

Battalion Editorials

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THE BATTALION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1955

More on Elections

The Civilian Student Council is on the verge of starting a small uproar over its request that civilian students be allowed to actively campaign for offices.

The council has requested that the Student Life Committee allow civilian students to use posters, cards, and signs for campaigns within the civilian areas.

This is in opposition to a Student Senate ruling of a couple of years ago, which said that no campaign methods other than personal contact would be used by anyone. The Student Life Committee upheld this ruling.

The corps is adamant in its refusal to allow campaign material to be used. The corps reasoning is something like "every Aggie is supposed to know every other Aggie, so signs are unnecessary. Besides, signs and posters are childish and tea-sippery."

The civilian students say that they are not forced to know every man in their unit or dormitory as corps students are, therefore, some means of publicizing elections and candidates must be used.

The tradition of every Aggie knowing every Aggie, although an admirable idea and noble goal, is obviously unattainable. There are too many Aggies; it would be physically impossible to know 6,000 persons well enough to say which would make the best elected officers.

Also, this idea of having elections as quietly as possible, without stirring up un-Aggie-like fuss that would smack of a coed

school, is probably one of the reasons there has been so little participation in student elections.

(If the filings that closed yesterday are any indication, participation has improved somewhat this year. Perhaps this controversy between civilians and corps, or between army corps and air force corps, will stir the lethargic voter now.)

If campaigning were allowed, in both the civilian and corps areas, it would probably make both elections and the elected officers better.

Of course, the campaigning would have to be kept in good taste, and designed so as not to absolutely litter the campus with objectionable material. Two years ago, when campaigning was allowed, college rules kept it within bounds.

The civilian students, because "meeting" is not as firmly entrenched among them as it is among the corps students, would probably use more campaign material, but the corps students probably would use some too, if given the chance.

After all, elections are a part of the life students will lead when they get out of A&M, and America's elections are definitely not conducted on the no-publicity principle.

A man running for election must be willing to put himself, his qualifications, and his beliefs before the people.

Why shouldn't A&M students be willing to do the same thing?

Definite Plans Adopted For Civilian Activities

Definite plans for the Civilian Student weekend were formulated yesterday, but the committee planning the activities decided against having "yell practice" on the Thursday before the weekend.

The committee, composed of representatives from each dormitory, permanently set the dates for the weekend as May 13-14.

The group also planned beard growing contest and adopted several rules for the affair. Civilian students who want to enter the contest must register with floor, ramp, or row representatives in their area beginning Tuesday, April 5. An entrance fee of 10 cents will be charged.

Prizes for the winners of the contest are being donated by local merchants. First and second place winners will be picked in two divisions—fanciest beard and scruffiest beard. Finalists in the contest will be judged at a barbecue May 13.

An ugly man contest will be judged at the Civilian Student dance May 14. Rules for the contest are simply "anything goes for those who want to enter." The group felt any kind of makeup "short of a face mask" would be allowed.

The next meeting of the planning group will be at 4 p.m. April 19 in the YMCA assembly room.

Journalists To Publish Conroe Paper

Students in journalism 306 will take over and publish the Conroe Courier during the Easter holidays, said Wesley Calvert, instructor of the course.

This will be the first time that such a venture has been undertaken here, Calvert said.

The students will perform all operations of planning, editing and selling advertising for the April 14 issue.

The Courier is a weekly newspaper in Conroe, 63 miles southeast of College Station.

The students were offered the opportunity at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Rigby Owen, owners and publishers of the Courier. Owen is recognized as one of the most progressive weekly newspaper publishers in Texas.

Calvert said the trip will provide much needed actual experience in coping with the problems of producing and selling a paper. The course, newspaper production and management, is designed to teach the fundamentals of printing a weekly newspaper, he said.

Editor for the week will be Billy Fullerton from Houston; managing editor, Donald Shepard from Graham; advertising manager, Jim Collins from Barstow; assistant advertising manager, Phil McNeer from Beaumont; farm editor, George Smith from Breckenridge; and sports editor, Bill Thomas from Lewisville.

Other students making the trip will be Ed Fries, Dolph Moten, Paul Savage, Bill Holloway, David McReynolds, Charles Parker, and Ralph Cole.

Lions Club Hears Speech Therapist

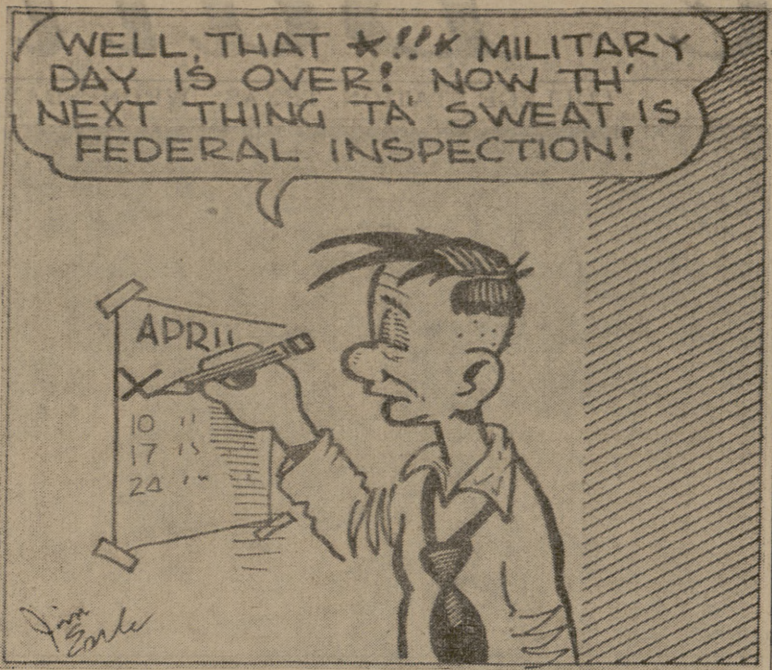
Mrs. Marsha Fletcher, speech therapist for A&M Consolidated schools, spoke to the College Station Lions club Monday on "Why We Should Have Speech Therapy in Public Schools."

The speech handicapped comprises the largest single group of handicapped persons in the United States today, Mrs. Fletcher explained.

"We need a program," she said, "to find these students, diagnose their problems, and correct them."

Anyone's speech that is not understandable or attracts unfavorable attention should have speech therapy. In 1951 there were about 16,000 children in Texas who needed this therapy, but there were only 70 therapists in public schools. Now we have 612 speech therapists, but we are still deficient.

Cadet Slouch . . . by James Earle



★ Job Calls ★

● Wednesday, March 30—Factory Mutual Engineering division (Boston)—interviews for field engineering staff. Texas work and location after about a year of training at St. Louis office—chemical, mechanical, industrial engineering majors to be interviewed.

● Wednesday, March 30—Great Southern Chemical corporation (Corpus Christi)—interviews for chemical engineering majors for the position of laboratory assistant. The person employed would be required to become familiar with laboratory tests and procedures and develop new procedures, and assist in scheduling laboratory work.

● Wednesday, Thursday, March 30, 31—Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corp. (Toledo, Ohio)—mechanical, chemical, electrical engineering, physics, chemistry, accounting, business administration majors for plant engineering, process engineering, process control, product development, manufacturing, quality control, fundamental research, sales, purchasing, cost control, personnel.

● Thursday, March 31—Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific railroad, El Reno, Okla.—representatives will interview for the Rock Island railroad training program. Majors: civil, mechanical, electrical, industrial engineering.

What's Cooking

THURSDAY
5:00—Circle K club, 2nd floor lounge MSC, organizational meeting.

7:15—Houston hometown club, 301 Goodwin, discuss Galveston beach party.

Guadalupe hometown club, 125 Academic, special meeting to discuss Easter party.

Gen-Tex hometown club, room 3C, MSC, film: 1948 class A football championship, Monahans vs. New Braunfels.

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WE'RE IN THE 26TH GRIELING HOUR OF THE PILLSBILLY BAKE-ATHON! J. POWEVER PILLSBILLY IS UP AGAIN!

AFTER THAT NEAR-FATAL RAISIN SHORT-CAKE! HE'S TASTING ANOTHER ONE!—WHAT A DEAD-GAME LITTLE SPORT!

BUT HOW LONG CAN HE KEEP ALL THIS UP—OR DOWN?

DO YOU WANT TO THROW IN THE TOWEL, BOSS?

NO—UPTI! BRING ON THE UGH! GASP! NEXT ONE!

AUNT ABBIE, YOKUM AND HER CAKE COMING UP!

The announcer is a fat figure and picture of G. G. Coster.

POGO By Walt Kelly

THIS POEM I WROTE IS ACTUAL A LOVE-TYPE OF TENDER SENTIMENTAL CATEGORY SPECIE OF POEM.

IT MIGHT BE WHILEST YOU IS UP, TAKIN' OFF YO' HAT LIKE A GENTLEMAN, YOU'LL FOTCH A COMB AN' TISSUE PAPER FROM THE CUPBOARD AN' BLOW ME A BACKGROUND.

THIS POEM IS IN HONOR OF YOU, MIZ MAM'ELLE HEDZIBAH.

I AM FLOBBERSHOOTED!

EYES OF BLUE AN' ALL.

NOON! NOON!

BY JING, THEY BETTER BE BLUE IN THIS POEM OR I GOTTA SIT A NOTHER TRUE LOVE.

STOOP LA MUSIQUE! MY EYES IS NO BLUE BROWN—A JOLIE BROWN! THEY ARE!