

## Aggies Greet Bryant

### Another Proposal

## Plan Could Mean More Contracts

The defense department has come up with a new plan that would mean almost all ROTC cadets could get contracts and commissions next year.

The new plan is still in the "planning directive" stage, as reported in a circular letter of the Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities.

It would allow the services to enroll cadets in the ROTC program according to the expected needs of both the standing reserve and the active-duty services.

The present system of cadet quotas is based mainly on the needs of the active duty forces.

The new plan has been sent to all the services for approval. If approved, it would take effect for the fiscal year 1955, which starts next July.

This means the new plan could affect next year's ROTC graduates.

However, the plan does not necessarily have to be approved by any or all of the services. The air force could adopt it, or the army could adopt it, or neither of them could adopt it.

If it is adopted, it would then be included in Defense Secretary Charles Wilson's budget request to Congress, which would also have to be approved. Congress will probably discuss the defense budget about April 1.

Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant, said that, as he understood the plan, it would probably mean that A&M could give contracts and commissions to all students who met the other qualifications.

In other words, students would not be refused contracts because the quota is too low.

The land-grant college association's circular said the upheavals in the ROTC program last year were caused primarily because the services had planned their output in terms of both active duty and reserve needs, although they had been warned at least a year earlier that all men commissioned on graduation would have to be immediately available for active duty.

The circular went on to say that the services are now planning a new reserve program that calls for "a substantial number" of officers who might go to active duty training for a few weeks, followed by organized reserve training for the "immediately callable" reserve.

This plan, which Davis calls "a strengthening of the reserve program" will be used by the army for its graduates this year.

The air force will give all its graduates who are not commissioned a "certificate of completion."

The circular said limiting the ROTC advanced quotas to active duty requirements expected two years from now might leave the services with a "drastic shortage of reserve officers for the new reserve program."

Army and air force authorities here said that they had heard nothing of the new plan through official channels.

"We're just as confused as anyone else," they said.

## Debate Limit Recommended For Seniors

Every senior that has a gripe at class meetings may not get to sound off if changes suggested by the senior class evaluation committee are accepted.

The committee's report recommends that limitations be placed on the number of speakers who can debate a subject in class meetings. "Too many persons speak on each subject without presenting any new ideas; this causes the meetings to drag on," the report states.

Marvin Ford, committee chairman read the report at last night's senior class meeting. A copy will be sent to Dean of Men W. L. Penberthy.

Other recommendations included:

- Referring matters not on the agenda which are brought up at meetings to committees before taking final action.
  - Writing by-laws for the meeting's parliamentary procedure.
  - Publicizing the dates of class meetings more so more seniors will attend.
  - Making the selections of the Aggie Sweetheart a senior class activity since everyone on the selection committee is a senior.
  - Referring all tradition disputes, except wearing of the uniform, to the traditions committee.
  - Adopting a constitution.
- The report stated the class should work as a unit for its goal and recommend any changes that would make A&M a better school. It also stated the senior class should accept the responsibilities needed to distinguish the class.

## Yell Practice Follows Arrival

By JERRY WIZIG  
Battalion Sports Editor

Paul (Bear) Bryant, A&M's new head football coach and athletic director, last night arrived at his new home and received one of the wildest receptions ever given an Aggie sports figure.

After his landing at Easterwood airport, Bryant went to a massive yell practice at The Grove, where he stripped off his hat, coat and tie, rolled up his sleeves, and said to some 6,000 students and fans, "I don't know about you, but I'm ready to play tonight."

"Here tonight is the reason I thank the good Lord that I'm an Aggie," said Bryant, one of the country's best builders of ailing football teams.

Pulling no punches, Bryant said, "We must be realistic... we have a tough job," then he added, "If we all get arm-in-arm and work at it as a team, we'll get the job done."

"I assure you that I'll do anything in my power to contribute to a good athletic program," added the tall, broad-shouldered man.

Admittedly impressed by his welcome, Bryant tightly gripped the microphone in both hands and told the wildly-cheering crowd "to remember always that this football team, and all other athletic teams here, belong to you." He asked his audience to also remember "that the athletic program is only a small part of this great institution."

### Ag To Use Split-T

Later Bryant confirmed that the Aggies next season will use a split-T offense in place of the T-with-unbalanced-line used in the '53 season. "I'm sure we'll run a variation of the split-T," he said. Its exact nature will depend on the personnel.

What about spring training and his assistants?

Bryant said he first wants to check school and Southwest conference rules, see all of the football movies, look over returning players and confer with present assistants. "We have a lot of organizing to do," he said. "I want to first talk to the people who are here now—then I'll make my recommendations."

When he checked in at the Memorial Student Center, after his 11-hour trip, Bryant wrote "College Station" as his home address. He said, "I want to log in with my boss"—President David H. Morgan, who had a speaking engagement in San Antonio.

Later, Bryant said, "I'm not going back (to Kentucky) unless something comes up, like selling our home or something." He later will bring out his wife, Paul, jr., his 9-year-old son, Mae Martin, his 17-year-old daughter "and a ferocious Dachshund hound."

At the airport, Bryant was welcomed by Chancellor M. T. Harrington, Dean W. L. Penberthy, chairman of the athletic council; Barlow (Bones) Irvin, former athletic director; Fred Mitchell, corps commander; Ide Trotter, president (See BRYANT, Page 2)



WELCOME COACH—Paul (Bear) Bryant, A&M's new coach, is welcomed at his plane by Barlow (Bones) Irvin, athletic director, left, and Dean W. L. Penberthy, head of the Athletic Council, right.

## Class Signs Third List; But Why?

The first few classes of the semester are always confused, but one class seems to have reached a new high.

In a petroleum engineering class last week, the professor passed around a roll call list for all the students to sign.

Then he passed around an honor code list for all to sign.

Then one of the students started a list headed "If you are in favor, sign here."

Everyone in the class signed it, which must prove something.

## Four RE Week Leaders Return from Last Year

Four leaders of dormitory discussion groups during Religious Emphasis week Feb. 14-19 will be returning from last year.

Dr. Hayden Edwards, pastor of Polytechnic Methodist church of Fort Worth, will live in Hart hall and lead discussion groups there. This will be his third year as an RE worker here.

He has been a Methodist minister since his graduation from John Tarleton Agricultural college in 1927. He received his BS from Texas Wesleyan college in 1943 and has studied in the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist university.

The Rev. John W. Fritts, former A&M student and now student chaplain at Rice institute and University of Houston, will live in Miller hall and lead discussion groups for Mitchell, Leggett and Milner halls.

Fritts entered A&M in 1936 and studied chemical engineering. His education was interrupted in 1940 when he was commissioned Second Lt. in the infantry. He served five

campaigns in Europe as company commander and was given the Bronze Star for action at St. Lo, France.

Fritts was then transferred to the Chaplain corps. He is presently assigned as division artillery chaplain, 49th armored division, Texas National Guard.

After the war he received his bachelor of divinity degree from the Virginia Theological seminary, second in his class.

Living in dormitory 6 and leading the discussion groups for dormitories 6 and 8 will be Lt. Col.

## Pastor May Play For Military Ball

Tony Pastor's orchestra will probably play for the Military Ball March 6.

Pete Hardesty, Student Activities business manager, has signed a contract for the orchestra's appearance here, and has sent the contract to Pastor for his signature.

Vernon M. Goodhand, chaplain's office, Washington, D.C.

Goodhand received his BA from Ashbury college, Wilmore, Ky., and his BD from Drew Theological seminary, Madison, N. J. He has also done special study at Union Theological seminary, New York, N.Y.

Entering the army as a chaplain in 1941, he served with the 37th infantry division in the Pacific theater during World War II. He saw action with units on Guadalcanal and Bismarck Archipelago.

Living in dormitory 15 and leading discussion groups for both dorm 15 and Post Graduate hall will be Carl Spain, minister of the Central Church of Christ, Houston.

Spain received his BA from Abilene Christian college in 1938, where he was editor of the college yearbook and elected to the college "Who's Who."

He studied at both David Lipscomb college, Nashville, Tenn., and Alabama Polytechnic institute, Auburn, Ala., before receiving his MA and BD from Southern Methodist university.

## First Review Will Be Feb. 18

The first practice corps review of the school year will be Feb. 18, on the main drill field, according to Roy Sullivan, corps operations officer.

Uniform for the review will be class B with helmet liners. Sabers and guidons will be carried; however, senior boots will not be worn. This review is being held in preparation for the Military Day review March 6, Sullivan said.

"If everything goes well at this practice review it is possible that no drill will be held on March 4, the Thursday preceding Military Day," Sullivan said.

The order of march will be the first regiment, followed by the first wing and the first composite regiment.

## Child Study Club Sets Mrs. Lyle As Speaker

Mrs. R. R. Lyle will speak at the meeting of the Child Study club at 10 a. m. Wednesday at her kindergarten, 715 Park Place south.

She will speak on "Creative Art in the Pre-School Child." This meeting is open to the public.

## Pakistan Sponsors Essay Contest

The government of Pakistan is sponsoring an essay contest to get American's young people better acquainted with Pakistan.

The contest, open to all high school juniors and seniors, offers a trip to Pakistan by airplane as the grand prize.

## Cadet Slouch's Roommate

# Batt Sponsors Name Contest

By HARRI BAKER  
Battalion Campus Editor

The Battalion's Cadet Slouch has become the most famous Aggie of them all, and now his roommate is on the road to fame, by way of James Earle's daily cartoon in The Battalion.

But the roommate needs a name. You've been seeing him for the past few weeks, and you'll recognize him by now—the frizzy hair, the big nose, and the perpetually perplexed look.

The Batt is going to give everyone at A&M a chance to have a part in the naming of Slouch's roommate.

From 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. tomorrow, there will be a ballot box in the Memorial Student Center, near the post office entrance.

Anyone who thinks they have a name that will fit Roommate can enter their choice.

There will be a prize given to the man whose nomination is selected—originals of three Slouch cartoons featuring the roommate, plus the picture of the roommate on this page.

Of course it will be a democratic election. You can vote often as you like, for as many different names as you like.



This Is Jim Earle . . . Not Cadet Slouch

You can even stuff the ballot box, in an attempt to get Slouch's roommate named after your own roommate.

But the judges—Earle and Battalion Co-Editors Jerry Bennett and Ed Holder—reserve the right to throw out any and all ballots. Very democratic.

Be sure and sign your nomination, so you can get the prize, if you win. But be sure the judges can tell your name from your nomination. That could be embarrassing.

The nominations will be judged Wednesday night, and the new name and the winner will be announced in Thursday's Battalion.

Who is this Earle guy? If you've seen him on the campus, you've noticed that he looks something like Cadet Slouch, although he says Slouch is not modeled after any particular person.

Earle is a fourth year architecture student from Jacksonville. He's been drawing cartoons all his life, and he says he may go into it as a business, "if I can make a living at it."

"I get my ideas from looking out the window and watching the Aggies pass by," Earle says. "A&M is the funniest place in America, if you consider getting kicked in the face every morning funny."

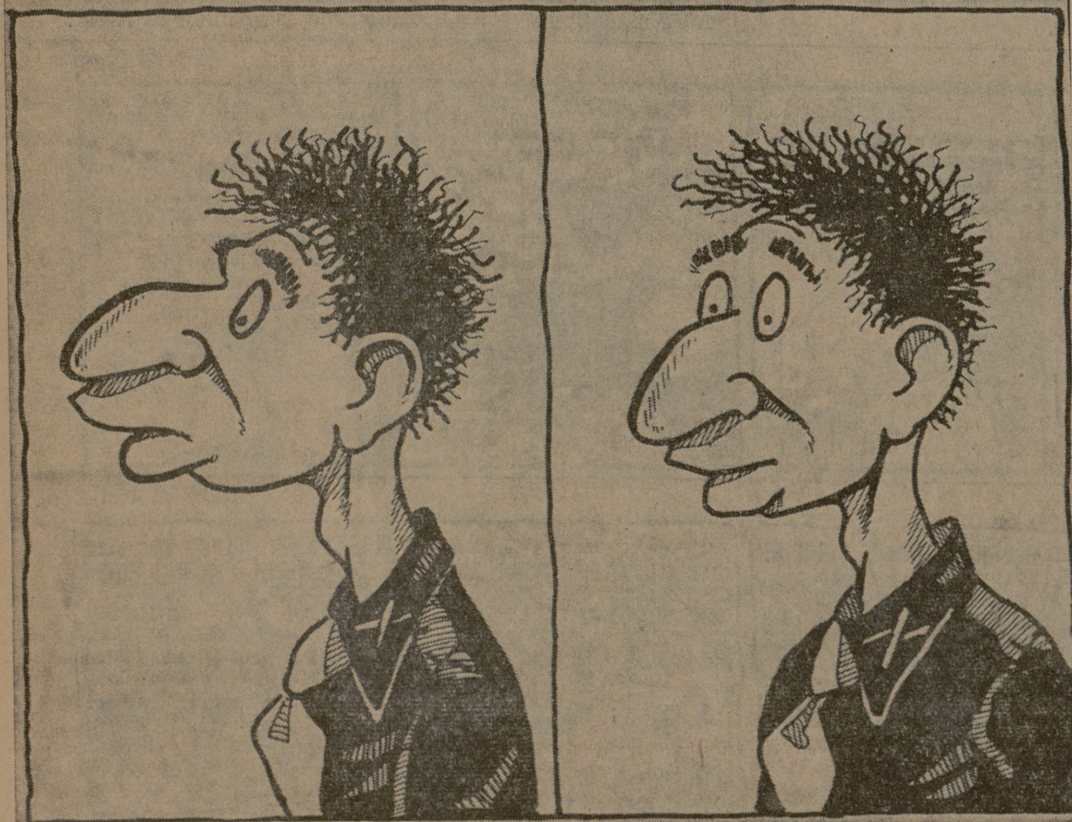
### No Kicks-Backs

Earle says he has never received any kick-backs from the men he has caricatured, most of whom have been in the military department. One man even wanted a copy of the cartoon featuring him for framing.

Besides chronicling Slouch's misadventures, Earle is a pole-vaulter on the track team and a Golden Gloves boxer. He claims to have been graduated from high school, but he admits a well-trained ape could probably do his work.

And in case anyone's wondering why The Battalion isn't offering a cash prize for naming the roommate, it's because Earle said if the prize were cash, he'd work the deal so he would get the money.

So don't forget, in the words of Tammany Hall, "Vote early and often!"



THIS IS IT—This odd-looking fellow is Cadet Slouch's roommate, and he needs a name. From these profile and three-quarter views, you can get an idea for a name to enter in The Battalion's contest Wednesday.