

# The Battalion

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## Church Group Opens Meeting Today at 3

The fourth annual Ecumenical Student Christian Conference will open this afternoon at 3 as approximately 400 students and guests, representing some 30 colleges and universities, register at A&M Methodist Church.

All college students, ministers, faculty or other persons associated with college student groups are invited to attend the conference.

The opening worship will begin at 7:30 tonight with a choric dramatization entitled "I Believe in God" by an Ecumenical Aggie team, directed by Bill Libby.

Dr. Elton Trueblood, professor of philosophy and noted author-lecturer from Earlham College, Ind., will be the principal speaker.

He will speak at 8 tonight on "The Present Status of the Christian Cause;" 10 a.m. Saturday, "Movement in Depth;" 2 p.m. "A Personal Discipline;" 8 p.m. "The Formation of a Task Force;" and 11 a.m. Sunday "The Meaning of a Commitment."

Dr. Noel Keith, head, Department of Religion, Texas Christian University, will lead Bible discussions.

Meetings will be held in the Wesley Foundation and the A&M Methodist church. The conference will adjourn Sunday, following the noon meal.



**SERGEANT MAJOR**—Jack Lunsford, right, junior chemical engineering major from Houston, has been named Corps sergeant major, effective today. He was chosen from a group of six juniors interviewed by the School of Military Science. Col. Joe E. Davis, Commandant, made the announcement.

## Second Annual Civilian Day Set Tomorrow In Sbisa Hall

### Lunsford Takes Over As Corps Sergeant Major

Jack Lunsford, junior chemical engineering major from Houston, has been named sergeant major of the Corps of Cadets.

Lunsford, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Lunsford of Houston, was Corps scholastic sergeant before his appointment, which is effective today.

He attended Stephen F. Austin (Houston) High School where he was president of the National Honor Society. Activities at A&M include, member of Aloha Club, vice-chairman of the Student Conference on National Affairs held here last December, temporary chairman of the Executive Committee of next year's SCONA, A&M delegate to West Point's Student Conference on United States Affairs, member of Tau Beta Pi, recorder for Senior Court and a member of the Ross Volunteers, honor military guard.

"I am looking forward to a great year," Lunsford said, "and if everyone works together, we will move forward together."

Lunsford was outstanding sophomore in the First Wing, best drilled sophomore in squadron 10 and a member of the outfit winner of the Gen. George F. Moore trophy during his sophomore year. He was a member of Phi Eta Sigma during his freshman year and his present over-all grade point ratio is 2.81.

"We feel he is the man for the job," Larry Kennedy, Corps commander said. "He is fully capable of carrying out the duties of sergeant major."

The Corps sergeant major, usually, becomes Corps commander during his senior year. He was selected from a group of six juniors interviewed by the School of Military Science.

### Barbecue Starts at 6, Dance Follows at 8:30

Beards, barbecue and billies (hill-, that is) will be the menu tomorrow evening as the second annual Civilian Student Day program opens to the twang of guitars and the strumming of banjos.

The first course of fun is the barbecue at 6 p. m. in Sbisa Hall. A full house is expected to enjoy the food which is being prepared by the college dining hall. No barbecue tickets will be sold at the door.

During this part of the evening's entertainment, the eaters will chew their food in tune with a whole array of western singers and instrumentalists.

### Great Issues Has Sunday Lecture

The Great Issues Committee will present Dr. Elton Trueblood in an address Sunday in the ballroom of the Memorial Student Center at 2:30 p.m. He will talk on "A Positive Answer to Communism."

Trueblood has been chief of religious information, U. S. Information Agency, Washington, D. C. and director of the Yokefellow Foundation.

### Announcement Orders Now Taken

Thursday, March 22, is the last day to order graduation announcements, according to the Office of Student Activities.

Students are reminded that they must pay in full when they place their order. Any number of announcements may be ordered, but the personal cards, either engraved or printed, may be ordered only in groups of hundreds.

Prices of the announcements are: leatherbound, 75 cents each; cardboard, 40 cents each; French-fold, 10 cents each.

Printed personal cards are \$1.50 per hundred and engraved personal cards are \$2.50 per hundred.

## Letting Off Steam

# Senate, Good or Bad?

By RALPH COLE  
Battalion Managing Editor

Texas A&M's Student Senate has done one thing all year that this writer agrees with.

And that was done last night. Byron Parham, Senate president, has appointed a committee to look into and "criticize" efforts of the Senate to live up to its standards of governing the student body.

So far this year, the Senate has done exactly nothing in the way of governing the student body. Unless arranging for Kyle Field seating could be classed as governing of the student body.

The Senate could be, and should be, one of the most powerful organizations on this campus. As it now stands, nothing is ever accomplished by Senators who meet as two different groups—Corps and Civilians—when any controversial issue between the two arises.

The Senate met for exactly one hour and forty minutes last night. One hour and thirty minutes of this time was spent discussing Kyle Field seating and the price of date tickets, which the Senate has no authority over at all. This year's seating plan was revised after every home game.

Some good points of the Senate

include backing of the local tuberculosis drive, campus beautification, naming of Aggie Sweetheart escort for the Cotton Bowl game on Jan. 1 and election of new officers each year.

Other things, such as who will keep Reveille and Kyle Field seating arrangements are foolish and a waste of time for a student governing body.

The Senate could, but avoided it in their meeting last night, discuss resolutions concerning segregation, as outlined at the recent Texas Intercollegiate Students Association conference at the Abilene Christian College. They could try for something besides end zone seats for A&M students, better living facilities in dormitories, determine powers and allocate powers to other councils over the campus.

The constitution of the Student Senate states, "The object of the student government will be to act in an executive capacity for the student body both on and off the campus and to serve as a liaison organization between the faculty,

the student body and other colleges in matters relating to student activities.

The Senate now has ten standing committees. Of these ten, only two are important—the Executive Committee and representatives to the Student Life Committee.

If a governing body, representing the entire student enrollment of a college can't act in some capacity to help those represented, then what's the use of having a governing body at all?

### Praise, Stern Talk

## Morgan Talks To Corps

Texas A&M's president, David H. Morgan, gave praise and stern talk to the Cadet Corps assembled together in White Coliseum yesterday afternoon.

"You officers have more than authority—you have responsibility," he told the 3,040 members of the Corps.

"A&M is the largest military

college in the country.

"Last year, of the hundreds of colleges and universities in this country, A&M conferred the largest number of B. S. degrees in agriculture to men.

"We led the nation. Agriculture is important in the future—additional responsibilities for us, including the Corps of Cadets.

"A&M last year was the sixth ranking land-grant institution in the number of bachelors conferred in engineering.

"These distinctions place greater responsibility on us, including the Corps of Cadets.

"Visitors to Russia report back that education is spelled there with all caps.

"Are the people in this country—in Texas—as conscious of the need for education as are the Russians?"

"I am not talking of going to college or university—but of education.

Dr. Morgan gave figures on the performance of sophomores on preliminary report for the fall semester of 1955. In the upper 25 per cent of the sophomore class, 83.3 per cent of civilian students passed their work while only 63.9 per cent of Corps students passed. In the second 25 per cent of the class, 72 per cent of civilian students passed while only 60 per cent of Corps students passed.

"A&M prides itself on being one fraternity. What have you done to your brothers?" Dr. Morgan said. "You should have helped them, but you not only let them sink—you may have helped them go under.

Three hundred and forty-eight sophomore cadets failed to make their grades, 87 of them in the top 25 percent of their class. If they fail this semester, they will not be back next year," he added.

"Compulsory ROTC should not be necessary.

"Membership in the corps should be a privilege sought by all—a continuous privilege to be earned each semester.

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**EDUCATION COMMISSION**—Pictured above is the education Commission of A&M Consolidated Schools. The Committee met yesterday afternoon to hear reports on improvements for the school system. From left to right on the near side, they are Mrs. D. F. Weeks, Mrs. Melvin Eisner, W. A. Tarrow, Charles Workman, Dr. Charles LaMotte, W. T. Riedel, Mrs. T. S. Burkhalter, Dr. Melvin Brooks, J. J. Skrivaneck, E. D. McMurray, Mrs. H. S. Creswell, Mrs. Stewart Brown, Mrs. R. M. Holcomb and Dr. Les Richardson, standing. A story will be carried in next Tuesday's Battalion.

### Prize Division For Winners Announced

The following is the "Division of the spoils" for winners and second places in the three-category beard-growing contest of the Civilian Student Day program tomorrow.

#### GAMBLER

First place: 8x10 black and white framed portrait; \$15 dollars worth of merchandise; Aggie belt buckle; Texan Special sirloin steak, free shave and haircut.

Second place: Western belt buckle; cuff links, \$2.50 down on a pair of dress trousers.

#### BAD MAN

First place: 8x10 black and white framed portrait; gold belt buckle; 10 gallons of Ethyl gasoline; Texan Special sirloin steak; free shave and haircut.

Second place: Western belt buckle, made to order; \$2.70 worth of cleaning; T-bone steak.

#### PROSPECTOR

First Place: 8x10 black and white framed portrait; Levi western outfit (A. M. Waldrop & Co.); \$36 worth of savings on records; Texan Special sirloin steak; free shave and haircut.

Second place: cuff links and tie clasp; \$5 reduction on dress pants; smoking pipe.

The beards will be judged during intermission at the dance tomorrow night in Sbisa Hall.

### Two Scholarships For Ag Journalism

The Journalism Department will offer two \$500 agricultural journalism scholarships for the next academic year.

The awards are to be paid for by the Clayton Fund, established by W. L. Clayton, former chairman of the Board of Anderson, Clayton and Co. Candidates for the award must have completed at least two years of college work. The scholarship may be given to assist a student in either undergraduate or graduate work, said Donald D. Burchard, Journalism Department head.

Applications for the Clayton Award scholarships must be filed with the Journalism Department by April 5. Forms may be secured by writing to the department.

"Basis of selection will be scholarly record of the candidates, sincerity of purpose, outstanding potentialities in the field of agricultural journalism, and financial need," Burchard said.

### Singing Cadets To Give Concert

The Singing Cadets, 55 strong, under the direction of Bill Turner, will give programs in Dallas, Mount Pleasant and Tyler, this weekend.

They gave a program at the North Dallas high school auditorium, Thursday; Mount Pleasant High School auditorium, today; Tyler City Auditorium, Saturday and at the Tyler Marvin Methodist church, Sunday.

The Singing Cadets are being presented by the A&M Mothers clubs of those cities.

### School Conference To Start Monday

A conference for Texas public school administrators on problems involved in organization and administration of guidance services in smaller schools will be held here Monday and Tuesday.

About 80 public school administrators are expected to attend the conference which will be held in the MSC.

Dr. W. P. Ewens of the Education and Psychology Department at A&M will serve as general director of the conference.

### Employees Dinner Set For Thursday

Rue Pinnale of the Employees Dinner Dance Club will be held next Thursday in the ballroom of the Memorial Student Center. It will be a costume affair carrying the theme "Moulin Rouge."

The dinner will start at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$1.50 per person. They may be purchased at the main desk of the MSC before noon Wednesday. There are only 300 tickets available for the dance.

Music will be provided by Bill Turner's Aggieband Orchestra. All part time employees and graduate students are invited.

### Weather Today

CLOUDY

Scattered clouds and windy is the forecast for College Station. Yesterdays high was 62 degrees and low was 29 degrees yesterday morning. Temperature at 10:30 this morning was 61 degrees.

### Batt Safe-Driving Issue Wins Third

The Battalion has been notified that its entry in the 1955 Lumbermans College Newspaper Safe Driving Contest has won third prize. The issue was put out in December. The third prize award is for \$100.