

Seating Problem Again Faces Incoming Senate

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS at Kyle Field for the Kentucky game followed the traditional first game confusion.

A need for the signal devices used successfully last season was obvious.

Among these are identification tickets for dates as to the section they should occupy. A different colored card for each class, used with surprising results last fall, could be incorporated.

So much of what is great has sprung from the closeness of the family ties.

J. N. Barrie

Free Vote Makes For Better Citizen

ELECTIONS AT A central polling place at A&M are doing better than expected. Each of the sophomore and junior classes have cast 1/3 the number of ballots as there are members in the classes.

In the past, elections held may have had a larger percentage of students voting, but the method used wasn't always cricket.

The central polling place also pulls more votes than most class meetings have in the past.

Today in a world where freedom is realizing a value above the dollar, a free vote's importance is rising accordingly.

One of the best reasons for the method of election is the lesson it teaches: to keep something the way you want it, you yourself must put out an effort. In this case, going to the polls to vote.

You may publicly support the candidate of your selection or prefer the privacy offered in the new method. Both are available. It is your own personal decision that controls your action. This too, is new.

The privileges of citizenship rightly belong to those who also accept the responsibilities. If we are to support and preserve our heritage of freedom—government of the people—we should be sufficiently interested to exercise our right of franchise.

Thomas Paine once said, "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it."

Students at A&M are beginning to wake up to this fact.

More guides also are needed to control and direct traffic up the ramps at a faster rate to proper sections.

Also traditional, but unenjoyable, was the crowded condition of the better seating sections, caused to some extent by the seating of some former students in the student sections. They should be kept out.

Another point was the seating of both civilian and corps students together. Last fall, each group was seated in equally divided sections, one behind the other allowing the corps, which marches in later, a fairer choice of seats than were available Saturday.

In short, we feel the Student Senate should grasp the seating problems as one of its first assignments. The plan developed and used last year should work again this fall with comparable success.

To slacken the confusion created in the first home game, the senate should have its plan ready before the next event, only 10 days away.

I hold the maxim no less applicable to public than to private affairs, that honesty is the best policy.—Washington.

Action Started On Date Tickets

THE QUESTION of "Why not lower priced date tickets?" may be answered in the near future.

A committee appointed by the Athletic Council is investigating the problem. They expect an answer by their November meeting.

We feel the committee will pry for every possible solution and come up with a fair answer.

Both sides of the problem have merits. The committee should find these. Their report is eagerly awaited by students who feel something could be done.

Well, Well, Well

SEN. LYNDON JOHNSON recently said "it will be 1955 before the United States can consider itself well armed."

We wonder when the U.S. can consider itself well educated.

THE AGGIE-NIZER

A Free Press Necessary Also In Our Colleges

By JOEL AUSTIN
Battalion Co-Editor

I had an opportunity to talk with editors of other South-West Conference newspapers this week at the Sportsmanship Committee meeting in Fort Worth. A natural topic of discussion when college editors get together is censorship by the administration, something which has never been a problem at A&M since I have been here.

It is amazing to find the limitations some college editors are faced with. For example, one school must not take a stand on any issue unless they take the administration's viewpoint. The editor must consult these people to find out which way the paper should lean, regardless of his own way of thinking.

At another school I learned the editor (a girl) took the liberty of hitting at the administration on a certain point which she believed they needed criticism. Since that time her house mother has been unduly hard on her about such things as not wearing a hat to church, and other people employed at the college have made conditions "rough" because she took the liberty of opposing something done by high officials of the college.

Complete Editorial Independence

The Battalion maintains complete independence from officials of the college as to what should go into the editorial columns. This doesn't mean college officials are neglected when items concerning them are publicized. They certainly have an opportunity to present their side of any question, but the editors are always the judges of what goes into The Battalion.

A proposal was made last year by a few men on this campus to set up a publications board with elected members from the student body and appointed members from the college faculty and staff to serve on it.

This board would meet to discuss any editorial viewpoints to be taken by the paper and decide just what stand The Battalion would take on certain issues. Editors of this newspaper would be allowed to be members of the board, but their voice would be only as loud as that of other board members.

Conditions Could Have Been Different

If such a board had been set up things could have been decidedly different this year, but fortunately it never got beyond the planning stage. As it progressed up the levels of authority in our school, someone realized the value of a free paper and stopped action to create an editorial board.

It would be highly unfair to editors of a college newspaper to force them to print something they did not believe in. They must face other readers and take the responsibility for what goes into the paper, regardless of how it gets there. If an editorial board said the paper was going to support doing away with senior boots and other editors didn't want to, how do you suppose they could convince others that boots should be done away with? And if they attempted to, how could they answer to friends who also met the issue with opposition.

Answer For Own Doings

A man should answer for his own doings and not those of a particular board or committee which isn't faced with the everyday problems of printing a newspaper.

Any time the editors of this paper come forth with something that does not meet with your approval, we want to hear from you and your words will be printed in the "Letters to the Editor" column. It is perhaps one of the best read sections of the paper.

After your letter is printed with your name, you must answer to others for anything you said in the letter. But on the other hand, how would you like for someone to tell you what to put in that letter before you wrote it, and then require you to stand the responsibility of what is in it?

Still Free Paper

We are fortunate The Battalion is still a free newspaper and its editorial columns are never read by anyone until the paper is off the press.

I like what President Robert Gordon Sproul of the University of California said after his student daily was in hot water with the university regents last year.

"It's good for students," he says, "to carry full responsibility for the policies and performance of a campus newspaper, and the mistakes they make are not only effective educationally, but are less important than the administration and public think at the time they occur."

In spite of periodic exasperation, I believe it is good for a college or university to have a student body which is encouraged to think for itself by the existence of opportunity to make mistakes. After all, one of the basic freedoms we are all trying to protect is the freedom to criticize and complain—the freedom to 'gripe'."

The Minnesota Daily operates

'Freedom For Student Newspaper'

Presidents Abhor Any Censorship

(Editor & Publisher, trade magazine for newspapers, has conducted surveys among 30 college and university presidents on "How much freedom for the student newspaper?" In accordance with National Newspaper Week, Oct. 1-8, we are presenting these articles, for we feel they concern you, the reader of a free newspaper. The last article printed dealt mostly with the freedom allowable to a student newspaper. Today's is centered on "freedom from censorship, criticism, responsibility," all in accordance with a newspaper's freedom.—The Editors.)

From Editors & Publishers:

MOST OF THE PRESIDENTS, but certainly not all, concur "all possible freedom" to mean freedom from censorship. As Chancellor Henry T. Herald of New York University puts it: "I abhor censorship of the press in any form, and I would give students the same freedom in the conduct of their newspapers as I would expect society to give the press in general."

And President Deane W. Malott of Cornell says, "Quite naturally, the Cornell Daily Sun's editorial efforts are greeted on occasion by less than the wholehearted enthusiasm of the faculty, administration and alumni. Faculty 'censorship' might make for conformity, but that course would lead only to the withering of a healthy force on the campus."

But President Milton S. Eisenhower of Pennsylvania State College believes that "for purposes of promoting accuracy and responsibility in journalism," news and editorial copy should be checked "at times" by the administration.

President Eisenhower believes in "pretty full freedom for the student newspaper provided good judgment, good taste and responsibility are exercised; and the best interests of the college are protected."

Criticism Allowed by Most Presidents

Most of the presidents seem willing to permit student newspaper criticism. Dean of Students Fred H. Weaver, responding for Chancellor R. B. House of the University of North Carolina, believes "A student newspaper not free to criticize would be a travesty of journalism and of education."

And President Irvin Stewart of West Virginia University says, "It

has been my policy to take each criticism seriously and seek the facts underlying the practice leading to the criticism . . . Where the facts do not appear to justify the criticism, we call that to the attention of the student editors. This is not with any view of seeking retractions but merely to see that errors are not perpetuated in succeeding issues."

Student Responsibility Is Essential

A majority of the presidents, however, insist that "student responsibility" is an essential ingredient of such practice, and a number state the principle that "freedom of the student press should be commensurate with its editorial responsibility."

The presidents vary in their interpretation of this "responsibility," and in their estimates of student potential for handling it.

Chancellor Heald of NYU says, "I believe student editors should be granted freedom and autonomy commensurate with their demonstrated ability to think and act as

Sound Conduct of Paper Possible

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Dallas Lawyer Speaks At A&M Consolidated

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Extension Service Fetes New Officers

The Extension Service Club of College Station and Bryan began its 34th year by honoring the new officers with a fashion tea in the MSC Assembly Room Thursday.

Officers being honored were Mesdames Jack T. Sloan, president; Tyrus R. Timm, vice-president; James E. Adams, recording secretary; Edward H. Bush, corresponding secretary; A. H. Karcher, treasurer; B. G. Hancock, reporter; Floyd Lynch, parliamentarian and R. R. Lancaster, historian.

Lester's Smart Shop of Bryan presented "A Glimpse at Fall Fashions." Miss Wandabelle Wallace was the commentator. Club members, children and other women modeled.

The year book committee composed of Mesdames A. M. Meekma, chairman; R. E. Burleson, Fred R. Jones and James E. Poore together with Mesdames Jack Miller, A. L. Smith, and A. H. Walker served as hostesses for the tea.

Brazos Polio Receives Aid

A March of Dimes check for \$1200 has been received by the Brazos County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to help care for polio patients in Brazos County, according to Howard Badgett, chapter chairman.

The Brazos County Chapter at present is providing funds, in whole or in part, for the care of 14 patients stricken this year.

The Battalion

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

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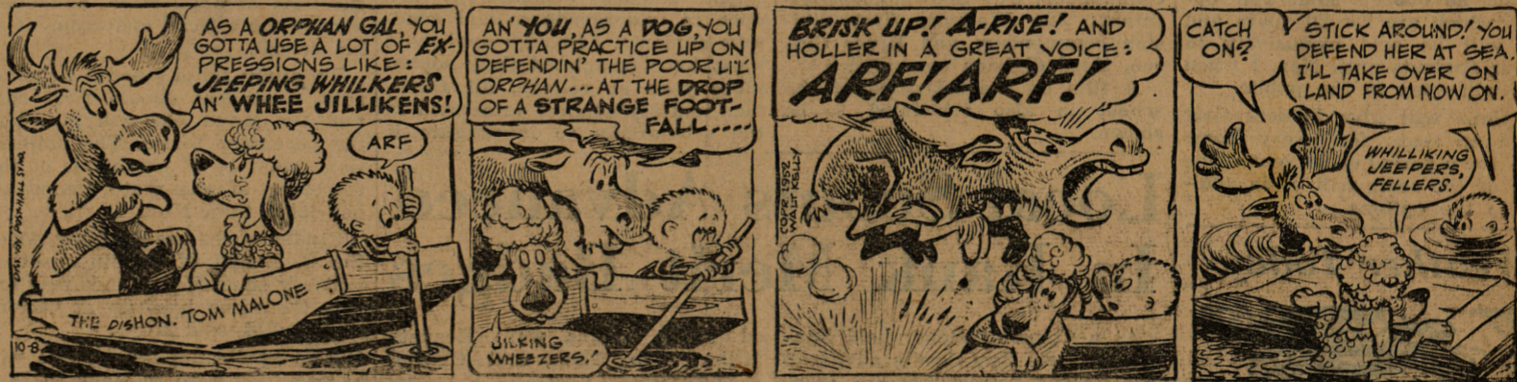
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