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Mud-Slinging Enters Campaigns; Issues Lost

P. WHIPPLE could have been talking of Stevenson are on the court now, each return-L. the present presidential race when he said: "The strife of politics tends to unsettle the calmest understanding, and ulcerate the most benevolent heart . . . There are no bigotries or absurdities too gross for parties to create or adopt under the stimulus of political passions."

nacular, "He who slingeth mud on me, will get some in return."

I dare do all that may become a man; Who dares do more is none.—Shakespeare

Politics Take **Backseat Soon**

AN \$18,235 EXPENSE account, that mess in Washington, control of the tidelands, and the war in Korea are the news making the headlines today.

But there is another item that now is attracting as much reader interest as those front-page stories-the hot pennant races in the major leagues, and the coming world series. Americans should be thankful they have such a wonderful pastime to take their minds off the problems that are continually facing them in their everyday life.

With both leagues taking until the final week of the race to come up with a champion, the majors have provided a campaign close enough to thrill any sports enthusiast. With the World Series coming up next week, even the torrid presidential race will have to step aside for a week while the Bums from Brooklyn battle either the Bronx Bombers or New York or the Tribe from Cleveland.

No matter who the Dodgers play, the man on the street will be enjoying his first respite between the summer's nominating conventions and November's general elections.

And he needs it.

It is easy to tell when you're on the wrong road. You hardly ever see any detour sings.—Anonymous

Long Awaited **Dream---Reality**

WHO SAYS FIVE years at A&M was wasted?

For many of the architecture students or petroleum engineering majors or campus-life majors, a change worth waiting for is here.

ing mud balls - some in the forms of lobs other in smashes.

Nixon used \$75,000 of the GOP party's funds to explain an \$18,235 expense account he was given long ago. His radio and television broadcasts were carried across the nation. The public answered by phone calls Translated to the politician's common ver- and telegrams to Republican Party headquarters everywhere.

Last night, Nixon got together with his Both Sen. Richard Nixon and Gov. Adlai doubles partner, Gen. Eisenhower, and together they probably will formulate tactics which will leave Adlai hurting badly.

Democratic Chairman Stephen Mitchell demanded Ike fire Nixon when the \$18,235 question came before the public. Before the Republican's top man had a chance to answer, GOP leaders delivered a serve of their own: "Stevenson had a fund from which state employes' salaries were supplemented."

Nixon brought this out in his speech and also hit Sen. Sparkman, the Democratic vice presdential hopeful. The Californian said the Alabaman has kept his wife on government payroll, and that was all right. But Sparkman should, Nixon continued, come before the American public and explain what outside sources of income he might have had.

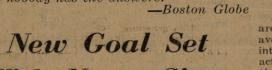
Issues have ceased to be the question in Robert Walker in the Communist formance. Due to his untimely the voting public's mind. The campaign has party, in a sincere cinema effort death before the movie was finish-to show the dangers of Red in-ed, several of "My Son John's" passed that stage.

Voters will cast their ballots in a manner which William Bennett Munro described of a red blooded family who would Walker also starred. many years ago.

He said: "People vote their resentment, Consequently, he becomes a Com-robbed the screen of one of its not their appreciation. The average man munist and joins the enemy spy greatest young actors. does not vote for anything, but against some- ring. When he finally sees the er thing."

Too bad . . . it's true.

An educated man is one who has finally in its final revision into second discovered that there are some questions to childhood. discovered that there answers. which nobody has the answers. _____Boston Globe

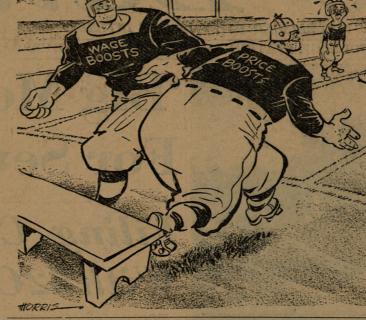


With Name Signs

MAROON and white signs have gone up on seventeen buildings throughout the campus, naming the course of study taught in with their own enthusiasm causthese various halls of learning.

Now, only one thing remains to be done. slapstick comedy. By cataloguing That is for the signs to stay up. Some student may cogitate the brilliant idea that one athletes or American Legionnaires, of these signs would look better in his room "My Son John" substitutes realism than in its proper place on the side of the for ridiculous generalizations. building.

We hope he stops first to think that these work instead of merely a group Editors, The Battalion: name-signs were not put up for the benefit. of of freshmen trying to learn the names of trying to muscle into labor unions. article on one of our freshmen who the buildings on the campus, but instead for the enlightment of A&M visitors.



ARTS AND DARTS My Son 'Red' Has **Communist Threat**

By JERRY BENNETT **Battalion Amusements Editor**

("My Son John" starring Robert Walker, Helen Hayes, and Dean Jagger-Paramount-Palace Theatre.) ace Theatre.) Robert Walker, as a sarcastic "My Son John" places the late Red, turns in the show's best per-

filtrations into our society.

final scenes had to be used from Walker portrays the black sheep "Stranger on a Train" in which rather study than scrimmage with Walker's portrayal in these two his two athletic minded brothers. films shows the untimely death ror of his ways, he is in too deep

o pull out. On this relatively simple theme, Cotton Advisory to pull out. Paramount has constructed a movie whose unlimited possibilities Group Plans Meet for adult entertainment are lost

Sound Principles

Although the films principles are sound and its theme above average, "My Son John" loses its intended punch by too much over sugar coated ending.

Helen Hayes and Dene Jagger both turn in moving performances which advises the main committee, but often become carried away ing several scenes to border on Communists as intellectuals and all patriotic Americans as

For once Communists are por-

ganizations and religious societies.

200.32 while expenditures totaled

\$147,100.41.

Incomes ammounted to \$167,-

Last year 2,138 of these services

were supervised, in addition to the payroll, he added. Approximately

2000 deposits were made in this

banking service, Hardesty said.

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THE AGGIE-NIZER

Spence St. Gets New Re-Topping

By JOEL AUSTIN **Battalion** Co-Editor

HATS OFF! Sound the trumpets! Spence St. is being repaved.

Seems as though the wheels of progress were rolling long before we realized. In Tuesday's paper we asked something be done about the terrible condition of Spence St. Work started Monday to completely repair the road. How's that for results.

We have word from Howard Badgett, manager of physiplants for A&M that a new hard top street will be finished in the next few weeks.

How many years have we been waiting for repairs to this particular street which runs between the "new" corps dormitories and the golf course?

Badgett says the long delay was due to much wrangling between the top wheels about another street which is to be built within the next year near Spence St.

It will be a continuation of the concrete street which runs behind the System Administration Building. Money has already been appropriated, but decision of where it will be built is still pending.

Cars, Drivers to Enjoy New Street

With the new hard top on Spence St., students won't be so ashamed to drive their cars down it as in the past when it was good for nothing more than a testing ground for people who wanted to find rattles in their cars. As one student commented before repair work began, "It has so

many patches you can't find the original pavement."

The street will not have a topping of too permanent a nature, since it will be torn up as soon as the concrete street is com-pleted in the next year or two. But Badgett assures us it will be more than adequate to safely handle traffic until the new street is completed.

We were assured by Badgett that the pipe line being put underground from the new athletic plant out to the northeast edge of the campus will not disrupt traffic during home football game It was our prediction that the line would progress to the vicinity of Kyle Field about the time of the games.

He says if the ditch digging does get that far before football season is over we can be sure that streets will be left open for traffic.

Seniors Should Watch 'Selves

A&M students always stand out when they wear uniforms anywhere off the campus. They don't stand out for reasons our friends at Forty Acres might think of, but with their distinctive uniforms, it is fairly easy to spot an Aggie when you see one.

In Houston Saturday night many boisterous Aggies cele-brated all over town after A&M defeated University of Houston. But they let their enthusiasm run away with their pride of appearance.

Many seniors were seen walking down Houston streets and in hotel lobbies with their ties loosened and sleeves rolled part way up.

It may be a senior privilege to do things like this, but it also points to just the kind of senior class we may have. What good is a "Keep off the Grass" campaign if seniors walk on it, yet make underclassmen stay off. These things are made

senior privileges supposedly to keep the underclassmen, at least, from doing them.

The seniors have their preogative to supposedly do as they please. All they are doing is displaying the authority of being a senior. The same goes with wearing of the uniform in public. Seniors like to take advantage of this new privilege, but they are hurting no one but themselves and the reputation of our corps. Several people not enrolled in A&M commented about the poor

appearance of many cadets. Don't think they aren't aware of how you look at all times. It would pay for you to also be that way.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS Houston Fight Has 'New' Story '

(Editor's note: the following stepped up, and wanted to know is the story submitted by these what was going on. Don Joyce

A&M will be host to the National Cotton and Cottonseed Advisory Committee to the U. S. Department of Agriculture Sept. 25, 26, Acting Director R. E. Patterson has announced.

Some of the best known Texas acting, hackneyed misrepresenta- and out-of-state research leaders tions on the character of Commun- in the field of cotton and cottonists and patriots, and a standard seed will take part in the meeting, he said.

The technical sub-committee, will also meet at College Station for the two-day period, Dr. Patterson said.

Although this point goes far in

showing how dangerous Commun-

ists can be to a democratic society,

Walker's final act of reforming in favor of mother love and the stars

and stripes seems rather unlikely.

Even the seniors, juniors and sophomores' dreams are coming true. This doesn't affect freshmen.

Long debated and longer awaited paving of Spence St. (the old hole-filled trail behind the New Area dormitories) is now underwav

Life is worth living.

If the signs that recently have been put up during this experimental stage stay where they are, then the Office of Physical Plants will tag all buildings, and will cease to be sion accounts were supervised by dal sheet" tactics of The Houston of the side entrance of the hotel. ing him out. McCarty was taken "nameless."

This is a goal for which to strive.

pinkish American

gangsters We in F Battery have read your supposedly picked a fight in Hous-

Activity Accounts Let me say it's pretty disgusting to us who know what really Total 800 for 51-52 ing to us who know what really happened, to read your blown up article at didn't thick The Potter Eight hundred club and conces- ion would stoop to the cheap "scanthe Student Activities office for Press-especially when the reputhe year 1951-52, according to tation of an Aggie was concerned. Pete Hardesty, business manager. We would at least expect you to These accounts included such get the facts on the situation beitems as unit soft drink machine fore you printed the story. Howfunds', expenditures and incomes terview the Aggie involved or any for home town clubs, technical of the Aggies who witnessed the societies, departmental student orblow

We always thought it was one of the principles of fair play to present both sides of the story. The attached statement is what Since regulations require all or- happened according to ten eyeganization deposits be made with witnesses of the incident.

he Student Activities Office, this Here's to more objective news ing the husky football player back. office performs wide ranges of banking services, Hardesty said. coverage in the future. Signed:

The Girl He Left Behind

Forrest Simmons '53 Chuck Phillips '53 Fred R. Grote '53 Richard Cire '54 Frank Vitrano '54

men as "the actual story" in an incident involving an A&M freshman and a member of the Chicago Cardinals pro football team.)

Returning to the Rice Hotel, a article. I didn't think The Battal- crowd was noticed milling around him to the cement where the lata girl sitting on the curb in front ter's head hit the cement, knock-An upperclassman was in a verbal to the hospital immediately after disagreement with one Mr. Don the police arrived. Mr. Joyce and Joyce, a six-foot-three, 250 pound guard for the Chicago Cardinals, that resulted in the forceable seiz- the scene ever no one has bothered to in- ing of the upperclassman's collar.

A freshman reacted to this act of violence by slapping the offenders hand down. The offender came up to the freshman and said, "Would you like to start something." He put his hand upon the freshman's shoulder and told the freshman not to touch him. The freshman reacted to this by push-

Upon pushing Don Joyce back, one of the five football players hit the freshman, it was not Joyce.

to a squad car and removed from Witnessed by: Allen M. Brandt '56 Charles D. Atherton '56 R. Bruce McCarty '56 Miguel A. Duz '56 Rofo Delahoussaye '56 John D. Sessions '56 Ferdinand Dischler '56

cocked his arm back for another

blow, while freshman Bruce Mc-

Carty, seeing this, put his hands

struck McCarty's face, dropped

a noisy bystander were hurried in-

The force of Joyce's fist, that

up in defense to no avail.

Philip R. Baker '56 Frank Vitrano '56

(Editor's note: Our information came from the Houston Police Department. The officer who made the call related the facts as they were printed in Tuesday's Battalion. Our reporter told the facts as they were told to him by the policeman.)

Joyce regaining his ballance was ready to slug the first thing that stepped in front of him, this happened to be McCarty who had just

27.GASP!! OFF, JEST MIND TH' KISS ONCE, MA'M HONEST







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