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THE BATTALION

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All That Can Be Expected

The official announcement from the board of directors on the proposal of consolidation is that they "have received and will study" it. And that's about all anyone can expect.

For the men who have the responsibility for the control and guidance of A&M and the rest of the system, putting freshmen back in outfits is a big step.

The board was the one who separated the freshmen, in 1948. It took them a year and a half to reach that decision. They had to weigh all the advantages and disadvantages.

And that's what they are doing now — weighing. The proposal was presented to them Friday night. Saturday morning was too early to expect a decision. We're not suggesting that it take a year and a half, again. The facts are readily available for study, if the board will ask for them.

We believe they will decide at their July meeting, and we hope they will decide for consolidation.

The board could not have taken formal and legal action on the proposal last weekend anyway. Because it was not presented early enough to be placed on the agenda, all they could have done was express an opinion. Items have to be put on the agenda two weeks before the meeting for legal action to be taken.

So the board will think about it. In the mean time, A&M should continue to carry on its plans. The school doesn't stop just because one thing doesn't come out the way it was supposed to. The military department and the cadet officers are going ahead with their planning for next year.

If the board decides in favor of consoli-

ation at the July meeting, the plans can be adopted to that. If not, we can try again the next year.

If consolidation is worth having, it is worth waiting for.

Are Politics Bad?

The college administration, faithfully carrying out college and system regulations, has kept the Young Democratic club from meeting on the campus.

We don't question the legality of stopping the meeting, planned for last Thursday. We do question the advisability of the rule that was being enforced.

Many years ago, a political group on this campus actively backed a losing candidate for governor of Texas. The winner got mad. Shortly after, this regulation came into being.

Once again, we have the authorities afraid that because a thing happened once, it will happen again, without fail. This ruling prohibits the formation of simple discussion groups, as well as the more active political groups.

We are not campaigning particularly for the Young Democratic club. We are, however, in favor of any organization that stimulates thought among the present generation.

Other colleges in Texas, both state and private, allow students to organize political clubs. Why not A&M? Is the A&M system trying to stifle controversial thought among its students, or is the A&M system just afraid of politics?

News Briefs

THREE STAFF MEMBERS of the agricultural education department will go to the Southern Regional Conference for vocational agriculture in New Orleans May 2-6. Dr. E. V. Walton, head of the department, Dr. M. N. Abrams and R. N. Craig will attend.

THE BEXAR COUNTY Veterinary Medical association has given the School of Veterinary Medicine

A&M To Buy \$5,000 Bond For Equipment

At the request of the military services, A&M will buy a \$5,000 surety bond for safekeeping of military equipment here.

The A&M system board of directors approved the bond Saturday, but they requested that the chancellor write a letter of protest to the services. They felt that the services themselves, not the college, should be responsible for the equipment.

Previously, the state was responsible for the equipment. The bond will relieve the state of responsibility, but it will make the college responsible.

The board also recommended that all unused military equipment here be sent back to the services, to lessen the amount of responsibility.

According to the service letter requesting the bond, A&M has \$1,123,181 worth of military equipment. This figure does not include uniforms and other expendable items.

an electric dental instrument valued at \$100.

HENRY ENGELBRECHT of the horticulture department will go to San Antonio this week to collect tomato marketing data.

JAMES B. HETH, '52, has been awarded his wings at the corpus christi naval air station.

DR. I. I. PETERS of the dairy husbandry department took his dairy husbandry 324 class on a field trip recently to south central Texas. The class studied butter and cheese plants in the area.

TWO TALKS by Dr. H. C. Kernkamp on swine diseases will highlight the Swine Growers' program to be completed today. The program began yesterday.

R. E. LEIGHTON conducted his dairy husbandry 418 class on a tour of dairy farms in the Houston area last week. The class studied methods of milk production.

THE EDITOR of the Engineer will be selected May 17 at a special meeting of the Engineering council in the home of H. W. Barlow, dean of engineering.

COLLEGE STATION Lions club members saw a movie on mental health at their weekly meeting yesterday in the Memorial Student Center. L. S. Richardson, superintendent of College Station schools, made a brief talk on the current drive for funds to aid mentally ill persons.

Oct. 31 marked the end of the year for the Druids, ancient religious order in France, England and Ireland.

Board Okays System Budget

The A&M system board of directors has approved a \$14,254,291.28 budget for A&M for the fiscal year beginning Sept. 1, 1954.

This includes \$5,081,179.97 for educational and general use, and \$9,173,111.31 for all other purposes. "Educational and general" includes instructor salaries and all other items pertaining directly to academic work. "All other purposes" includes the facilities, such as maintenance of the dormitories and buildings, street repair, and other items that are not directly concerned with academic work.

A budget of \$30,071,933.88 for the system, including A&M, Prairie View, Arlington, Tarleton and the other branches of the system, was approved.

A&M's summer school budget for this summer will be \$208,000. The budget for the Junction annex this summer will be \$45,288. This does not include instructor salaries, which are in the overall budget.

A budget of \$548,489.12 for the athletic council next year was approved.

A&M's half of the budget for the Texas Petroleum Research council will be \$50,000. The University of Texas, which operates part of the council, will pay the other half.

What's Cooking

7:15 p. m.—Kream and Kow Klub meeting, room 211, Ag Building. Election of officers.

P. E. club meeting, room 230, New gymnasium. Election of officers and planning for barbecue.

Student ACS meeting, Chemistry building.

7:30 p. m.—Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, New Engineering building. Final spring function plans—possibly a film will be shown.

B. A. Wives meeting, assembly room, YMCA. Picnic plans to be discussed.

More Than 9,000 See 'We Are the Aggies' Film

By PAUL SAVAGE
Battalion Staff Writer

The Aggie's own film, "We Are the Aggies" is proving to be a big hit.

The movie has been shown to more than 9,000 people since its premiere and is expected to be shown to at least twice that number of people before schools starts in September.

One student, Buford Dobie, senior from Cotulla, took a copy of the film home during Easter and showed it to 863 persons in 12 showings.

There are 26 prints of the film in circulation. The Office of Student Activities has nine copies, the athletic department has three and the photography and visual aid department one. The rest are scattered out in the different departments of the college.

Former students clubs have purchased eight copies of the film and are helping the office of student activities in showing it.

Requests for the film have come from all over the state, and from as far away as Puerto Rico, where

the movie will be shown June 1 to a group of high school students. The registrar at Prairie View A&M has asked for a copy of the film to show the students there.

Many comments about the film have been received. From Daingerfield one person wrote, "The film is in most cases a deciding factor in helping a boy choose a school." Mrs. O. T. Jarvis of the Brown County Mother's club said, "A picture that makes a fellow glad he's from A&M." From McAllen came this one, "Informative and interesting."

Cudlipp To Speak At Joint Banquet

A. E. Cudlipp of Lufkin will be the speaker for the joint banquet of the Business and Marketing society May 10 in the assembly room of the Memorial Student Center.

Tickets are \$1.50 and can be obtained from any officer of the Business or Marketing society, said Richard Harris, society reporter.

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Creative Writing Offered in Fall

English 325, creative writing, will be offered next fall, said Harry Kidd, instructor for the course.

Students interested in short story writing, novelets, novel writing, and magazine feature article writing and who think they might be interested in taking the course should contact Kidd during May, he said.

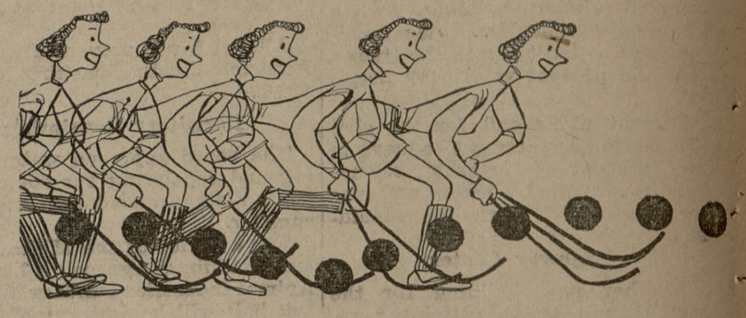
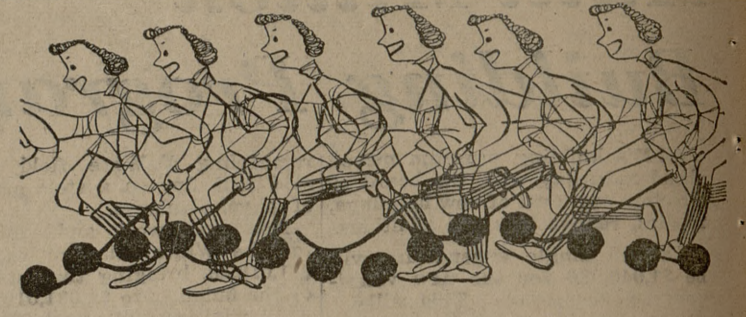
The course is approached from the practical side with an eye for publication, he said.

Finalists Speak On Mothers Day

Preliminaries for the Mothers Day speech competition contest were held April 28, and six finalists were chosen to speak on the mothers Day program.

They were W. R. Hudson, M. D. Woodruff, C. E. Walker, J. P. Sutton, L. L. McCelvey, and R. E. Lee.

Co-sponsored by the English department and the Brazos Bar association, the final contest will be held on May 8 at 2 p.m. in the social room of the Memorial Student Center.

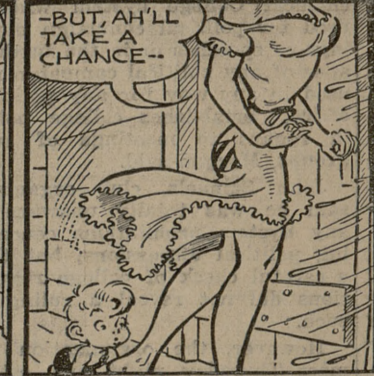
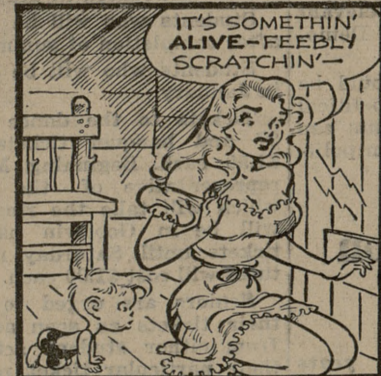


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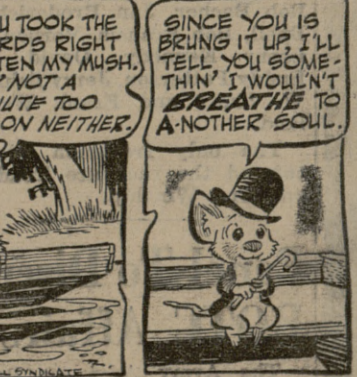
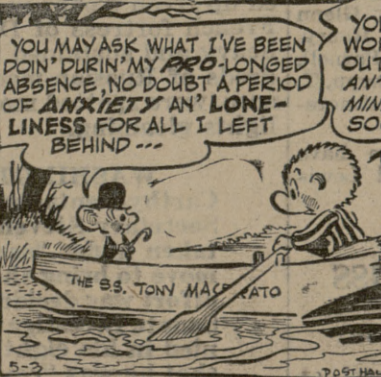
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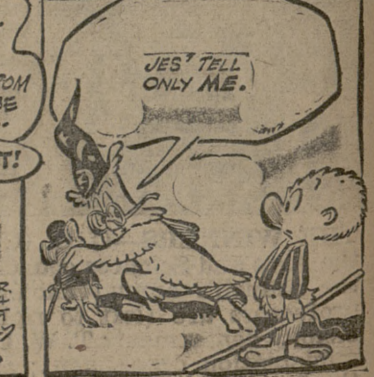
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