

# Battalion Editorials

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## Education Is Weapon To Oust Fear of Communism

FEAR IS AGAIN traveling with Americans everywhere, but congressmen are trying to quiet the terror with their continuation of Communist investigations.

Headlines again are carrying the intangible results of these inquiries with accusations being the net result.

*"Life is full of untapped sources of pleasure. Education should train us to discover and exploit them."—Norman Douglas.*

### Dies Suggestions

RICHTER once said: "Courage consists, not in blindly overlooking danger, but in seeing and conquering it."

Although we will agree with newly elected Congressman Martin Dies that we would like to see American troops get out of Korea as soon as possible, we cannot imagine what could be accomplished by pulling out completely and replacing all the troops with South Koreans, Chinese nationalists, and Japanese, as he suggests.

Dies said: "We ought to give Stalin a dose of his own medicine. It is silly to let him fight us with his stooges when we can do the same thing."

Dies probably does not lack courage, but he has failed to see the danger of the other forces which can be on either side of the fence—friend or foe.

It may prove more costly in the end. Both in "face" and, something congressmen understand, "money."

*"The imbecility of the average man and the lack of powers of concentration in the average woman are the defects of inferior training and bad educational methods."—Arthur Pendenys.*

### WHAT OTHERS THINK ABOUT THE NEWS

## Annual Bonfire Considered Waste By Some Students at Stanford

From The Stanford Daily (Calif.):

The Big Game bonfire is ridiculous. About six or even hundred people lose sleep and waste time piling up trash for the sake of a few "Oh's" and "Ah's" during the brief moments when the blaze soars highest. It is perhaps even a greater waste of time than the writing of this article.

Can't we be original? Everybody has bonfires. We build 'em to roast hot dogs or to keep warm. They have 'em at high school rallies. Hell, the cave men even had them. By now the bonfire should be commonplace.

Why not have an explosion? Perhaps some powder company would be eager to donate six or seven hundred cases of explosives toward our cause. It is certain that the competition as to the size of the explosives will be much keener than it was in the case of bonfires, since the dimensions of the initial mass gives no indication as to the size

The main reason for the fear, and promise of its continuation, is the lack of knowledge by Americans of what we are trying to fight. Yet Americans everywhere keep burning, hiding, banning books explaining communism, preventing persons from finding out what causes this fear and unwanted fight.

Dr. Buell Callagher, new president of City College of New York, recently said: "Communism should be taught thoroughly in college classes so that everyone can know what it is. I am unalterably opposed to any form of tyranny over the human mind."

"Communism is a doctrine concerned with distortions of the truth . . . lust for power, willingness to exploit the exploited and the use of innocents as fronts.

"I would like to make it clear that there is a distinction between communism and teaching what communism is about. I would be against the first and for the second, providing that the teaching is objective. Teaching what communism is about, ought to be part of the curriculum."

Samuel Johnson explained fear thusly: "Fear is implanted in us as a preservative from evil; but its duty, like that of other passions, is not to overbear reason, but to assist it.—I should not be suffered to tyrannize in the imagination, to raise phantoms of horror, or to beset life with supernumerary distresses."

Education of the American public as to what communism is would help lift the "supernumerary distresses."

*"College does for girls what brandy does to hard sauce: it spoils the taste without adding a kick."—Nina Wilcox Putman.*

*"The more you know, the less sure you are."—Voltaire.*

# The Battalion

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## What's Cooking

Wednesday  
7 p. m.—Bowling Committee, Room 2D, MSC.  
7:15 p. m.—Hillel Foundation, Room 2C, MSC.  
Executive Committee, Senate Room, MSC.  
Aggie Christian Fellowship, Cabinet Room, YMCA, Ross Jennings will speak.  
7:30 p. m.—Air Force Reserve, Rooms 2A & 2B, MSC, Lt. Col. W. S. McCulley, commanding officer of the 9807 VART Squadron will be in charge of the squadron meeting. He will discuss "Training Methods and Instruction Techniques."  
Christian Science Meeting, Room 3D, MSC.

Thursday  
8 a. m. to 5 p. m.—Dairymen's Short Course, Assembly Room, MSC.

Friday  
12:45 p. m.—Officers Wives Club, The Oaks.  
3 to 5 p. m.—Extension Service Club, Rooms 2C & 2D, MSC.  
7 p. m.—Dairymen's Short Course, Dinner, Ballroom, MSC.  
7:15 p. m.—Port Arthur Club, Room 126, Academic Bldg., Plans for Christmas Dance will be made.  
Bosque County Club, Room 2B, MSC, plans for Christmas Dance will be made.  
San Antonio Club, 301 Goodwin, emergency meeting concerning Christmas party.  
Del Rio Club, YMCA, Reading Room, important meeting.  
7:30 p. m.—Land of the Lakes Club, Room 3C, MSC.  
Student Senate, Senate Chamber, MSC.  
French Club, Room 3D, MSC.  
Aggie Wives Bridge Club, Rooms 2C & 2D, MSC.  
Marshall Club, Room 2A, MSC.  
Trans-Pecos Club, Room 2B, MSC.  
Quarterback Club, Assembly Room, MSC.  
Dallas Club, Biology Lecture Room, all freshmen please be present.  
8 p. m.—MSC Bridge Committee, Social Room, MSC.

## Christmas Movie Coming to MSC

Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, the ghosts, and all the other characters from Charles Dickens' beloved "Christmas Carol" will parade before the children of College Station on film Dec. 13 and 14, Saturday and Sunday.

The MSC is sponsoring four showings of the hour and a half movie as a part of their Christmas celebrations.

Saturday the film will be shown at 10 a. m. and 1 p. m. in the Ballroom. It will be shown at 3 p. m. Saturday and 1 p. m. Sunday in the Fountain Room.

One toy will be charged as an admission price for the performances in the Ballroom. The other showings will be free.

The toys will be distributed to the underprivileged children of the College Station area by the MSC Directorate.

## Darnell Heads

### Course Committee

A. L. Darnell is head of the program committee for the Dairyman's Short Course to be held in the MSC Dec. 4-5. Registration will be from 8 to 9 a. m. Dec. 4.

"The Dairyman's Short Course," Darnell says, "is designed to serve the dairymen, plant fieldmen and others who do not have time for more extensive training in dairying or refresher work in this field."

R. E. Burleson will preside at the banquet session with Dean C. N. Shepardson of the School of Agriculture giving a talk on "The Future of the Dairy Business." The banquet will commence at 7 p. m.

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## A&M Canterbury Club To Hear Rice Speaker

Miss Betty Bess will speak on the national Episcopal students organization at a meeting of the Canterbury Club in the chapel of St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

An active member of the Rice Institute Canterbury Club, Miss Bess recently represented the Texas Canterbury Clubs at a national conference in Cambridge, Mass.

## AH Profs Return From ASAP Meet

Members of the Animal Husbandry staff who attended the annual meetings of the American Society of Animal Production in Chicago on Nov. 28-29 include Dr. R. O. Berry, Dr. H. O. Kunkel, Dr. W. M. Warren, and Dr. W. G. Kammlade.

Dr. Sperry presented two papers, "The Maturation Process of the Ovary of the Sow During Normal and Induced Ovulation" and "A Pregnancy Test for Mares Using the Male Toad (Bufo)."

Dr. Kunkel presented a paper entitled "A Study of Protein Bound Iodine in the Prediction of Growth Rate in Immature Beef Cattle," and Dr. Warren's paper was entitled "An Optimum Weighting of Components of Performance in Selecting for Heterosis in Swine."

## Brush Country Club Plans Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party of the Brush Country Club was set for Dec. 29, at the Knight's of Columbus Hall in Robstown, said Jack Thornton, president.

The party will be open to all Aggies and former students.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Spend Time Studying Not Grieving, Says Ex

Editors, The Battalion:

I have been receiving The Battalion during the football season and have enjoyed reading it, but I must admit space given to "Grievances by the Senior Class" is not good news, but I would say disheartening. I think I can speak from some experience, being of the Class of 1911, and post graduate work in 1925, as organizer and Captain of Company 1 when it was first inaugurated. As a former student, and I think I express the sentiment of many former students, I feel that the problems of the senior class are not sufficient to be called grievances, but should be handled by having a discussion with the proper officials and then abiding by their decision.

From what I have read in The Battalion about the senior class grievances, it appears that the young men have forgotten that they are not boys any more and that they were admitted to the A&M College for the purpose of obtaining an education and while there, complying with all rules and regulations. It is not a question of whether the senior class should decide if they should use a "board" or a "belt," but one of trying to get a better education without destroying the school. They must keep in mind that the people of the state and especially former students, feel as though they have some say in the operation of the school and that nothing should be done to hinder its progress.

Recently, the senior class made the front pages over the state under the title of having grievances against the college officials and this does not help the school. In reality, what the senior class has, in lieu of grievances, is an opportunity to get an education and thereby better themselves for the future and should take advantage of same.

I am writing this personal note to you in hopes that you might convey the thought to the senior class, as coming from a friend of theirs and the college, with a view that they not only table the motion to do away with the "board," etc., but to forget it and be men and devote their time to their studies. I am sure that when they are older, they will appreciate this piece of advice.

E. V. Spence '11

## The Other Side

Editors, The Battalion:

Just a line from a couple of Aggie Exes who are behind you all the way on the grievances which appeared in the Nov. 6 issue of The Battalion. We think the grievances were well founded, especially those concerning senior companies, mid-night yell practices, and the delegation of more authority to seniors for better discipline and control of their units.

1st. Lt. Kenneth S. Hartman '51  
1st. Lt. G. P. Riddell Jr. '51

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W. D. (Pete) Hardesty  
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All Agricultural Students  
There will be a School of Agriculture Assembly in Gulon Hall at 11 a. m. Monday, Dec. 8, 1952. Dr. Oris Wells, Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, USDA will speak on the Agricultural Outlook and Opportunities in Agriculture.

All students in the School of Agriculture and all freshmen in the Basic Division who are taking an agricultural program will be excused from classes at that hour and will be expected to attend.

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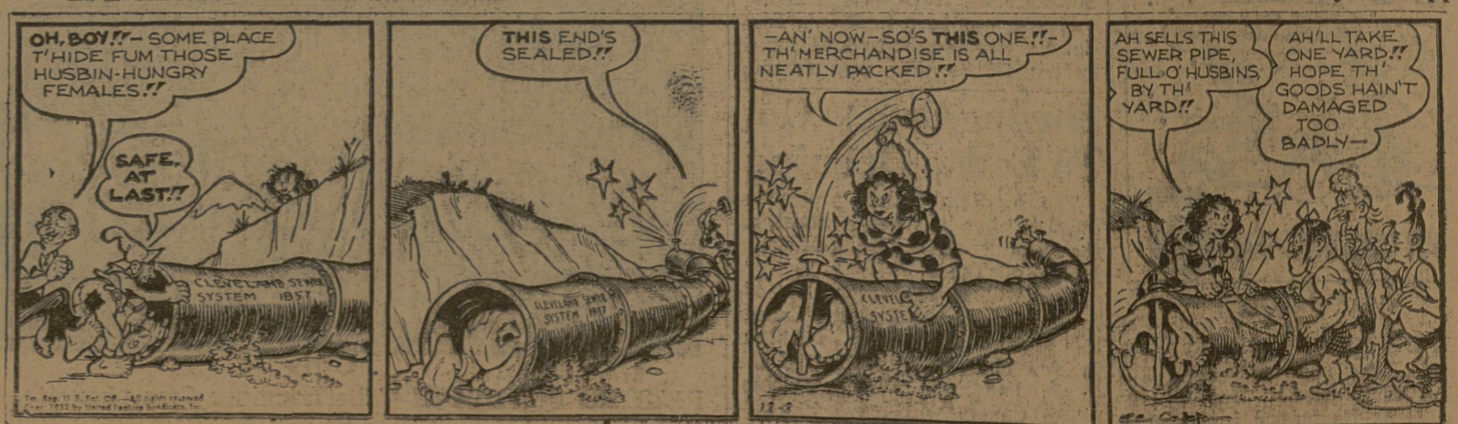
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