

Battalion Editorials

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Election Results Indicate Possible Harmful Trend

The results of two recent campus elections indicate an attitude that could become damaging to A&M student life.

Only 18 out of 101 dormitory 5 students voted yesterday in their non-military student senator elections. Recently less than half of the qualified non-military voters cast ballots to decide their Kyle Field seating plan.

Only 564 ballots were counted. A total of 1975 were eligible to vote.

These figures seem to show that many students do not care how their campus affairs are operated. When people have this

attitude, they are failing to protect themselves.

Those who fail to exercise voting rights are allowing their government to lose its strength. A weak government is never an effective one. The danger is always too great that power will fall to those who would use it for their own selfish purpose. Government influenced by a few still affects everyone.

All A&M students should remember this when the next election is held. If the warning is forgotten, their rights can not be properly safeguarded.

Letters to the Editors

Editors, The Battalion:

Mr. Doyle Smith, '56, in his letter to you, which appeared in the Wednesday, 28 October issue, mentioned that "if (he) wanted to continue to live on (his) 'laurels of military life' (he) might have entered the Corps upon (his) arrival here so (he) might have a uniform to display (his) 'hero's' ribbons. . . ."

I am presently one of the two (to the best of my knowledge) veterans who chose to enter the corps upon entrance to A&M, BUT I do not nor have I had the desire to "live" on any so called "laurels of military life". Nor do I consider myself a hero. I entered the Corps not to be able to display any ribbons I might have won, but to further my education inasmuch as I intend to re-enter the service upon graduation and make it a career (if anyone should be interested as to why I joined. . . .)

In my freshman year, on occasions, I wore the ribbons I was awarded while in the service and intend to continue to do so in the future. I am proud of what ribbons I possess and am proud to have served my country. I have no intention of sounding like a "patriotic Johnny" for I have gripped as much as the next guy if not more, but I figured that I sort of owed the U. S. something.

As for this question of prior military service, any man who has it has reason to be proud of it or vice-versa, depending upon the individual (and this is not necessarily directed at you, Mr. Smith), but I feel that prior service has comparatively little footing in the question of classification here at A&M.

Someone recently said "I was in the service when these seniors and juniors were getting their classification."

That may well be so, but if they consider for a minute that the majority of the seniors and juniors are now between 19 and 21 years old and had they went into the service when we did, they would have been between 14 and 17 years old and not quite out of high school!

In closing, I state again that I am not in the Corps to show off any prior service, but to further my education.

I do not consider myself a hero nor do I have any desire to live off

the "laurels of (my) military life."

Nor am I bragging that I have not bragged. I believe that the U. S. is proud enough of its sons and daughters who served with out their having to publicize their heroism, but it just isn't the American way of life to put over-emphasis on the military profession.

In short, I rather resent any insinuation that anyone in the Corps who has prior service joined it to show that he considers himself a hero.

If, by these statements, I have offended anyone, it is regrettable and I apologize, but I wanted to state my side of the story, inasmuch as some seem to consider the question of prior service so important to classification.

I have a question which I wish each Vet would ask himself, especially a few individuals: HASN'T THIS MILITARY SERVICE QUESTION GONE TOO FAR?

After WWII, there was no trouble over it, why should we have to begin it??

Scotty Parham, '56

Editors, The Battalion:

Saturday night last I had occasion to transport several Texas A&M students from a point south on highway 6 to College Station.

Under investigation the following morning I found one pair of spectacles which had been dropped to the floor in the rear seat of my automobile.

Would you please enter a notation in your lost and found section to the effect that said article was found? I do not know the name of the owner nor his friends.

However for further qualification which would be familiar to them, the automobile is a blue 1952 Chevrolet. Both the auto and the owner from New York State.

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James Connally AFB
Waco, Texas

Editors, The Battalion:

After reading the Battalion of Nov. 3 concerning the outcome of the voting on Non-military seating arrangements, we can only say "why was a vote taken at all?"

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The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions
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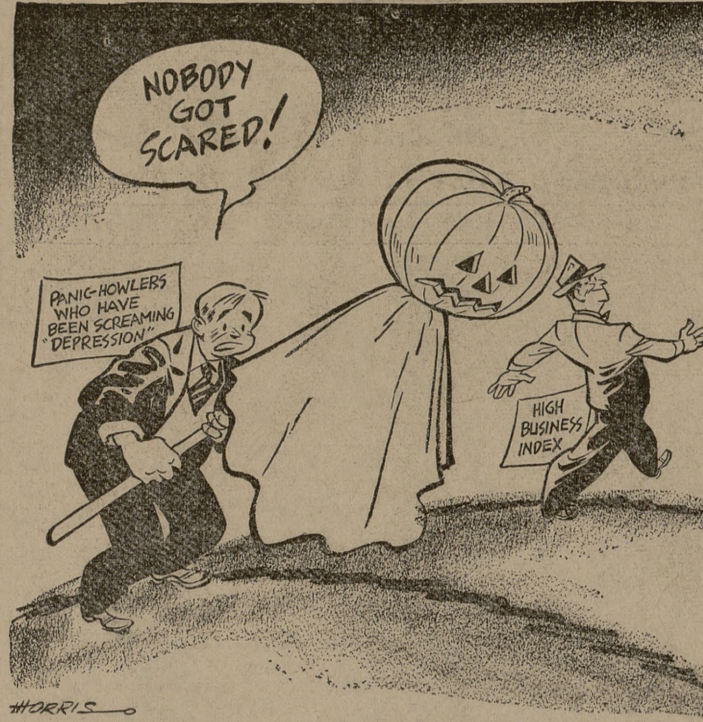
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Rec Council Requests \$1,000 From 1953 Drive

By JON KINSLOW
Battalion City Editor

The College Station Recreation council has asked for \$1,000 from the citizens this year.

The request was made through the A&M College-College Station Community Chest-Red Cross, the single fund raising campaign for the city. Every organization supported by charity in this community, with the exception of the National Infantile Paralysis foundation, is included in the drive.

Last year the recreation council received \$1,000 from the chest, even though the drive was \$2,000 short of its goal. The goal this year is \$13,070.

The recreation council performs many services for the people of College Station. Among these services are swimming, baseball, tennis, tumbling, picnics, pre-school instruction and activities for the Lincoln School for Negroes.

Swimming

There were two six week terms of swimming classes held in P. in the city. This activity included four teams of adult softball, two teams in the Little League baseball and a team in the American Legion junior baseball league. The amount paid by the council was \$752.13.

Tennis

The council contributed \$240 for the program. Supervised play for 27 pre-school children was held for a six week period with two hour classes conducted five days each week. New play equipment was added to the council's facilities. The council spent \$121.87 for the entire program.

Community Picnic

The July 4 community picnic was the only group activity of this kind held during the year. It cost \$100. About 2,000 people attended and a fireworks display was given.

The final activity of the year by the council is the Christmas party at CHS.

A two hour morning program provided at the Lincoln school included arts and crafts instruction.

Council Membership

Membership in the recreation council consists of representatives from all the major community organizations, plus members-at-large elected to serve three-year terms.

The officers of this year's council are Ralph Rogers, president; A. E. Denton, vice president; Mrs. Walter Delaplane, secretary; E. E.

What's Cooking

Thursday

7:00 p. m.—Houston Hometown club meeting, room 301, Goodwin hall. Dance plans to be discussed. Refreshments.

7:15 p. m.—Abilene Club meeting, room 128, Academic building. Plan Thanksgiving party.

7:30 p. m.—Tyler-Smith County hometown club meeting, room 104, Academic building. Plan Thanksgiving party.

Johnson County A&M club meeting, 103, Academic building. Election of officers will be held for 1953-1954.

Amarillo A&M club meeting, M. S. C. General business, party plans.

Piney Woods Hometown club meeting, room 205, Academic building. Organizational meeting.

Stephens, Eastland and Young County hometown club meeting, 4th floor, Academic building. Meeting will be for organizing and planning activities.

Plant Science Colloquium, cabinet room, YMCA. Panel discussion, "Some Fundamental Problems in Soil-Plant Relations". Pat Rich, Charles Leinweber, Don Longnecker, and Don Hockaday to be on panel.

Trans-Pecos club meeting, upstairs, MSC.

Waco McLanman County club meeting, room 306, Goodwin hall. Thanksgiving plans to be discussed.

Science Foundation Gives Fellowships

The National Sciences foundation has announced a program of fellowships in sciences for seniors, graduate students and postdoctoral students.

The fellowships range from \$1,400 to \$3,400 a year. They are given for either a full year or for nine months, at the choice of the recipients.

The closing date for applications for the fellowships for the 1954-55 school year is Dec. 15 for post-doctoral students and Jan. 4 for graduate students.

The fellowships will be awarded next spring.

Interested students may contact Dr. Ide P. Trotter, dean of the Graduate School, for further information.

Boswell Attends Beaumont Meeting

College Station City Manager Ran Boswell attended the Texas League of Municipalities meeting last week in Beaumont.

He was one of 850 city officials from cities throughout the state who attended the meeting.

The city managers attending the meeting, held a round table discussion on management and city problems.

"College Station is doing better than any city we know anything about," Boswell said.

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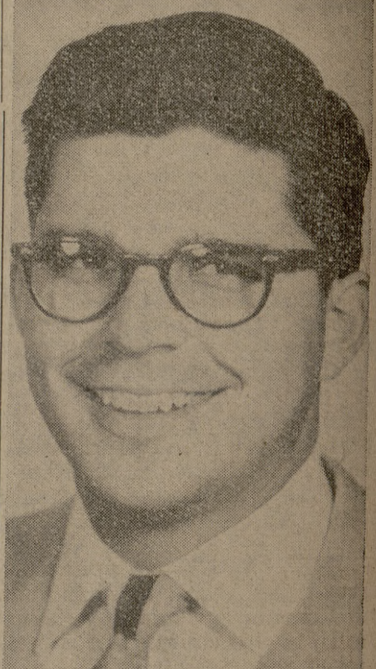
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BILL HAILEY
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Students Can Give Checks Next Year

The athletic department is planning to accept student checks next year in payment for football tickets, said Pat Dial, business manager of the department.

He said the department has not accepted students' checks this year because, "We have not been set up for the mechanics."

Some person's checks have been accepted, Dial said, but one year in the past the department had a list of 150 to 175 students' checks marked "insufficient funds."

If next year's plans are adopted, an extra person will be hired to handle the checks, he said. These checks also will be accepted only for the amount of the purchase.

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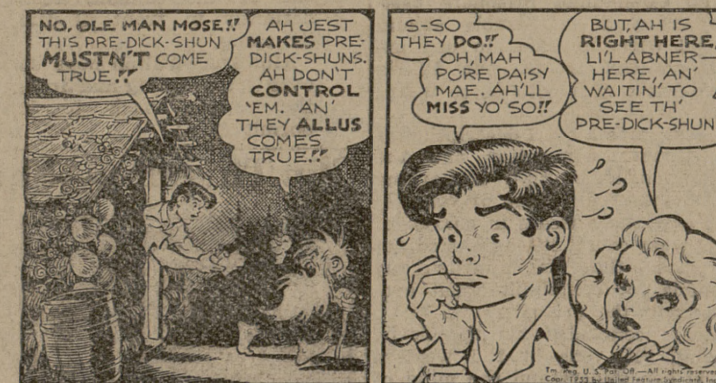
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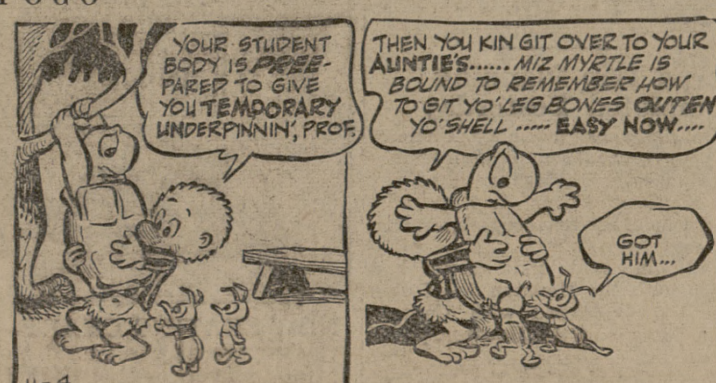
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