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THE BATTALION

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 1954

Again, A New Idea From the Air Force

The air force has at last come through with something for its "unwanted men" to do—commissions in the air national guard. These men, who would have received certificates of completion, will now be allowed to accept commissions in the air national guard. It seems the air national guard has spoken up and said it needs the very classifications the air force said it didn't need.

The question arises immediately—why didn't the air national guard speak earlier, or the air force inquire earlier?

Instead of letting the category II and III students wait for this thirteenth-hour call, why didn't the two air services get together in time to allow the students to make plans?

When the air force saw it was going to have to cut down on the number of its non-flying personnel, it could easily have asked its components, such as the guard, if they could use the men who would be left out.

Or the guard could have asked for these men when it heard about the air force cut.

The new air force policy certainly got enough publicity for everyone to know about it.

But now the students, who were told about the new plan Friday afternoon, are expected to make a decision before tomorrow.

They have to decide between volunteering as an airman third class, waiting for a draft call, or becoming a second lieutenant "in training" and serving three years active duty and three years in an active guard unit.

Guard officers on active duty in training are in effect second class soldiers, because they do not receive the same promotion and allowance benefits as reserve officers, and are not allowed veterans benefits.

Also, the problem of finding an active guard unit for the three years after active duty means that the men will have to live in or near a town that has one. It puts a bind on their plans for life after the service.

The whole year leaves one wondering who sets air force policy, and why.

Letters to the Editors

Editors, The Battalion:

In your recent issue you made the statement to the effect that the members of the TT's should be permanently dismissed from A&M. We disagree, though we feel they should be punished.

However, we would like to know more about the by-laws, constitution, or whatever the TT's call their code. We wonder why you have not published this. Is it because the Corps might then be able to see both sides equally?

In your May 19th issue you stated that "the past has proven you can't trust a TT." We know many of these so-called "detrimentals" to A&M personally, and would like to publicly denounce your statement. We are willing to accept the oaths taken by these cadets

and feel sure that the "danger" of a future organization is quite minute.

Why are the 85 men in favor of dismissal? Is it really for the good of the Corps, or for personal gain? We also wonder how many of the 85 cadets would have joined the TT's if asked to do so.

Why were these students suspended when their only offense was secrecy? They have admitted their mistake and co-operated in every way with the college officials in charge of the investigation. They realize that A&M has no place for such organizations and are willing to permanently disband. They should not be kicked out of A&M, but should be given the choice of every other man on the campus—if they don't like

A&M then they can get the hell out of here.

We are convinced of the sincerity of their oath never to reorganize and firmly believe more good would be accomplished by permitting them to return to school and set an example by living up to their oaths as the true Aggies they are!

H. W. Howell '56
W. P. Kirskey '56

Editors, The Battalion:

As the parent of two Aggies (Class of '56), I have more than a passing interest in the incident involving the seventeen men under discipline by the school for violation of regulations concerning secret orders at A&M. My sympathy is for the parents, the wives and children, and the sweethearts—as the case may be—of these men. I regret that they innocently must bear humiliation and embarrassment.

I cannot entertain sympathy for the seventeen men. Their violations of the regulations of the school and of the traditions of countless Aggies was premeditated, willful and deliberate. No excuse can be offered by them or for them.

There is one brotherhood in A&M—the Corps. Keep it that way.

Very truly yours,
H. H. Griffin

The Battalion

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

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News of the World

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN—A Travis County grand jury investigating possible criminal violations of Texas insurance laws wants to talk with State Sen. William T. Moore of Bryan who has welcomed a probe of his insurance activities. Moore was sent a subpoena to appear today.

SAN ANTONIO—An Air Force C-46 plane from Indiana pancaked into a brushy hilltop 50 miles northwest of here during the rainy night, killing two of the five crewmen.

WASHINGTON—The United States is flying guns to Nicaragua and Honduras, neighbors of leftwing Guatemala, which is being armed by the Communists. Reports of the Central American airlift were confirmed yesterday by a state department press officer, Lincoln White.

SAIGON, Indochina—French Union forces outnumbered three to two beat off a six-day pocket-size Dien Ben Phu type siege by the Vietminh in northern Laos near Red China's border, the French high command announced yesterday.

WASHINGTON—Maj. Gen. Cornelius Ryan testified yesterday Pvt. G. David Schine was "a man set aside" in the eyes of fellow soldiers at Ft. Dix—a draftee who arrived in a blaze of publicity and got four times as many passes as the usual GI.

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POGO

By Walt Kelly

REASON I'M HERE 'STEAD OF BACK HOME LIKE ALL OTHER JAYHAWKS DUREIN' OUR CENTENNIAL IS ME AN' TROOPER HUNTT GOT LOOKIN' FOR WATER TO WETDOWN A DUST STORM....

WE DRUV CROST THE KAW, LOOKED THE REPUBLICAN RIVER OVER...NARY A DROP... COME TO A BIG HILL ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOPERA (PLACE CALLED WICHTA), SO OL' LYLE PUT THE CAR INTO LOW....

WE CLUMB AND WE CLUMB FOR HALF A DAY, GOT TO THE TOP AN' LYLE SAYS: MAN, WE'RE OUT OF GAS! SO HE STARTS WALKIN' BACK DOWN...NO SOONER'S HE OUT OF SIGHT THAN THING'S START MOVIN'...

THAT DAGGONED HILL WAS A DUST CLOUD FORTY MILE HIGH BEIN' BLOWN EAST CROST THE STATE LINE AN' THRU MISSOURI... AN' ME STUCK ON TOP WITH A HOT PATROL CAR AN' NO GAS!

WHOOIE!

POGO

By Walt Kelly

I TRIED TO STEER THIS KANSAS DUST CLOUD I WAS RIDIN' ON TOWARD WASHINGTON TO LET 'EM SEE WHAT A REAL DUST STORM LOOKS LIKE... THEN I SAYS NOBODY ON CAPITOL HILL WILL KNOW THE DIFFERENCE....

ON ACCOUNT OF THIS IS THE WINDY SEASON UP THERE, TOO...ANYWAY, THE CLOUD WAS HEADIN' SOUTH-EAST, SO I WRT A LETTER TO THE EDITOR, BUT, TAKIN' A LOOK AT THIS BITE I'M ON, MEBBE IT'D BE A GOOD IDEA...

BACK AT THE STATE JOURNAL... I SAYS: TOM, US JAYHAWKS DON'T MIND SHARIN' OUR GOOD STATE WITH THE UNDEPRIVILEGED, BUT, TAKIN' A LOOK AT THIS BITE I'M ON, MEBBE IT'D BE A GOOD IDEA...

IF THE REST OF THE U.S. AND A WOULD GIVE US BACK THE CHAW AND TAKE THE PLUG...WELL, SIR, I FOUND A POST OFFICE, BUILT ON THAT DUST CLOUD BY A ABSENT-MINDED ADMINISTRATION...AN' SO I.....