

# Battalion Editorials

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## A&M Has Chance To Prove Good Faith on Consolidation

Sometimes it hurts to remove a cancer, but after the cancer is removed it can't spread, and the body heals that much quicker.

Last night, A&M discovered three men who could ruin the school and what it has worked for all year. By using the board these men could have completely wrecked all hopes for future consolidation of the corps. We have no sympathy for these men. When they were commissioned as cadet officers, they signed an oath which reads in part "I will not participate in, condone, or tolerate physical hazing or the use of any instrument upon a cadet's body for any reason whatsoever; I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservations or purpose of evasion."

The oath ends "so help me God." These men have violated the Basic Policy of the college and forsaken a solemn oath. No, we have no sympathy for them.

If allowed to continue, this could have been the end of the long-awaited consolidation—having freshmen back in each military unit.

A military panel will try the men today. Its action will be an indication of how sincerely the college believes in stopping hazing.

The punishment for using a board outlined in College Regulations, is dismissal, unless there are "strong mitigating circumstances." The panel will have to decide if the nearness of graduation is a sufficiently strong "mitigating circumstance."

But any punishment given must be severe, to prevent further use of the board. The

college must show its good faith by following up the start already made by acting quickly to discover the men involved.

This does not mean the end of hopes for consolidation. It means A&M has a chance to show it means what it says when it tells the board of directors "We can handle our own. We'll stop hazing."

## BSA Needs Funds

The goal of \$800,000 which has been set for the Boy Scout Building fund campaign for the Sam Houston area council is less than half reached, as the Friday deadline approaches.

This money is going to one of the nation's finest organizations for the developing of men, the Boy Scouts of America.

These boys will be leaders of tomorrow; they will be called on to serve their country, as they have in the past. The leadership ability of Boy Scouts has been demonstrated in many of our great leaders, and now this leadership training program needs help.

The boys need money for the badly-overcrowded camps that are essential to their training. Without the money, many boys will be denied the privilege of being Boy Scouts.

Money invested in the Boy Scouts is insurance for tomorrow. Help the next generation, and help them now, when they need help badly.

## Letters to the Editors

Editors  
The Battalion

MSS. One is a book. It is not a magazine or periodical. It is a book, an anthology, of student writings, most of which were submitted as papers in various courses in English. Its purpose is to encourage good writing among students in all courses and all Schools of the College. It is not confined to the writings of students in Arts and Sciences.

Like any other book not published for profit, part of its expenses must be subsidized. MSS. One is subsidized by a former student, who wishes to offer his personal encouragement to our students in their efforts to write well.

Because it is a book, MSS. One does not compete with or overlap any magazine or periodical. Indeed, if the editors of any campus publication wish to use any material in MSS. One, the permission will be promptly forthcoming. I understand that one or two pieces in the book will be carried by commercial magazines.

I congratulate the authors of the articles and the compilers of MSS. One. I hope the student publications on the campus will support this little book.

Sincerely yours,  
S. S. Morgan, Head  
Department of English

resulted in a degradation of Texas A&M and which, if continued, may quite possibly have this effect:

The year is 1965. The place, Houston, Texas. The occasion, a stag party in the evening of April 21. One man says to another, "Hey, Joe, where did you go to school? I've often wondered."

Joe replies, "I'm a graduate of Texas A&M College of the class of '57. Ever heard of it?"

"Oh, yes! That's what they used to call what is now the University of Texas School of Engineering and Agriculture at Bryan, isn't it? I was through there a few days ago—was very impressed by the new women's dormitories just completed on a formerly vacant lot in front of the 'Student Union Building.' You must be proud to be an ex-student."

"Yes, I suppose I am," Joe whispers meekly.

"Say, Joe, didn't they used to have a pretty fair officers training program there on the campus?"

Joe murmurs, rather self-consciously, "Yes, they did. I was a member of the Ross Volunteers—don't suppose you ever heard of them, either, though—and I found much of the military life a great source of pleasure and help to me. In fact, our basic policy was centered around the acceptance of the responsibility of developing the students—especially the entering freshmen—into men.

Now they just accept students, period. If they don't develop at all, okay; or, if they develop in the wrong way, that's okay, too. Yes we once had a good school there south of Bryan, but man 'THEM DAYS IS GONE FOREVER!'

L. E. Shepard, Jr.  
Class of '57

## Students Planning Drainage System

Students in agricultural engineering 305 are working on a drainage system for the animal husbandry field just north of the rodeo arena.

The system, including cost, will be submitted to Roy C. Garrett, instructor, next week.

## Seniors Required To Attend Classes

Graduating seniors will be required to attend all scheduled classes during the week before graduation, said J. P. Abbott, dean of the college.

Instructors are required to turn in all unexcused absences and these will be considered sufficient reason to retain a student's degree, he said.

## What's Cooking

7:30 p. m.—Texas A&M Czech club meeting, room 3D, MSC. Election of officers for next year. Refreshments will be served.

Accounting society meeting, MSC. This will be the last meeting of the year. Next year's officers will be elected.

Agriculture Economics club meeting, room 411, Agriculture building. Election of officers for the Fall semester will be held.

## Church Women Meeting Honor Tenth Birthday

The 10th birthday of the College Station Council of Church Women was observed at a luncheon Friday at the A&M Presbyterian church.

Mrs. E. B. Middleton, general chairman, read an original poem that gave a history of the council and as the past presidents names were mentioned, a candle on the birthday cake was lit for each.

Past presidents honored were Mesdames J. C. Miller, F. I. Dahlberg, John Hillman, L. S. Paine, F. L. Thomas, O. S. Allen, E. G. Smith, D. L. Belcher and Dan Davis.

Mrs. David H. Morgan, president, presided at the luncheon.

Following the poem, a "questionnaire game" was played with Mesdames C. N. Sheppardson, J. S. Mogford, T. W. Leland, T. H. Swygert and Gordon Gay serving as a panel of experts.

A quartet composed of Mesdames J. C. Stewart, W. W. Caudill, A. B. Alter and Marvin Butler accompanied by Mrs. Philip Goode, sang "Lullaby" by Brahms and "Long, Long, Ago."

As a preface to the offering, Mrs. Horace Bass and Mrs. Miller presented a summary of spiritual gifts that could be given by the council.

Two-thirds of the offering will go to the state council and one-third to the local chapter.

The tables were set with panics and ivy as center pieces and a salad luncheon was served by the women of the A&M Presbyterian church.

The luncheon ended with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

## News Briefs

CLYDE E. HESSE, unit advisor of the College Station army reserve area, has been promoted to lieutenant colonel. Hesse has 15 years active duty with the army.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL Texas Conference for Veterinarians will be held here June 3-4. More than 250 people are expected to attend.

A. D. FOLWEILER attended the annual Gulf State section meeting of the American Foresters society May 6-7 in Alexandria, La.

CADETS BEGAN TURNING IN uniforms Monday. The military property custodian requested that all issued items be clean or they will not be accepted.

Lt. FRANCIS SPREEN, a graduate of A&M, has arrived on Okinawa for active duty with the 29th regimental combat team.

CAPT. BERNARD J. Kulhanek, a graduate of A&M, is taking part in Exercise Spearhead, large-scale army training maneuver being held this month at Fort Hood.

## Vessel To Cruise In Western Gulf

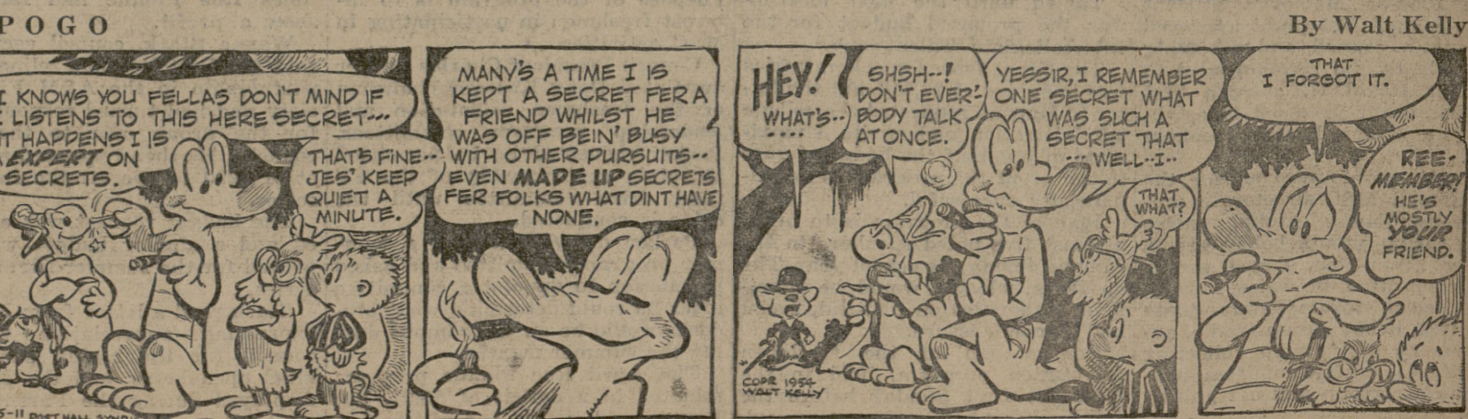
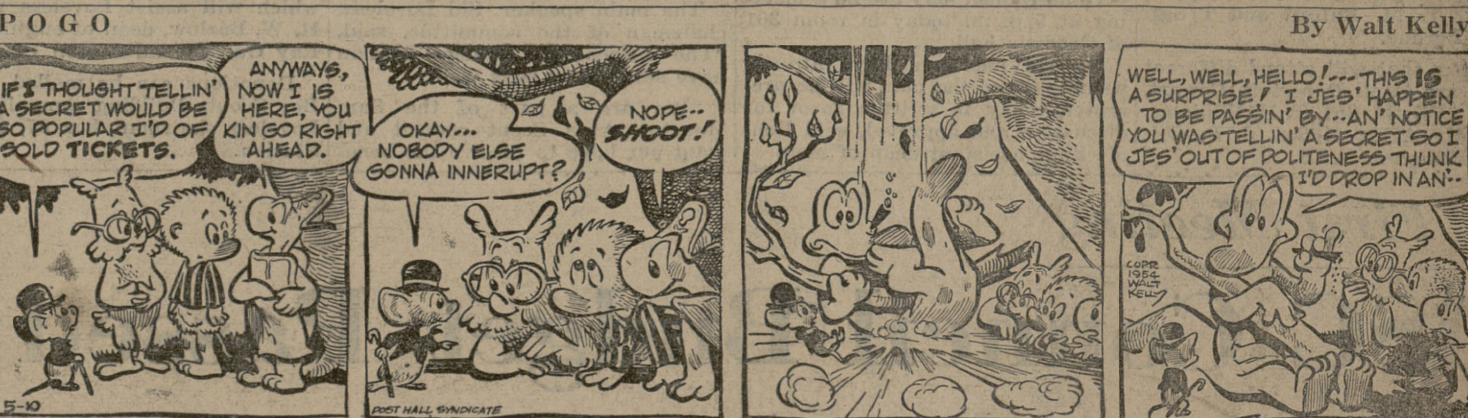
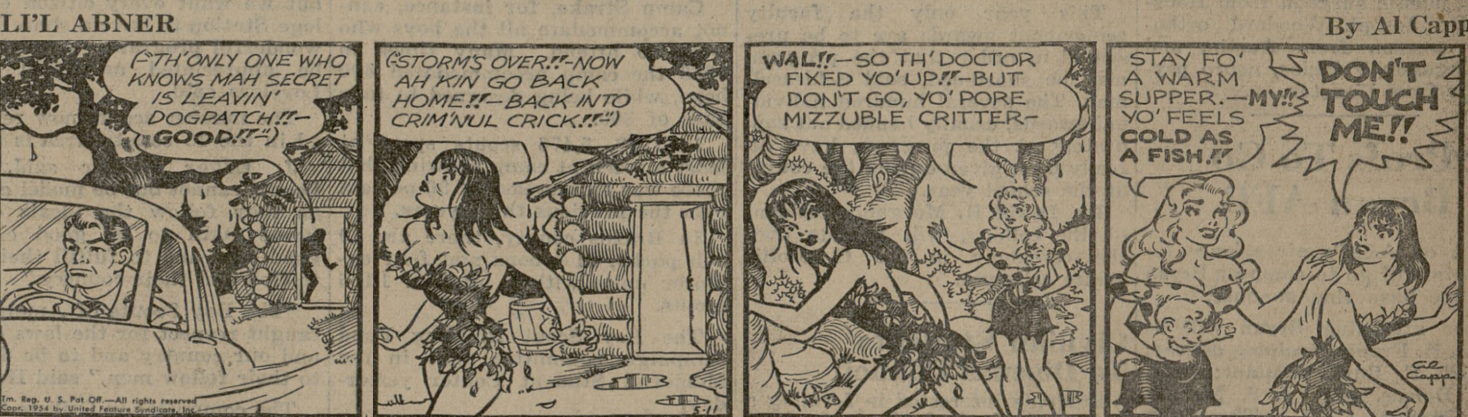
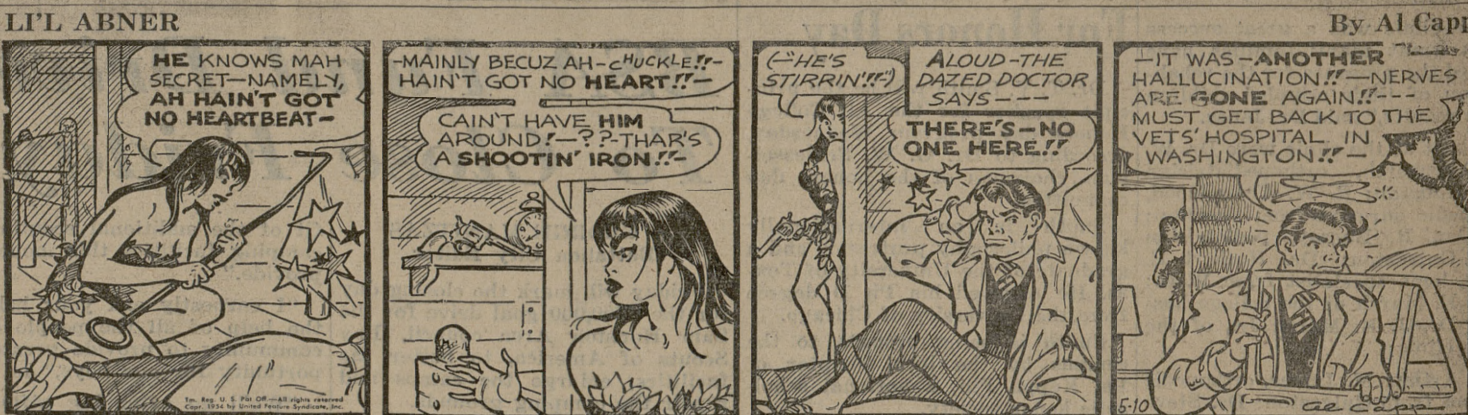
The A. A. Jakkula, oceanographic vessel, will make a ten-day cruise in the western Gulf June 1.

The Jakkula will join the United States fish and wildlife survey vessel, Oregon, to make a cooperative study of the offshore region between Corpus Christi and Brownsville.

Several members of the oceanography department will make the cruise.

Students or staff members interested in making the cruise may contact Dr. Dale Leipper in room 26 of the Old Science building.

## WHAT ARE THESE GREAT MINDS THINKING?



## The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions  
"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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