

# Battalion Editorials

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## Beware SWC, A&M Is Back . . .

Ten years ago today on Kyle Field, the A&M football team was preparing itself for its opening game with Texas A&I who was supposed to possess one of the stronger teams in this portion of the country and was rated number six in the nation.

Of course, spirit was running high all over the campus, and it seemed as if the National Champions would have another terrific year, although no one knew how the Cadets would fair against A&I who the week before handed San Jose its first defeat in forty years.

No one knew what was in store the coming weekend, but the team continued working, the coaches teaching, and the Twelfth Man worked harder than ever.

Today, we are faced with a somewhat similar problem.

For the first time since '47, A&M won its opening game and with the largest score

since the same year. At the present time, the moral of the team is at high tide, and the same can be said for the student body.

No one could have appreciated the welcome which they received Sunday night at Easterwood Airport more than the seniors on the Cadet grid team. These men have seen few victorious days, in their years of varsity play, but have consistently worked hard.

"This makes me want to win more games", was the most that anyone could say when the freshmen carried the players from the plane to the bus.

Our coaches are among the best, our players better than the majority, and the Twelfth Man can now show that he can never be outdistanced no matter what may happen to the others.

And it paid off in '40, when A&M defeated the Texas A&I Javelinas, 26-0.

## The Multiple Dangers of Peace . . .

Perhaps it sounds foolish to speak of the danger of peace, but that is exactly what our country faces, or is likely to face in the near future.

Barring unexpected developments, warfare in Korea other than guerrilla activity will probably be finished within three to six months. That is not a prediction, but seems to be the consensus of informed military opinion.

So, supposing we do wind up our Korean fighting that soon. Russia then has two choices: She can start another fire somewhere else in the world—Indonesia, for instance—in the belief that we will rush to put it out as we did in Korea, or she can sit back and see what we do.

Now, if Russia wants major war, she has learned in Korea that she can get it, the more she pushes, the more we prepare.

Russia knows that, and it is quite possible, or even probable, that she will decide to write off Korea as a bad idea, and then behave like a woolly lamb. She may even launch a phony "peace offensive," knowing that she can find fools in the free nations to beat the drums for it.

The hard question is: What do we do in that case?

Do we grab at the chance to return our far and easy existence, eating butter and for-

gettin guns? We will be so tempted, and you can depend on hearing a lot of loud propaganda for that course. The dollar-first people will go for that, and they will sing us a pretty song. It will be hard to resist, because we all like butter better than guns.

Or, do we follow the cold, clear light of logic and refuse to slow in any way our preparation for the conflict that must inevitably come? We all know in our hearts that it must come, or freedom must finally die.

Well, answer the question in your own terms. How do you feel about it? Are you willing to have the armed services take more and more men, including yourself perhaps? Are you willing to pay higher taxes, to put up with either inflation or government controls, to do without such things as new cars and refrigerators?

That isn't an easy question. Millions of Americans have either dodged it or answered in the negative since the fighting began in Korea. How many will refuse when we aren't fighting anywhere?

Unfortunately, the future of our children and their children depends on how correctly and how vigorously we answer that question. We must decide whether they are to be slaves or free men.

—Temple Daily Telegram.

## The Nobel Peace Prize for a Noble American . . .

Dr. Ralph Bunche, the United Nations mediator who brought an end to conflict in the Holy Land, has set an example for all ambitious American Negroes. Last Friday, the Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded him the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize for his work in Palestine. Dr. Bunche is the first Negro ever to win a Nobel Prize.

Count Folke Bernadotte of Sweden, who laid the ground work for the Jewish-Arab Palestine Agreements, was assassinated in 1948 and Dr. Bunche took up his work immediately. Soon afterward, he effected an armistice that ended the civil war between the Arabs and the Jews that followed World War II.

Although the Peace Prize amounts to

about \$23,000 this year, the real value of the prize is an intangible thing. This intangible thing is compounded of the respect of all the peace-loving people of the world, a commendation of a job well done, and the thankfulness of hundreds of mothers who would have lost sons if the war had continued.

Everyone knows that the Negro does not have the equal rights that he should have in the United States. But by winning the Peace Prize, Dr. Bunche has pulled the teeth of the vile propaganda disseminated by both foreign Communists and their American counterparts such as Paul Robeson. Besides the United States, where else in the world could the grandson of Negro slaves rise to such international fame?

## The Battalion

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

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## Some Things Considered...

## In Answer to 'We Stand Corrected'

By CLAYTON L. SELPH

If you have as much as 20 hours, you know what prerequisites are. Today, this column has a prerequisite—the letter just to the right of where you're reading now.

It was not our plan to begin the year by answering a "Letter to the Editor," but today's letter was a little too enticing. Perhaps you will excuse us for getting off to such a rude start. Perhaps you won't.

Mr. Virgil M. Faires, head of Post Graduation Studies and the Management Engineering Department:  
Sir, we apologize. And after a few words explaining our feelings toward Post Graduation Studies, we would like to offer an explanation.

First, we, too, think that Post Graduation Studies, not to mention yourself, deserve praise for its efforts to broaden the A&M graduate's knowledge of those things which make living a greater pleasure. Far be it from us to oppose any effort to make our students better fitted to live in a world that needs more people who know "how to live" and less who know "how to make money."

Perhaps, through your work and that of others who recognize a need for greater education in the humanities, our college will be influenced to alter its objectives. Then a student will learn how to live instead of how to "make a living."

But we digress. On to our explanation.  
You, like many another Battalion reader, have probably never stopped to consider the difficulties involved in trying to be a student and produce a daily newspaper at the same time. Quite often we are not students, we just attend classes—irregularly.

At the beginning of each year we suffer a shortage of staff members. It is not until the third or fourth week that we have a staff of sufficient size to do the job.

Some four or five of our department editors have been putting your paper out this week, almost singlehanded. It was one of those same editors who, being a little weary at about 2 a. m., was willing to let the word "Post-Grad" go by in a headline because it fit well.

He felt that Post Grad was sufficient because a headline is not meant to tell the whole story. Sometimes, it is necessary to abbreviate headlines to a critical point.

However, in the story we noted that the words "Post Graduate Studies" had been used. We cannot excuse that. It should not have been there.

As for your suggestion that we use the initials PGS, we agree. Forever after, it shall be.

As a final thought, we call your attention to the Religious Education Department. At the beginning of each semester they buy advertising space in The Battalion to publicize their courses.

Surely, we thought, since we are giving Mr. Faires a free advertisement by listing all the courses offered in residence by PGS, he will not complain. We were wrong.

You are fighting a good fight for a good cause, Mr. Faires. We hope that this "defense" has not offended you. Your letter did not offend us. We hope to be hearing from you again, soon.

"Fifteen" for PGS.

## A&M Film Slowed By Lack of Money

By GEORGE CHARLTON

Money, money, who's got money?  
The Senior Class wants to know. Quite a bit of that crisp, green stuff is needed for the Class of '51's project for the year—the production of a technicolor motion picture depicting student life on the A&M campus.

So far, \$2,000 has been allocated from Exchange Store funds for the film, with a stipulation attached—money must be returned if not enough cash were raised to pay complete costs of the production. The San Antonio Mother's Club has joined the cause by donating \$100, and over \$200 was netted last Spring on key deposits.

At that time, persons who turned in room key receipts were requested by the Film Committee to donate their remitted dollars to a fund for furthering the project.

And last August, the Fiscal Committee of the Association of Former Students met and turned down a request for money. Consequently, former student organizations throughout the state are being contacted for donations, according to Jim Kadel, member of the senior class committee.

Other active members of the committee this year are David Haines, Carroll SoRelle, and Gail Brundrett. Chairman Brundrett has recently sent letters to A&M Mother's clubs requesting money. These four have been working and planning for the movie since a Junior Class meeting last March when the project was chosen unanimously.

Since then, 800 ft. of colored 16 mm. film taken on the campus has been assembled. This film belongs to the Fisher Film Company of Denton.

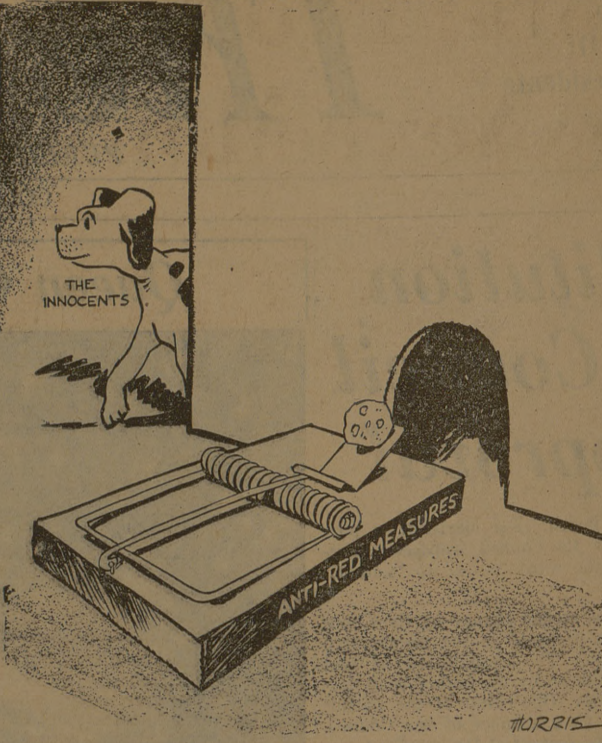
As a part of last year's Mothers' Day activities, the 800 feet of colored film was shown to parents in a special program in the YMCA Cabinet Room. One lady, Mrs. C. A. Gilbert who is president of the A&M Mothers' Club was so pleased by the showing that she put up a special proposal to support the project. The proposal passed, and eventually should provide a large portion of money for the project.

Purposes of the film will be to emphasize and educate a great

## Dr. Artecona to Head Latin American Club

Dr. Guillermo Artecona was elected president of the Latin American Club at an election held recently. Vice president for the coming year is Gonzalo Canasico; treasurer will be Jose Barragan, and Juan Cubria will be secretary. Dr. Walter Delaplane, head of the economics department was elected sponsor of the club.

## IF ONLY THE WRONG PARTY DOESN'T GET HURT!



## 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 wishing 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.)

### We Stand Corrected

Editors, The Battalion:

Concerning the article about POST GRADUATION STUDIES in your issue of September 21, may I call your attention to a slight inaccuracy which has to do with the use of the words "post graduate" and "post graduation." Since there are others who fail to make the proper distinction between the words as we use them, this correction should be of interest to many others on the Campus.

"Post graduate work" is college work which comes after graduation, and it has the very strong connotation of being advanced work of a specialized nature. By it, we nearly always mean that the work represents a more intensive study of the advanced phases of some particular field.

"Post graduation" also means "after graduation," but in Post Graduation Studies, it does NOT mean further intensive and advanced studies. To avoid unnecessary confusion, I would like to suggest that POST GRADUATION STUDIES be referred to for short as PGS, rather than "post-grad" something. PGS has an entirely different objective from that of post graduate work. Instead of aiming at greater specialization, PGS aims at a broadening of one's knowledge in the humanities and social sciences. We want to make our graduates into better informed citizens and therefore to prepare them for greater social and business responsibilities.

Moreover, expanding a statement in your article, I think it can be said that A&M is the only accredited college in the world which offers its graduates an opportunity to get another degree by correspondence courses only.

With this slight commercial, I am,  
V. M. Faires, Head  
Post Graduation School

## Air Force Changes Unit Designations

Air Force units have undergone a change in name, Col. Hayden L. Boatner, commandant of the college and PMS&T, has announced.

Units formerly known as flights will be called squadrons to conform with the Air Force designation of units of comparable size. Squadrons will be called groups and groups will be called wings, he said.

Freshmen units 5, 6, 7, 8, and 12 will be called squadrons. Portions of the units formerly called platoons will be called flights in the new renaming program.

### Student Masons Meet

A meeting of Student Masons will be held in Room 28 of the Civil Engineering Building at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday. Members from any place are invited to attend.

Night school classes in Shorthand, Typing and Bookkeeping will begin October 16 at 7 p. m. For further information call 3-6655.

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