

Battalion Editorials

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THE BATTALION

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Nothing Much Done

The Student Senate last night gave itself a terrific setback on its path toward becoming the outstanding governing body of A&M.

After more than two hours of often pointless and trivial debate, the senate failed to present a satisfactory solution to the tangled student election situation, and almost missed declaring its opinion of primary elections.

The senate decided to go ahead and have this year the class of '56 and '57 elections, postponed because the army students in both classes had primaries to determine a slate of officers.

The senate voted to erase the present filings, which have about one army student to five air force students for each position, and reopen filings. In other words, have a whole new filing and elections.

This was done, senators said, because it would be "fair," and give some more army students a chance to file.

This action was taken in spite of the fact that three members of the senate, all army juniors, told the senate that no more army juniors would file even if the filings were reopened.

The intimidation of the original primary would obviously keep any more army juniors from filing—a fact the senate tried to ignore, although all the members must have been aware of it.

Because of this, the elections for these two classes will be exactly the same as they would have been before they were postponed—an army slate of candidates will be running against a scattering of air force candidates, giving the army an tremendous edge, an edge gained by trickery.

Then the senate finally got around to deciding whether or not they were in favor of primaries, although this almost got lost in a maze of motions, amendments, and amendments to the amendments.

The results, after some clear and frank talking knocked some sense into the meeting, was a recommendation to the college to outlaw primaries, starting next year.

This is good; primaries should be outlawed; there is little doubt about this.

But the senate still placed itself in the position of okaying an election which is stacked because of a primary, then disapproving of primaries in general.

It would have been easy to outlaw primaries, then postpone the two class elections until next fall, when the participants would have had a chance to cool off.

Instead, the senate went about it the hard way, and unless the candidates themselves do something about it, the class of '56 and '57 elections may leave scars that will take a long time to disappear.

Gen. Weyland

Top Ex To Speak Here

Gen. O. P. Weyland, who will be Muster speaker here Thursday, is A&M's highest ranking former student, and one of the nation's top air force commanders.

But he was a leader while he was at A&M, too—the whole corps followed his lead.

He was the corps bugler.

His old roommate, State Highway Engineer DeWitt Greer, released this fascinating bit of information the last time Weyland

visited A&M, last spring. Weyland stopped off at A&M then on his way to take command of the tactical air force, a job he still holds.

At that time, the corps put on a review for him, and about 25 of his classmates from the class of '23 had a luncheon here for him.

Weyland, who goes by the name "Opie," was born at Riverside, Calif., in 1902. After he got his BS degree from A&M, he went

into the service immediately, and accepted a regular commission a couple of years later.

He has ratings as both a Command Pilot and Combat Observer now, but in those days served alternately as a flight and observer instructor, and commander of Kelly field's observer section.

He spent a year in the air force's Tactical school, then went to the Command and General Staff school. After a time in the National Guard bureau, he took over as chief of staff of the Sixth air force in the Caribbean area.

In 1942, after the start of World War II, he became director of air support, then chief of allocations and programs, both Washington headquarters jobs.

Then he went overseas for his first combat job, as commander of the 84th fighter wing. In 1944 he became commander of the XIX tactical air command, the combat unit that gave air support to Gen. George Patton's dash across France in the spring of 1945.

After the war, Weyland served in several staff positions and as assistant commandant of two service schools.

In 1950 he was named commander of the tactical air command, but he held this post only a week—the North Koreans invaded South Korea, and Weyland went to the Far East as vice-commander of the Far Eastern air force.

In 1951 he was made commander, where he served for the rest of the Korean conflict.

His American decorations are the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Air Medal.

He is married to the former Miss Kathryn McFarland of San Antonio, and they have a 21-year-old daughter, Mary Kathryn.

No, we don't know if the daughter is coming with him.

Social Whirl

Friday

The Foods group of the A&M Social club will have the monthly luncheon today at 1:15 p.m. in the A&M Presbyterian church.

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Army juniors at the meeting, were asked if they thought any more army juniors would file if the filings were reopened this year. Three army juniors said "no," including one who said, "No, but we should do it anyway to be fair."

After more discussion, including a description of the primary held by the army juniors, a motion was

made to erase the present filings, open them again, and have the election later this spring.

Several juniors present said the junior class wanted its officers this spring, "so we can begin working on our senior Ring dance."

Now to Primaries

This motion passed, and the senators turned to deciding what they would do about primaries in gen-

eral, a question that had been in and out of the night's debate.

A simple motion to outlaw primaries gathered an amendment to form a committee to study punishment, and an amendment giving the election commission the power to say whether or not a primary had been held.

Senate President Jerry Ramsey left the chairmanship in a dramatic gesture to tell the senators that they were trying the "pass the buck" and that the senate should definitely state its opinion of primaries.

Both amendments and the motion were withdrawn, and a motion was made that any election not conducted by the election commission was invalid and any student participating in such an election would be ineligible for student-elected posts for a year.

In other action, the senate voted to bring to A&M several North Texas State college entertainers, including Dick Penner and Wade Moore, the "Uby-Duby" singers of the Intercollegiate Talent show, to put on a show to raise money for the Twelfth Man scholarship. The meeting adjourned.

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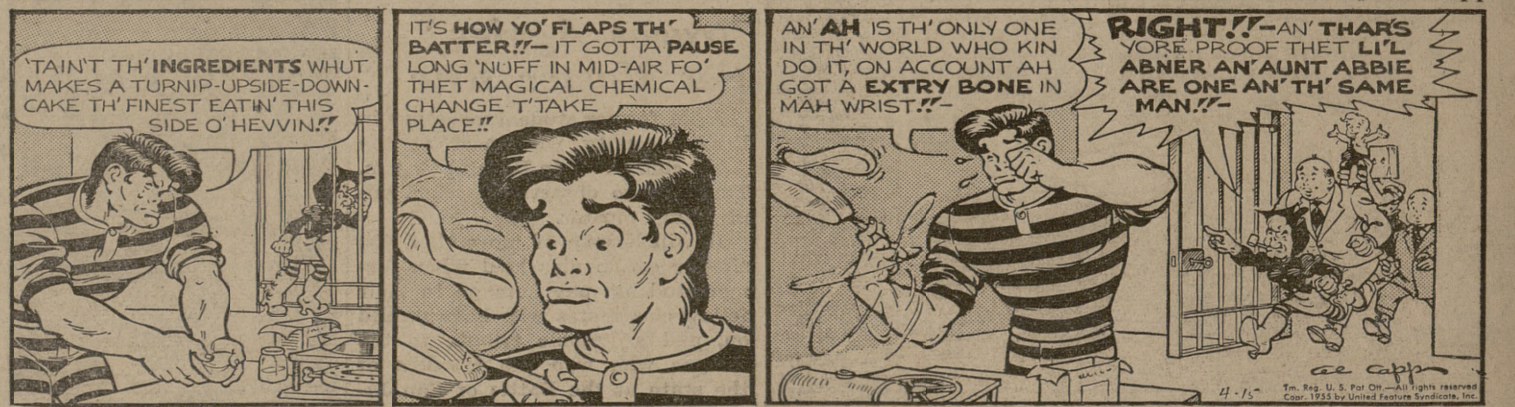
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