine"

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Just Who's Making How Much . . .

Management Survey Gives Data on Graduate Salaries

By CHARLES KIRKHAM

By looking over the wage survey data on engineering graduates, engineering students usually remark to themselves, "Hm, the average graduate in such and such a field makes this much after three years in the outside world, and I should easily double that amount within three years."

We have received data on a wage survey made by the Management Engineering Department. The Man E Department mailed questionnaires to each of 214 graduates, and received replies from 103 of them.

Based on results of nearly half of the Man E graduates, these

general conclusions can be drawn:

Average Salaries

The average annual salary of Man E graduates of over two years is \$4,505. Graduates from a year to 15 months are making \$3,692. Graduates of less than a year are averaging \$3,270 a year.

The "high's" and "low's" in each of those brackets varied considerably. Take the "over two year group" for an example. One man reported an annual salary of \$15,000. He owns a third interest in a lumber company and a construction firm. His salary jumped the average of his bracket by around \$900.

The other brackets enjoyed

spreads of from \$2,000 to \$2,500 per year. The low man reporting in the "over two year group" said he earned a yearly salary of \$3,068.

Trend Reflected

Starting salaries also reflect an interesting trend. Less than a year graduates reported their average starting salary as \$3,145. The "over one year and less than 15 months" group reported \$3,200 as the average. Fifteen months to two years said their starting salary average was \$3,420. The "over two-year group" averaged \$2,857.

A quick look at the returned forms (sender's names are kept confidential in the Man E office) shows 30 reported that they had changed companies after their first job, while 68 are still working for the same company which hired them upon graduation. The data shows that 62 have changed original job assignments and 41 report no change. These figures are not broken down into brackets and many of those who have not changed from their original job assignments have been employed less than a year.

Thumbing through the data sheets it is interesting to note that most of the \$6,000-a-year men (and higher salaries) are sales engineers working on some sort of commission basis.

And after digesting the data of the Man E wage survey the student engineer may well sigh, "One of these days I'll be a statistic."

Interpreting the News . . .

Allies See Good Omen In Peaceful May Day

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR. AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

The passage of May Day without serious trouble in Berlin is being looked at hopefully in Allied circles as a possible omen for May 28, when the Russian-sponsored youth movement in the Eastern zone will stage a mass demonstration which once looked like it might become a putsch to take over all of the city.

Definite putsch threats followed the original announcement of the May 28 program, but since then there have been denials that any overt act is planned.

Allied circles have remained nervous, however, over both the May 1 and May 28 prospects. Troops were alerted and specially trained for street fighting. The whole atmosphere has been one of extreme tension.

The Communist-controlled East German police exhibited a definite desire yesterday to avoid clashes, falling back before the relatively minor attack by West Germans rather than run the risk of a riot by retaliating against taunts and stones.

This might indicate a mere desire to make May 1 a rehearsal and await the real day. But somehow or other it gives the impression that the West is not ready for the showdown which some of the more heated German communists promised for later in the month.

One aspect of the May Day demonstrations in Berlin is curiously symbolic of the situation on the two sides of the iron curtain.

In the Russian zone there was a great Hitler-like show, conducted with military precision. Hundreds of thousands of people went through their paces in rehearsed pageantry. Everything was in order, and the odor of regimentation

was strong. On the western side the people straggled to the meeting place as though going to a picnic. It was a free-will demonstration of anti-Communism; hardly more than a soap-box rally, though of gigantic size, and breaking up after only an hour and a half of speechmaking.

The Communist demonstration, on the other hand, was a time program running through the day and into the night.

Behind this focal point of contact between the opposing forces of the cold war, in the "zones of interior" where the strategy is mapped and the supplies amassed, the situations were much the same. On the allied side free peoples banding together voluntarily, but straggling greatly at times because of their own diverse interests. On the Russian side, singleness of purpose and of method.

Kyle Portrait To Be Given to A&M

A&M College will be presented an oil portrait of Dean E. J. Kyle at 2 p. m. Thursday in the YMCA.

The portrait, done by the noted painter, Seymour M. Stone, of Houston and Ft. Worth is being presented by friends of Dean Kyle from throughout the Southwest. A reception will follow the presentation in the south solarium.

Kyle, the first dean of the School of Agriculture at A&M, is former United States ambassador to Guatemala. He was head of the athletic committee at A&M when Kyle Field was set aside for athletic activities. He and Mrs. Kyle now live in Bryan.

History Professors Honored at Meet

Dr. Ralph W. Steen, professor of history, was elected fourth vice-president of the Texas State Historical Association at their fifty-fourth annual meeting in Austin, April 27-29.

The meeting began with the opening of the Eugene C. Barker Texas History Center. Thursday afternoon, April 27, at the University of Texas. This center is housed in the old main library building on the University Campus and was named in honor of the "dean" of Texas historians. Among the numerous contents of the center are 45,000 books and more than 2,000,000 pages of manuscripts, transcripts, and photostats dealing with Texas history.

Dr. J. M. Nawro, assistant professor of history presented a paper on "General Adrian Wolf's Campaign in Texas, 1842" to the meeting Saturday morning, April 29.

Chancellor and Mrs. Gibb Gilchrist were among the guests at the meeting.

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LAST DAY
"Whirlpool"
STARTS WED.
Robert Taylor
Elizabeth Taylor
in
"Conspirator"

Campus

LAST DAY
FIRST RUN
Features Start—
1:25 - 3:35 - 5:40 - 7:50 - 10:00

"Please Believe Me"

WED. thru SAT.
FIRST RUN
Features Start—
1:50 - 3:20 - 5:05 - 6:45 - 8:25 - 10:00

QUEEN
LAST DAY
"Guilty Bystander"

WED. - THURS.
The Greatest...
OF ALL TRUE-TO-LIFE Best Sellers

Samson and Delilah
CECIL B. DE MILLE'S MASTERPIECE

DRIVE-IN Theatre
TONITE
Fred MacMurray - in
"BORDERLINE"

QUEEN
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BARRICADE
A STORY FULL OF FIGHT AND FURY!
Color by TECHNICOLOR
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