

Battalion Editorials

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Ours, All Ours

CUSSED AND DISCUSSED from the first time Gutenberg first pressed ink on a piece of paper is the newspaper. It becomes the brunt of jokes, ridicule—but let the state try and take away the right of the press to print what it sees. This is illustrated in the rucus that is going on in Washington now because of the administrative memo passed out by the President.

But regardless of the point of view, Newspapers are here to stay. We are even getting the same recognition afforded to the National Cat Club—We have a week devoted to Newspapers.

On the light side of this great honor the Newspapers of America have received, we print this interpretation of what a newspaper office is.

A Newspaper Office Is Where People:

- Call for game scores
- Call for information
- Call for answers to foolish questions occurring during drinking bouts
- Call for free publicity
- Call for the time
- Call for weather, forecasts
- Call, Call, Call
- Sometimes where news is written and people buy a paper.

High Holies Try Proletariat Life

THE HOLINESS of the president was questioned recently when the Senate approved an idea eliminating income tax exemptions for the President and Congress. We hope the House will fall in line on this constructive measure.

As one Texas newspaper put it "There is no sound reason why any of the pay and allowances for other than actual public business should not experience the deep cut of the income tax collector, whose powers and performances are created by Congress."

It is quite possible the Congress is trying to put up a show—and follow it up with a substantial increase in its own salary. This line of reasoning brings up two points to consider.

First, irregardless of the motives, the men in the driving seats will have a chance to feel what is like to have a tax collector staring down his bank book.

Second, if the men in Congress do give themselves a raise—good. We cannot expect a man to starve or enter anything similar to a monastery just because he is working for the people. You can't get around the basic capitalistic theory—you have to pay top wages to get the top men.

This could present a problem. Congress while setting up a new salary boost could set the figure out of proportion to their value. But irregardless of the outcome, we can always say "Well we put them there."

Saturday Job for Dobin

THE THRILL of seeing your favorite nag heave into the homestretch and win the derby is coming back to Texas. At the Hunt County Fair in Greenville they are reviving the old horse racing custom of the county fair. The big difference in this one and the ones that used to be run in Texas is that para mutual betting is out.

The experiment may help to show that racing can be revived as a sport, without organized gambling. As some of us will remember as we pass Arlington Downs near Dallas, para mutual was outlawed in Texas about 15 years ago.

Going back into the history of Texas we find that horse racing was a recognized sport—and this was before the \$2 window was built. Maybe there is a chance for the ponies to come back and become the "Sport of Kings" without the blot of organized betting.

The Battalion

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

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October 3, 1951

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(These ballots are to be turned in to the office of Student Activities not later than 5 p.m. Thursday, October 4, 1951.)

LETTERS

Quiet Corps

Editor, The Battalion:
Men, we won a ball game Saturday night. I said WE, but actually the 12th Man had little if anything to do with it!

For the benefit of those who did not attend, I'll explain what I mean. We arrived at the stadium several minutes after the kickoff because of the traffic snarl; except for the PA system you would never have suspected that an Aggie game was in progress, for the usual roar of a spirited 12th man was completely absent.

But this is only the beginning—the vast majority neither talked the game nor wildcatted on the snap of the ball. The yell leaders were forced to plead for a little noise rather than seek to quiet the 12th man.

Some of us who have been around for a while can remember the bleak days of the fall of '49 when every Saturday was a heart-breaker—but the team didn't quit and neither did the 12th man. Well, men, the first 11 men did their job Saturday night, but we of the 12th failed miserably in ours. Who failed? Every last senior, junior, sophomore, and fish who left the Cotton Bowl still able to talk.

After the ball game I heard no "Beat the Hell outa OU" nor even "Gig Em" echoing from the streets of Dallas; for "Big D" lay as quiet and dead as a cemetery almost as if the "AGGIE SPIRIT" were buried there. Beat the Hell outa OU.

Bruce M. Miller '52
Al Thorpe '52

Red's Second Birthday Said To Be a Flop

Hongkong, Oct. 2.—(AP)—From this far eastern listening post, it sounds as though Red China's second birthday party was a flop.

The anniversary propaganda ground out by the controlled Red radio and press before and during yesterday's celebration seemed to lack the fire of the past.

The usual self praise that marks Red China's state celebrations sounded flat and forced.

Even the main speech, by Red Army Commander Gen. Chu Teh, lacked the usual virtuosic Communist propaganda utterances. It contained nothing new.

People who try to take the Red temperature from Hong Kong felt that it was low this year. They got the impression that the Reds sounded dispirited and tired.

If these surmises are correct it is because of the Korean war, which appears to have become a burden to the Chinese, heavier and heavier with each dragging month.

General Chu said: "We must continue our struggle of resistance against America in Korea and our struggle for a Japanese peace treaty that is universally acceptable and our struggle to safeguard world peace."

All three points are such threadbare propaganda subjects in Red China that few people will pay much attention to them, even though so powerful a figure as Chu Teh utters them on so important a day as the second Peiping birthday.

Chu also called for intensified rearmament of Red China to liberate Formosa, where Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists are holding out.

The Reds have been mounting that threat so long that nobody pays much attention to it.

The report of a Chinese newspaperman here seems to sum up the general reaction. He said: "They should either do it or stop talking about it."

The only thing different about Chu's threat against Formosa is the call for "intensive rearmament." This is the first time a Red leader has said that the Communists intend to re-arm to take the Nationalist island stronghold.

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LFL ABNER That's a Lot of Territory



Sweetheart Chances Enlarged By Two Selection Groups

Who and what will be the Aggie Sweetheart this year. This is the question that is going around the coffee and cigarette circuits here.

The thing that keeps this from being the run of the mill type thing is that both the senior class and the student senate both think they should name the Aggie Beauty.

But will this be the end of it. If the senior class and the student senate both select a queen, what is to prevent some of the other student organizations from making the same choice.

Take for instance: what if the North Zulch hometown club took the position that since the Aggie Sweetheart is the sweetheart of all of the students, it is up to them to pick her.

Turkey Trot's Contribution

At the same time the Turkey Trot Club, members come from Turkey Trot and the surrounding East Texas country feel they should make the selection.

This process could go on for eternity and the annual Aggie Sweetheart selection could become an affair as large as the annual Cotton Ball.

Just think . . . Two Cotton Balls in the same year. The possibilities are unlimited.

But then the problems start coming in. The administration at TSCW makes arrangements for the selection committee to eat and sleep. What would they do if there were 1,897.4 different selection committees com-

ing out of A&M. Before they went broke they would either commit hari-kari or stop the whole thing.

Senior Man vs Senator

Think of the possibilities here on the campus. We can divide up into two factions (more later). Half of the men could be in favor of the senior class making the choice. The other part would back the Student Senate Social Committee.

This would become the first big argument of the year and if handled properly would rival the A&M-TU football game.

But how would the girls take it? Just think of all of the thrilled Tessies, if 1,897.4 girls were named the Sweetheart of A&M.

The TSCW Annual would have to publish a supplement just to handle the extra pages usually devoted to the Aggie sweetheart.

Legislative Sweetheart

Now if we could cause enough turmoil on the campus, it would rival anything we have ever had here. The state legislature would come down to make a selection of the selection committee. At this point the men making the investigation could make up their own selection committee and name the Aggie Sweetheart. Just think—a Sweetheart selected by the government. It would make us feel like Henry VII when he had his bride chosen for him by the state.

It all becomes so wonderfully involved we have to just stop and think about it.

Dewey Heads Draft Ike Move

Gatlinburg, Tenn., Oct. 2.—(AP)—A drive headed by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York to enlist Westerners in a draft-Eisenhower campaign was under way here today at the 43rd annual governor's conference.

Meanwhile Dewey was scheduled to preside at a round-table discussion today on social security and welfare at which Oscar R. Ewing, federal security administrator, was listed as a speaker. Dewey and Ewing have not agreed in the past on some social security problems.

Dewey was busy beforehand with efforts to enlist as many western Republican governors as possible in a campaign to land Dwight D. Eisenhower as the 1952 Republican presidential nominee. Eisenhower's principal strength now lies in the East—in New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

The New York governor was reported to have conferred with governors Dan Thornton of Colorado, Howard J. Pyle of Arizona, Edwin L. Mechem of New Mexico, C. Norman Brunstede of North Dakota, and Arthur B. Langlie of Washington.

These conferences were said by some who attended to have produced Thornton as the only out-and-out supporter of Eisenhower in the West, with the exception of Gov. Edward F. Arn of Kansas. The others were reported to have expressed interest in the general but to have suggested that some tangible evidence of his candidacy be produced.

As an upshot, there were suggestions that Thornton accompany Senator Duff (R-Pa) to Europe this fall to talk with Eisenhower and bring back to the Republican governors any message that might be obtained. Duff apparently expects to get a clearance from the general for a country-wide campaign in Eisenhower's behalf.

Arn denied any knowledge of a purported plan calling for Eisenhower's return to this country to be a guest at the annual Kansas Day celebration in that state next Jan. 29.

Candidates' Platforms

No promises fellows, honest! With this fifty words I want to thank and say say howdy to the AGGIES who campaigned or voted for me and say howdy to the guys who didn't.

Monty Montgomery

I believe that the student senate is one of the very few means that the students at A&M have to let the "administration" know what the students want and how the students feel. If I am elected I will represent the students to the best of my ability.

Bobby Jones
Dorm 12

If elected to this office I will try to fulfill the following plus other numerous things that I believe will help A&M:

- (1) Better Medical care
- (2) Better seating system at Kyle Field
- (3) Better car parking system
- (4) More cooperation from non-corps members in yell practices and carrying out Aggie Traditions.

J. Don Lyles
At Large

I can not promise a chicken in every pot and a television set in each apartment in College View; but I will promise to serve as a student senator to the best of my ability if I am elected as your representative from College View.

Lawrence R. Tanner

Eugene Smith, 35 U Vet Village, is a fifth year petroleum and geological engineering student from San Antonio. He is a married veteran of the class of 1949 and wishes to represent Vet Village in the Student Senate, using "Your Wishes Are My Platform" as his slogan.

Every student in College View is married: I am married! Almost every one is a veteran. I am a veteran! (submarine service). Many of the students in College View are fathers: I am a father! (two boys).

If you elect me a senator, I shall try to best serve the interest of all the students of College View.

W. H. "Bill" Morley

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• WATCH FOR YOUR NAME •

Bring This By - - - - It's Yours Free

Pre-Meds Elect Weaver President

Allen Weaver, senior from Bryan, was elected president of Pre-Medical Society at the club's meeting Tuesday night in the Biology Building.

Other officers chosen were John Walker, senior from College Station, vice-president; John Hilderbrand, College Station sophomore, was elected secretary-treasurer. A freshman, Charles Baker of Baytown, was elected reporter and Leroy Bradford was chosen for the post of junior representative to the Arts and Sciences Council. He is from Marlin.

Weaver President

Members of the Advisory Committee and two other guests, Dr. W. J. Dobson and A. B. Medlin, also attended the meeting. The Advisory Committee is composed of Dr. J. P. Abbott, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences; Dr. G. E. Potter and H. L. Gravett of the Biology department; Dr. E. B. Middleton and Dr. C. K. Hancock of the Chemistry department and E. W. Baker of the Physics department.

