

Battalion Editorials

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People Should Follow Example Set by Council

Planning for the future is something that takes much consideration before anything definite can be done. College Station is considering what its needs are now and what they will be in the coming years.

However, before embarking on a sewage system development plan, the city council has studied the plan thoroughly and found out the city's needs and the solutions to these needs. The planning is now in the hands of the citizens advisory board, appointed to select a cure for an inadequate sewage system.

After this group thinks the problems through, they will recommend to the council what action they deem necessary. The council, with whom the final decision on the

proposals rests, will, in all probability, propose a bond election based on the findings of the advisory boards.

After this, the voters will be the ultimate judge as to how wisely the council and the advisory board have handled the problem.

The council, with the help of the city engineer, has spent 18 months trying to solve a problem of the city. After such an intensive study by the council, each voter should in turn take it upon himself to know what the issues are and what will be the long range effect on the community. Only then can anyone vote as a thinking individual.

Letters to the Editors

Editors, The Battalion:

The plight of your newspaper—and unhappily not one confined exclusively to the A&M campus—has come to my attention in several ways during recent weeks.

It first came to my attention through discussion by members of the sportsmanship group (composed of campus presidents, editors, cheerleaders and athletes), and later in the copy of your paper now before me with the banner reading, "SIC Group to Discuss Student Publications."

The discussion I speak of—and this happily—by student leaders indicated strong sentiment against interference from outside sources with editors of the publications for which they are responsible. Concern was registered due to increasing tendencies toward such intervention with campus newspapers, especially.

Such movements may or may not be products of our times—period pieces aggravated by investigations, censorship, conformity, pressure, supervision, restrictions and controls now becoming commonplace, both on our campuses and in our country.

But we cannot be content to simply ascribe these attacks to such an atmosphere and rest on the merits of individuality and freedom of the press. There are many battlefields—and the fight must be made on each of them. I am pleased and proud that The Battalion is fighting, and fighting well, on its editorial pages. I am no less proud that The Battalion is fighting only through the editorial pages of the great weapon at its command, and that its news coverage of the situation is clear, concise, and objective.

There are those from whom the last statement—that your news coverage of the situation is objective—will evoke catcalls, cries of anguish, heated denials and open disgust. This is ever the situation when there are those who do not recognize objectivity staring them in the face—when there exists (as certainly there always shall)—completely biased, mightily indignant and highly vocal partisans who interpret, oftentimes honestly to their own way of thinking, such objectivity as biased. And the key here, of course, is as always—it is

biased—against their bias, as objectivity always is.

Such complaints against press liberty always find those ready to rally round the banner of civic pride and rosy contemplation of unbound Utopias. There are those who, for specific reasons usually not hard to trace, play the role of rouser in these frays; those who join of general motivation from having been disappointed through existing circumstances, turn of events, unforeseen displeasures and the firm belief that "all's right that's reported right," and those who bear personal grudges against individuals involved in the controversy and choose to plight their disfavor through the veiled dagger of honest disagreement.

Fortunately, for our predecessors, ourselves and our posterity, there are those whose equally firm belief in the principles at stake and whose unswerving convictions of basic liberties bring them to the defense of the freedom of the press per se. It is these, along with those of aforementioned general motivation who eventually recognize, even in their vague reasonings, that cures carefully studied sometimes are worse than ills they are designed to ease, that have, and shall continue to save the day for this, one of our most cherished of constitutional guarantees.

It is our sincere hope that these forces—recognizing censorship for the injustice and inequities it imposes, though the word be unheard and the purpose cloaked—will rise up on the campus of the fine Texas A&M College as they have elsewhere and defeat the ever-changing but always-present opponents on the field of principle.

I have read the stories concerning the departure of an Aggie following a widely-known incident on your campus. Let me congratulate your paper on 75 years of existence so respected and so stable as to allow your unhampered reporting of such incidents. We here at Arkansas are also fortunate in that we have a paper of such sovereign stature. All too few schools today have campus newspapers with license to report the news as they see it—as do all of the papers making up our great American press and as must any paper retaining mutual respect and self integrity.

The Chamber of Commerce approach used publicly by your antagonists is one being seen more and more often. A reminder that some of the best "Chambers of Commerce," some of the most widespread public agreement on questions of importance, and some of the most complete public ignorance of facts and events which would add controversy to that domesticated world of smug serenity exist in our year 1954, might be in order.

To those who would harass The Battalion, freedom of comment, freedom of speech and freedom to disagree is yours, but never is a freedom so misused as when it is exploited in an effort to deny another. Your "heroic" efforts to abolish what seems to you unfavorable comment in your daily press may be looked upon with favor by some, but certainly cannot by those such as myself who, though respectful of A&M and bearers of highest esteem and regard for its traditions and principles, must look only with contempt upon the rah-rah school newspaper philosophy advocated by the summer soldier and the sunshine student.

Again, we here are confident that Americans, Texans, and surely Aggies will not fail to recognize that which by any other name still bears its brand—censorship. . . . the Eyes of Arkansas are on you . . .

Graham Sudbury, Managing Editor, Arkansas Daily Traveler, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Students to Hear Floral Designer

Mrs. John E. Demmer, floral designer, commentator and owner of a Houston florist shop, will speak to the Horticulture and Landscape Architecture club at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 12 in the assembly room of the Memorial Student Center.

Mrs. Demmer will bring her staff from Houston with her, including two models.

The Bryan and College Station garden clubs have been invited, and the meeting is open to the public.

CHS Band Mothers Meet Tonight at 7:30

The A&M Consolidated high school Band Mothers' club will meet at 7:30 tonight at the high school library for a business meeting.

Mrs. Walter Varvel, club president, emphasized that this would be a very important meeting and urged all band mothers to attend.

City Builds Bridge For Kids, Bikes

A footbridge for pedestrians and bicycles is being constructed on Jersey street west of highway six.

The bridge, which will be four and a half feet wide, is being built next to a street bridge. It will probably be ready by the end of the week, said Ran Boswell, city manager.

"We are building it for the children who walk and ride bicycles to school," he said.

Student Life

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its Student Aid committee on how much money would be loaned to students for medical treatment.

Loan limits were upped from \$100 to \$300 for students. Members of a student's family may receive \$200 instead of the present \$100. Loans up to \$50 may be made for smaller medical needs such as glasses and dental bills. Students may borrow up to \$300 for emergencies brought about by fires and auto wrecks.

The Student Aid committee will pay for flowers sent to families of students who die while enrolled at A&M. Flowers also will be sent to families of deceased faculty members and staff members dealing with students.

Exchange Store

A motion to use \$907 from Exchange Store funds for buying athletic equipment for dormitories and intramurals was approved. The equipment includes 24 dozen soft balls, 15 dozen soft ball bats and 15 dozen footballs.

Student Life members passed a motion to sponsor "Apple Polishing Night" when faculty members will invite students to their homes to visit. But some members did not like the title "Apple Polishing Night." A motion was passed to have the Student-Faculty Relations committee which planned the event to reconsider the title. Student Life will approve whatever name the committee recommends, including the continuation of "Apple Polishing Night."

Foods Group Sets Annual Supper

The foods group of the College Women's Social club will hold the annual Men's Night supper at 7 p.m. Friday at the A&M Presbyterian church.

The husbands of the members will be special guests for a United Nations buffet supper. Frank Coulter will be guest speaker. Hostess will be Mrs. Ralph Terry and serving as co-chairmen will be Mrs. R. M. Stevenson and Mrs. John A. Way.

Reservations must be turned in by noon Wednesday.

Non-Regs To Keep Same Housing Plan

No new housing arrangements are planned for non-military students next semester, said Harry Boyer, of the housing office.

There are 1,026 non-military students living in 518 rooms, he said. There are 1,036 beds in the non-military dormitories.

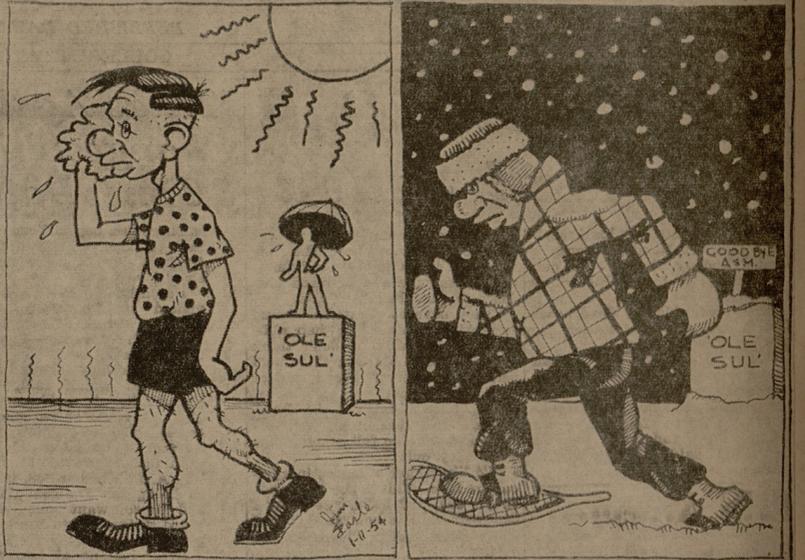
"It is anticipated that there will be enough non-military students graduating to provide vacancies for new non-military students," Boyer said.

The population of Korea is just under 30 million, of which two thirds is in the South Korea.

Cadet Slouch

... by Earle

EVERY DAY BRINGS NEW TRILLS AT A&M.



Air Force Flights Begin Again Feb. 8

Air Force orientation flights will be started again Feb. 8, said Maj. Luther J. Westbrook.

Rides will be given to about fifty juniors, then sophomores. According to Major Westbrook it should take about four weeks to finish junior flights and they should start sophomore flights.

There are approximately 450 sophomores in Air ROTC and about 850 of these will get orientation flights. Students in the flight category will be taken first.

They are taken up at the rate of eight an afternoon, four afternoons a week, when the weather permits. Flying is done only on days when good weather is prevalent, he said.

What's Cooking

TUESDAY

7:15 p.m.—Range and Forestry club meeting, 3rd floor, Agriculture Engineering building. Speaker on Africa, meeting will be dismissed in time for basketball game.

7:30 p.m.—Accounting society meeting, chapel room, YMCA. R. H. Irving, partner of Price Waterhouse and Company of Houston, will be the speaker. Coffee will be served.

Rodeo club meeting, A&I building.

Agronomy society, room 107, Agronomy building. Election of officers for next semester.

F. F. A. meeting, room 301,

Goodwin hall. Election of spring semester officers. Election of outstanding senior and junior in agriculture education.

Fish and Game club meeting, 3rd floor, Agriculture Engineering, Guest speakers.

Petroleum Engineering and Geology club meeting, Petroleum Engineering building.

WEDNESDAY

7:30 p.m.—Knights of Columbus, basement of St. Mary's chapel.

Although some brilliant men have small brains, indications are that large brains and high intelligence often go together.

ACCREDITED BIBLE COURSES

for the

SPRING SEMESTER

(The College allows six hours of credit in Bible toward a degree. See SCHEDULE OF CLASSES)

| Course Number | Name of Course | Credit | Time | Location of Classroom | Teacher |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------|-------|--------------------------|------------|
| 306 | New Testament Character Studies | 1 | T10 | Church of Christ Library | Fowler |
| 311 | The Synoptic Gospels | 2 | MW10 | Church of Christ Library | Fowler |
| 312 | Gospel of John | 1 | Th8 | Baptist Student Center | Smith |
| 313 | Survey of New Testament | 2 | WF8 | Baptist Student Center | Smith |
| 313 | Survey of New Testament | 2 | TTh11 | Baptist Student Center | Smith |
| 314 | Survey of Old Testament | 3 | MWF10 | Baptist Student Center | Smith |
| 317 | The Minor Prophets | 2 | WF9 | YMCA | Anderson |
| 318 | The Book of Acts | 1 | T9 | Church of Christ Library | Fowler |
| 320 | The Book of Revelation | 1 | T8 | Baptist Student Center | Smith |
| 321 | The General Epistles | 1 | M10 | | |
| 321 | The General Epistles | 1 | T9 | | |
| 323 | The life of Jesus | 3 | MWF11 | Baptist Student Center | Smith |
| 323 | The Life of Jesus | 3 | MWF8 | Wesley Foundation | Sneed |
| 324 | The Major Prophets | 3 | MWF | YMCA | Swygert |
| 327 | Introduction to the Bible | 2 | TTh9 | YMCA | Darwall |
| 329 | Proverbs | 1 | T11 | YMCA | Taubenhaus |
| 330 | Ecclesiastes and the Song of Solomon | 1 | Th11 | YMCA | Taubenhaus |

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