

# Battalion Editorials

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THE BATTALION

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## A Lack of Interest

A student senator last night had the nerve to tell the Student Senate something that has long needed to be said around here.

He told them that the students aren't interested in the extracurricular activities here, or seemingly in anything else.

He's right, and there are literally hundreds of cases to back him up.

Granted, the primary and all-important purpose for any student here is to get an education. This comes first, but a student's education can't all come from books and lectures.

It has to be augmented with participation in activities that will make the student more rounded, activities similar to those he will have to be in when he is out of school.

There is no interest in these activities here, and the blame for this lies both with the students who should be participating and the people who sponsor or run the activities.

To attract students, the activities have to

be good, and to be good the activities have to have students in them—both of these factors must come together.

All of the groups that could do good for A&M—the classes, the Student Senate, the Civilian Student Council, technical clubs, even such august bodies as the MSC council and the Student Life committee, become, for the most part, places for people to air pet peeves or long-cherished, usually wild, ideas.

They do some good, but they often generate into debating societies that lose sight of their purpose and accomplish nothing. In some ways, you can't blame students for losing interest in them, but no group is any better than the people in it.

The situation calls for these groups as a whole, and the people who are or should be in them, to sit back and look to see where they are going.

In many cases the result would be a change in direction.

## Foreign Students To Be Entertained

Two A&M foreign students will be entertained in Houston through the auspices of the Institute of International Education over the Thanksgiving Holidays, Bennie Zinn, head of Student Affairs, announced this week.

The two students making the trip are Kotoe Soebagio, graduate student from Indonesia and Fathi Salama, graduate student from Egypt.

These visits are made several times during the year. In February, between 50 and 60 students are invited by various clubs and organizations to Houston.

During their stay in Houston, visitors are treated as average American boys and no fancy food or lavish entertainment is on the agenda, Zinn said.

The Kiwanis, Lions and other civic organizations entertain the boys and arrange sightseeing tours throughout the city and surrounding areas, he added.

## Board Will Meet

The board of directors of the A&M College system will hold their regular meeting Nov. 24 at 2 p.m. at the Driskill hotel in Austin.

## From the City Desk

# Community Fails To Show Interest

By RALPH COLE  
Battalion City Editor

The city council of College Station is trying to build a better city for the citizens, but it cannot do so without the help of the people of the community.

Last night, a town hall meeting was slated for 7 at the A&M Consolidated high school cafeteria. There were only 20 persons present at this meeting, including the city council and the members of the citizens committee that recommended the proposed sewerage system.

If the people of College Station are no more interested in the system than this, then there is no use in even holding an election. To be successful, the people of the community are going to have to find out about the bond issue and decide that it is going to be good for them as well as for the city.

## Sewerage Plan

In short, this is the plan for the sewerage system. It would involve two outfall lines, one beginning east of Consolidated school and running east and southeast along the creek through the Dobrovoly property and continue down the creek to the disposal plant. The other line would follow the present location from College Park southeast to the cemetery and then eastward to the other outfall at the plant site.

The sewer line is designed to serve all of the presently developed areas of the city and future development for the next 25 to 50 years along any of the watersheds south of the city.

The system will involve no pumping and will place the plant outside of the city limits. Even though this will cost more, the initial cost of pumping stations will be saved.

The West Park and Negro area will be served by gravity with a line following the creek through that area until it intersects the creek through the Clark property.

## Estimated Cost

The estimated cost of the sewer lines is \$165,000 and the treatment plant is estimated at \$150,000. The total cost of this plan including engineering and contingencies cost, is \$365,000.

The following is a breakdown of cost estimates:

Sewage treating plant, \$138,000; north trunk sewer, \$62,900; south trunk sewer, \$41,000; Dobrovoly Creek, \$14,700; south colored area outfall, \$27,200; south colored area, \$22,900; rebuilding of the south side outfall, \$20,100; highway 6 relief line, \$9,900; north colored area, \$14,100.

The plant site would cost \$2,500, the right of way, \$1,500 and the miscellaneous future sewer extensions is estimated at \$10,200. This makes up the total of \$365,000.

## Polio Cases

Several cases of polio have been going on at a time when polio is being found in the community. To this year. This could be caused by the lack of properly disposing of the sewage in this area.

The only persons eligible to vote in the election Dec. 1 are tax payers of the City of College Station, and every one of these should turn out and vote one way or the other.

This sewerage project is one of the best things the city could have going on at a time when polio is being found in the community. To clean up what may be the cause of this terrible disease, the sewerage system should go over in a successful way.

The only way to make this election successful, is for the people of College Station to make their own decision and then get out and fight for the way they want it to go.

## Christmas Seals

The 1954 Christmas seal sale will start Monday and run until Christmas day.

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the National Tuberculosis association which coordinates the efforts of more than 3,000 voluntary tuberculosis associations and aids them in expanding their programs for better service. Tuberculosis is a totally unnecessary disease, according to the national association.

They estimate the total TB bill in the United States at \$600,000,000 a year. This includes the cost of case finding, care of patients, public health nursing, health education, rehabilitation, medical research, pensions to veterans and public assistance to patients families.

Joe H. Sorrels is president of the board of directors of the Brazos County Tuberculosis association and Miss Malcolm McInnis is this year's chairman.

The local association sponsors the annual X-ray survey and pays all of the local expenses as well as planning and publicizing the survey.

## Community Chest

More than 45 per cent of the Community Chest's \$14,707 budget will go to youth organizations this year.

The chest has collected \$3,891 so far in their campaign which has been set to end Nov. 22, but will probably have to be extended.

## Teachers Hear Math Consultant

Miss Ida May Bernhard, mathematics consultant, discussed the math program with the administration and teachers of the A&M Consolidated school Wednesday.

Visual aids, which are useful in teaching at various grade levels, were discussed. Books and pamphlets, which are useful for classroom teachers were displayed also, said Mrs. H. S. Creswell, principal of the elementary school.

Miss Bernhard is serving her third year as a member of the board of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

## Guion Hall

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SATURDAY

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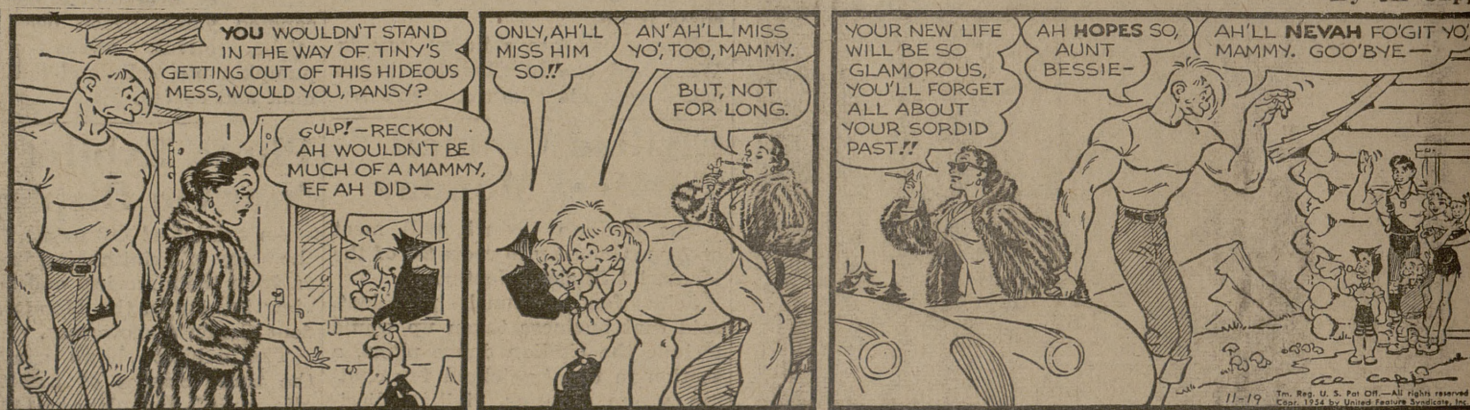
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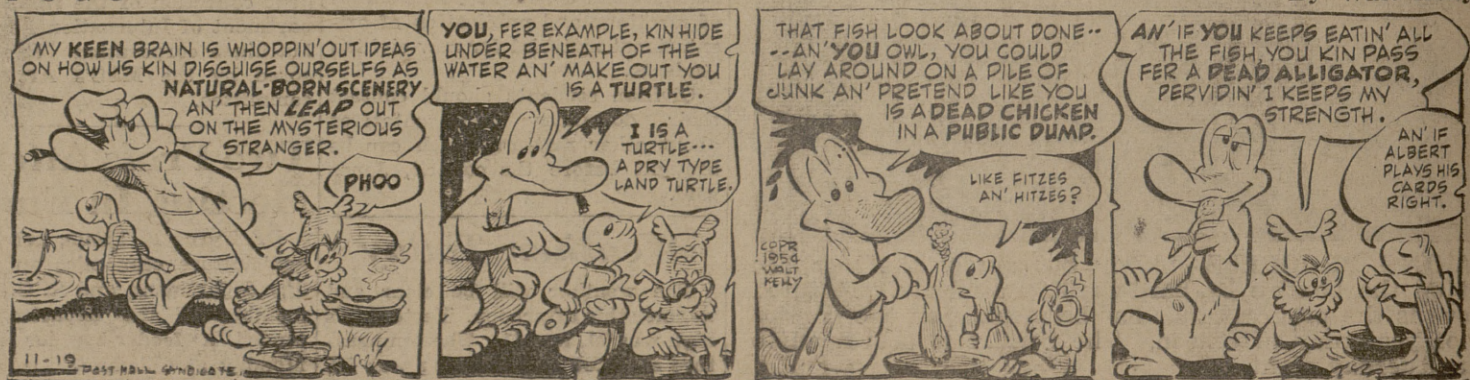


By Al Capp

## LPL ABNER



## POGO



By Walt Kelly

## Whiting Returns From Engagement

Robert L. Whiting, head of the petroleum engineering department, recently returned from a teaching engagement at the Odessa junior college School of Drilling Technology.

The school, sponsored by the American Association of Oil Well Drilling Contractors, was set up on a trial basis this fall. Classes are held six days a week, six hours per day for six weeks. A similar school has been planned for this spring and next fall.

Enrollment in the course was limited to men with experience in the petroleum industry.

Whiting and John R. Pedigo, associate professor of petroleum engineering were the only professional teachers there.

## Cadet Slouch . . . by James Earle



## National Guard Doing Recruiting

The Texas National Guard in College Station is holding a recruiting campaign, said Capt. Barney Welch, commanding officer.

The local appeal is coordinated with similar drives being conducted throughout the U.S., he said.

Age limits for the guard are 17 to 35 and written consent of parents is necessary for enlistment of young men who have not yet reached 18. Men can enlist at the armory every day, except Sunday, Welch said.

## Who's Who

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or societies, scholarships, and special awards received.

The Who's Who committee of the SLC adds to the list of names submitted in the nominating box, and then presents the entire list of names, along with each student's qualifications, to the Student Life committee.

After discussion, the members vote on the names.

## What's Cooking

FRIDAY

7:30—United Nations club, assembly room YMCA, P. J. Gazder will speak on "History and Festivals of India."

SATURDAY

7:30—Newman club, Catholic student center, dance and weiner roast.

MONDAY

7:30—Soil Conservation society, room 105 Agronomy building, Ernest Shillenburg, assistant personnel director of SCS, speaker.

## Beef Meeting Set

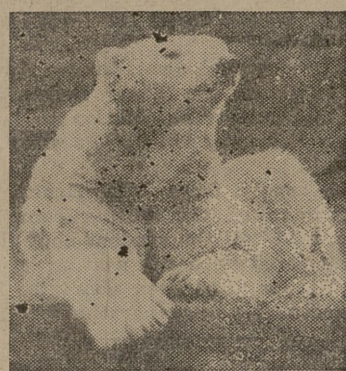
Consumer preference for beef will be studied when representatives from five states come to the campus Tuesday and Wednesday. John G. McNeely and John Kinnannon of the agricultural economics and sociology department and O. D. Butler of the animal husbandry department will represent A&M.

WHERE THE BEST PICTURES PLAY  
**SKYWAY DRIVE-IN THEATRE**  
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"REMAINS TO BE SEEN"  
— TRY OUR THEATRE CAFE —

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## Outdoor Club Formed On Campus

A new club dedicated to a better life in a healthier body has been formed under the auspices of Professor White, affectionately known to his students as "Fuzzy." "We believe in cold showers, invigorating tramps through the woods, roaring fires and life under the stars," commented White. The official insignia of the club is a bottle of Dr. Pepper in a field of stars. Take a tip from Professor White. You, too, can feel invigorated at the same time you get your Lift for Life. Whether



you're the real outdoor type or an indoor sport—you'll find Dr. Pepper the ideal companion.

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