

Letters to the Editor

Editor,
The Battalion:
Maybe I'm dumb or maybe I just don't understand. Lately, in fact this semester, there has been something which has been a constant thorn in my side. To be straight-forward, the thorn is none other than one "Church Formation", or so it is called.
I go to church. I'm a Methodist to be specific. I don't know about you, but I don't need anyone to tell me to go to church.
American democracy has its most basic principles founded upon Religious Freedom. Americans are free to go to the church of their choice or not at all if they prefer.
When are the college officials or whoever is responsible going to realize that college students aren't babies? If they aren't old enough to decide for themselves now, they never will be.
But what is even more outrageous is that the church formation was formed for freshmen and sophomores only. Did the planners of this church formation believe that the juniors and seniors are perfect? Yes, I am a sophomore, but don't get me wrong. I don't think

that just because the freshmen and sophomores fall out, the juniors and seniors should also.
I'm trying to impress you with the idea that the church formation was formed for the wrong purpose entirely.
Another fallacy of the church formation is the plight of the Catholics. If a Catholic desires, he may go to 6 or 7 a.m. Mass. Yet when he gets back, he must still fall out for the church formation. Was this the purpose of the church formation—to haze students?
In closing I would like to say that it is my firm conviction that the church formation be done away with entirely in view of the fact that college students are mature individuals—not mere adolescents.
The real church formation can be only in one's own heart. As long as the freshmen and sophomores of Texas A&M College are forced to fall out on Sunday morning, someone's good intent can be classified as only another hazing device.
Roy Anderson '59

(Ed. Note: Anyone else have any ideas on this subject?)

Air Defense Force Gets Atomic Rocket

WASHINGTON (AP)—Atomic rockets for blasting enemy bombers out of the sky are now being issued to interceptor planes of the Air Defense Command within the United States.

Suddenly breaking a well-kept secret, Secretary of Defense Wilson yesterday revealed this dramatic, long step in the nation's defense in a statement which also

Moncrief, '42, Joins Golf Association

James B. Moncrief, '42, this week joined the U. S. Golf Association Green Section Southwestern Office.

He will be working in the association with Dr. Marvin H. Ferguson, national research coordinator.

Duties he takes at the post include extension and advisory work in turf problems with golf course superintendents throughout Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri.

Prior to coming to the USGA office he was park supervisor and acting agronomist for Dallas.

Moncrief says his wife and children, a boy, 11, and girl, 6, will join him in College Station March 1.

said that the same nuclear punch will be incorporated into surface-to-air defense.

This will include the Army's Nike-Hercules anti-aircraft missile and the Talos, a missile developed by the Navy which the Air Force has proposed to adopt.

The fact that nuclear missiles already are out of the experimental stage and going into the hands of airmen represents the greatest advance in aerial defense since World War II

Housing Needed For Conference

Persons with spare rooms in their homes who would like to provide free housing for delegates to the Ecumenical Student Christian Conference scheduled for the weekend of March 8-10, are asked to phone VI 6-4716, or leave their name and address at the YMCA office.

Information as to how many delegates can be housed and whether or not there is any race preference will be needed.

The conference will hold its meetings in the A&M Methodist Church and Wesley Foundation beginning Friday evening, March 8, and ending Sunday morning, March 10.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Dick Bibler



What's Cooking

The following clubs and organizations meet tonight:

7:15
Tri-County Hometown Club meets in room 206 of the Academic Building.

Guadalupe Valley Hometown Club meets in room 308 of the Academic Building.

Deep East Texas Hometown Club meets in room 207 of the Academic Building to discuss the new ride system and the Easter party. Pictures for the Cotton Pageant sweetheart are requested to be brought to the meeting.

7:30
Galveston Hometown Club meets in room 2A of the MSC.

Bell County Hometown Club meets in room 125 of the Academic Building to discuss party plans.

Winters Hometown Club meets on the second floor of the Academic Building.

Grayson County Hometown Club meets in room 106 of the Academic Building to make plans for High School Day and the Aggieland picture.

Fort Worth Hometown Club meets in the YMCA for an important business meeting. A film will be shown. Discussion about the Cotton Queen candidate and Easter party will follow.

Center News

Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 in the Social Room.

Film Society will meet tomorrow night at 7:30 in the Assembly Room.

Bridge Committee will meet tomorrow night at 7:30 in Room 2A.

Warning Given Of New High In Enrollment

Enrollment in the nation's colleges will double in the next 10 years, according to John Kay of Time magazine.

"War babies" are forcing enrollment of high schools up now and will be invading college campuses in the next two years, he said.

The result of the invasion will be higher standards for all colleges and fewer loafers in the classroom since there is not room for the coming decade of students, Kay said.

Students who apply for college entrance now are applying to as many as 22 colleges in hopes of gaining entrance, he continued.

The great fault in college entrance tests is some of the more intellectual students will fail the examination, but "it is not a matter of expediency. It is a matter of necessity," Kay said.

"The time has come when the college student must really produce," he said.



BLUSHING AGGIE Paul G. Masters, senior in "A" Engineers shows how pleasant a polio shot can be especially if a pretty nurse like Gladys Dworsky gives it. Any Aggie who hasn't received his shot probably doesn't know what he's missing. —(Photo by Charles McCain)

The Hotel Roosevelt in New York City has a Rib Room restaurant that serves only roast beef during the dinner hours.

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