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THE BATTALION

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A&M Needs Neglected Great Issues Course

THE "KNOW WHY" will be considered again with the "know how" this year at the University of Texas, but not so at A&M. Reason: Texas has a Great Issues course which will prove the envy of A&M and other comparable schools.

Their theme will be "The Citizen and Civic Responsibilities."

Various Great Issues topics, which attracted 1,500 students the first year offered to them, include "Democratic Ideals and Realities," "Liberal Versus Specialized Education," "Is Secular Society a Good Teacher of Citizenship?," "Political Parties—Vice Or Virtue?," "Moral Responsibility in Government," "The U. S. Or U. N.?" and others.

What does this mean? Texas students

will have the opportunity to fulfill a purpose set forth by the Great Issues course:

"... The primary object of education is to call out thought—not to load the memory—to strengthen the mind and not to crush it under an accumulation of undigested facts."

Students taking the courses "are endeavoring to look at the citizens of 1952 with critical eyes, seeking some evaluation of his maturity in group responsibility and his responses to the demands of a world citizenship."

Here, a Great Issues course was tried. Once, maybe twice. We don't remember. But we do know efforts to stimulate such courses have not been encouraged.

Everyday history is being made. Most of us have lived, and some have fought, through the most destructive war the world has seen. Others may fight and die in one which will surpass it.

Is it wrong for us to know what's going on? Is there a history book which can explain it? Can we depend on wire services for Washington reports or news about the Office of Internal Revenue?

Why can't we have a similar setup as that at the University of Texas? Why couldn't we have the same speakers? Or better ones?

Showing at Guion Hall is "The San Francisco Story," at the Palace "Son of Ali Baba" and the Campus "Dream Boat." This is our outside "thought" stimulant and source.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. —St. John

Joyce Brings 'No Joy', Again

THERE'S ALWAYS a first time. Slingin' Sammy Baugh, 38, coach and football star, completed 11 passes, two for touchdowns and threw a few left and rights at Don Joyce. Joyce is a 250-pound second year tackle from Tulane and recently of fame from his Sept. 21 performance in front of the Rice Hotel.

It was Baugh's first time during 16 seasons of professional football to be given the gate. No statistics are available concerning Joyce's past actions on the field.

The Associated Press reported the incident saying both men were ejected after "a pile up in the fourth period."

Although no mention was made of a woman, one may have been present. The last fight which Joyce had in Houston with Aggies was (many persons say) because of the "respectability of a woman in question" who wanted to take off her shoes.

Proof that Aggies read reports of professional football games was evident by the number of phone calls we received concerning Joyce's latest fracas.

Although it was Baugh's first time, we doubt that it will be Joyce's last.

The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions
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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Sportsmanship

Editors, The Battalion:
The Student Council of Longview High School would like to start a sportsmanship award in our football district. Since you present the plaque in the Southwest Conference, we thought you could give us some information about it.

We would like to know who judges the sportsmanship, the point system by which it is judged,

and whether or not A&M is eligible to win the award. We would appreciate this and any other information as soon as possible.

Caroline Skipper
Student Council
Longview High School
(Editor's note: The information has been forwarded to Miss Skipper.)

Houston Fight

Editors, The Battalion:
Here is another little item about our boy Don Joyce, the 250-pound second year tackle from Tulane, whom everyone seems to enjoy picking on. If you'll note, it's the first time in Sammy Baugh's career that he has been ejected from a game.

Eddie Dansby '53
Willie Minturn '53
W. L. McReynolds '53

(Editor's Note: Readers will remember Don Joyce as one of the dramatic persons of the Houston incident of Sept. 21. See today's editorial column.)

Eisenhower Wins In Local Poll

Eisenhower leads Stevenson by a convincing majority in a poll taken among a representative group of College Station men.

Of the 92 men polled, 69 indicated a preference for Ike, 18 chose Adlai and five were undecided.

Poll tax has been paid by 86 of the men. Only six have not paid their tax yet.

In the last presidential election, 1948, party preference of the men polled was divided about evenly.

Thirty-four voted Republican, 42 voted Democrat, two voted States Rights, and 14 didn't vote.

Foreign Officials Visiting Campus

High-ranking officials from two foreign countries arrived here Sept. 27.

George R. Moule, director of sheep and wool husbandry, of the department of agriculture and stock, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, will spend 11 days visiting part of the A&M College System dealing with animal husbandry.

Hassan Dibayan, liaison man between the Ministry of Agriculture for Iran and Iran's seven year development program, will spend 27 days studying all phases of agricultural extension work and similar programs.

D. A. (Andy) Adam, of the Agricultural Extension Service, arranged individual programs for both Moule and Dibayan.

Junior Colleges Hold Conference

A Junior College Conference will be conducted in the Assembly Room, and Rooms 3B, 3C, 3D, 2C and 2D of the MSC on Oct. 6 and 7. Registration for the conference will be held from 9 to 9 p. m. on Oct. 5, and from 8 a. m. to 12 noon on Oct. 6. The registration fee will be \$1.25 per person.

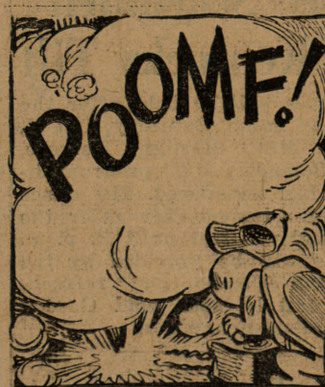
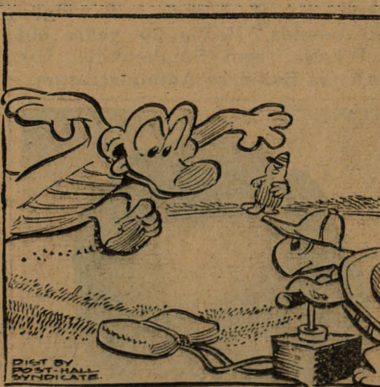
At 12:15 p. m., Oct. 6, a luncheon will be held in Rooms 2C and 2D of the MSC, and there will be held in the Assembly Room of the MSC. Tickets for the luncheon will be \$1.75 per person, and tickets for the dinner will be \$2.25 per person. They may be obtained at the registration desk.

Board Picks Firm To Design School

The A&M Consolidated School Board has named the firm of Cardill, Rowlett, Scott and Associates as the designers and engineers of a new school building, said Les Richardson, superintendent.

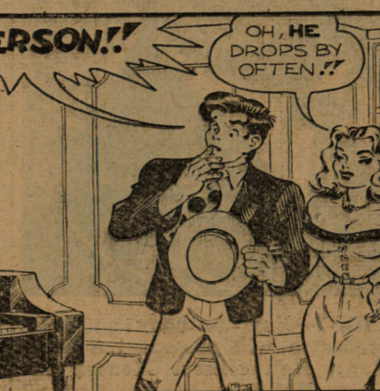
Work already has begun in surveying the Consolidated tract, Richardson added. Probably located behind the present building, the new structure will increase the facilities of the A&M Consolidated School system, Richardson said.

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He's From Missouri



Selective Service College Tests Given Here Dec. 4

Selective Service college qualification tests will be given Thursday, December 4, 1952 and Thursday, April 23, 1953, announced Brig. Gen. Paul L. Wakefield, state draft director.

Tentative plans call for tests to be taken in the Lecture Room of the Electrical Engineering Building, Dr. W. A. Varvel, of the Education and Psychological department will be in charge of giving

the tests. Students whose academic year will end in January 1953 were urged by General Wakefield to take the December test so they will have a test score in their draft board files before the end of the fall semester.

Applicants for the test will mail application blanks to Educational Testing Service, test administrator, in self-addressed envelopes.

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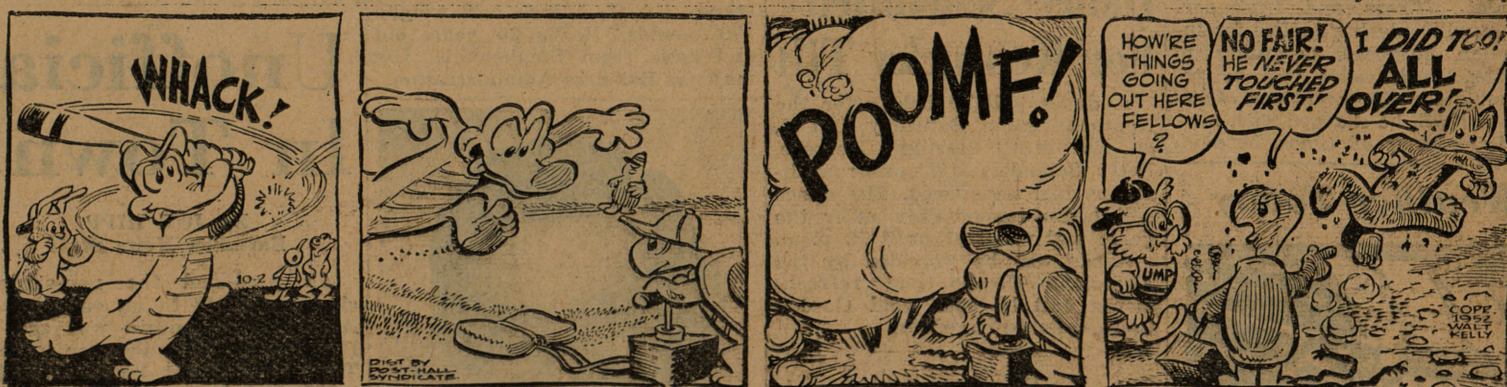
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