

Battalion Editorials

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Challenge to Youth

D. H. Lawrence, writing on a different theme, once put into words a challenge which is present for every student of every American college and university. This was: "Let Americans turn to America, and to that very America which has been rejected and almost annihilated. Do they want to draw sustenance for the future?"

These words were written in the hope that America would develop its own literary culture. We repeat them here in the hope that such a conference as next week's Student Conference on National Affairs will draw attention to the youth of our colleges. For it is us, the youth of America, who will have to shoulder the responsibility of carrying forward the hope of mankind for peace.

A clarion call exists in the challenge we have before us. Our generation has been called the "Silent Generation," born in the depths of depression, raised in the holocaust of war, slapped with charges of delinquency, and condemned for not concerning ourselves with the continual infringements on civil rights.

Many of these charges, and others, we have to answer for; many of the answers can be found by retracing the footsteps of our forerunners, by looking back to the disillusionment of those that preceded us. They must share the blame for the past; upon us rests the responsibility for the future.

We are shaped by our environment. Look at today's world, at the effects visible in our own nation of events halfway around the world. The United States has apparently awakened to realize that the decadent philosophy of isolationism—bequeathed to us by near-sighted heroes of old—is no longer valid in an ever-shrinking world.

We have been silent on many issues—issues which have been so big that they have all but crushed our fathers.

But we're beginning to feel the strength of our muscles and our brains. And we're beginning to wonder about the situation existing in our world.

We're beginning to speak, using—as in SCONA—the experience and mistakes of the past as our guide.



COL. THOMAS L. CRYSTAL, professor of philosophy at the U. S. Air Force Academy, Denver, Colo., will serve as a roving observer at next week's Student Conference on National Affairs. He received his BS from the U. S. Military Academy in 1934 and his MA from Columbia University in 1949. Col. Crystal has served as assistant professor of international relations, Department of Social Sciences, U. S. Military Academy; and participated in the planning for and development of the first student conferences on U. S. affairs at the Academy.

A&M's SCONA

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uate School; Col. Joe E. Davis, A&M commandant; Dr. R. W. Steen, head of the History Department; Dr. J. Q. Hayes, English professor at A&M; R. Henderson Shuffler, director of Information and Publications, A&M College System; E. E. McQuillen, executive director of the Development Fund, A&M System; R. B. Halpin, associate professor of Agricultural Economics & Sociology at A&M; N. T. Ness, Secretary, Anderson, Clayton & Co., Inc.; Dr. J. Horace Bass, professor of History, A&M; C. C. Haas, assistant director, business manager, MSC; Col. H. E. Dittman, professor of Air Science, A&M; and Hardin Craid Jr. Librarian and professor of History at Rice Institute.

Opens Wednesday

Conferees will begin arriving for the opening of the conference Wednesday. At 3 p.m. that day, Dr. David H. Morgan, A&M president, will welcome students from 44 colleges in 15 states and Mexico and special guests here for helping and speaking at the conference.

TAES Gets New Employee Jan. 1

Charlotte Tompkins, Carson county home demonstration agent since September 1946, on Jan. 1, 1956 will become a member of the headquarters staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Extension Director G. G. Gibson said her new title would be Specialist in Home Management and that she replaces Mrs. Bernice Clayton, resigned.

Miss Tompkins is a native of Missouri but has lived and worked in Oklahoma and Texas since 1923. She is a graduate of Oklahoma A&M with a B.S. degree in home economics and holds an M.E. degree from Colorado A&M in the same subject.

Social Whirl

Aggie Wives Council will meet at 8 p.m. Monday in the YMCA. Representatives are asked to bring the \$1 dues for their club.

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Fish

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straight shots as Allen took a 67-60 lead with 5:05 left to play.

Heller grabbed a rebound and passed to Roberts for two points and Swisher sunk a lay-up on a fast break that found four Aggie freshmen down court to but one Academy man. Montemayor and Collier pushed through a field goal each. Swisher hit two clutch free throws to cut the lead to five points.

The Fish bobbed a chance to get closer as they took the ball out of bounds, but lost it to the Ramblers. Collier captured a stray A&M pass and turned it into an easy two points. Diago meshed a set shot from in front of the circle and hit a beautiful two-handed shot from deep in the right corner after Roberts had stolen the ball. Collier dumped the last two-pointer for Allen. Diago sunk a lay-up, but time ran out before the Fish could get in another shot.

The Fish play their first home game next Wednesday against the University of Houston Kittens in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

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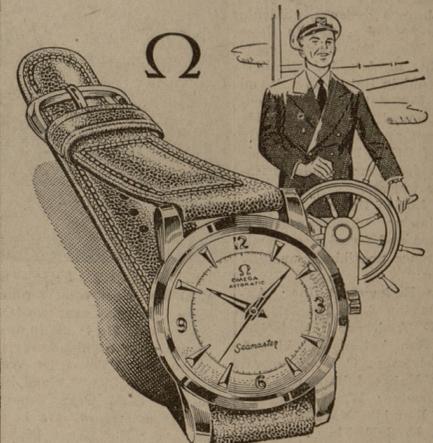
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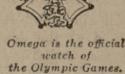


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