

An Editorial

ROTC Building

When A&M begins its compulsory Corps program this fall the military department, through no fault of its own, will still find itself with inadequate—or at least unfair—facilities for giving cadets the training they need to become leaders.

Compulsory Corps is one of the finest things that could have happened to A&M. On this basis, the Corps is sure to be strengthened—if it gets proper emphasis!

It doesn't have that emphasis now. The college has literally "stuck" ROTC cadets into the run-down Shacks for their training while a few other military classes are spread over the campus. If we are to have the Corps compulsory, we can't have it sit in its inadequate quarters while the rest of the college improves.

From Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant, and Lt. Col. Taylor Wilkins, assistant commandant, it was learned yesterday that the military department has given the A&M system its bid for a new ROTC armory. This building would take care of all ROTC training except drill.

Naturally, there's a catch. Other schools on the campus want improvements, too, so all bids for improvements are listed in some order of priority and taken from there. Neither Col. Davis nor Col. Wilkins knew exactly where the ROTC armory proposal fits in this list.

The ROTC program has waited a long time for improvements in its facilities. Compulsory Corps has made it a much larger part of A&M. This plan shows that the Board of Directors is trying to stress A&M's military potential, so some improvements are in order.

The University of Texas recently dedicated its new ROTC building valued at \$850,000. They were able to get it probably by dipping into their oil holding plus a state endowment. But they only have 1,300 cadets in the ROTC while A&M has some 2,800.

A&M is smaller than Texas, but many here feel that the quality of officers turned out by our Corps of Cadets is unsurpassed.

It's time the Board of Directors acts on this and further improve the Corps by accepting the armory proposal.—FM

What's Cooking

The following organizations will meet tonight:

7:15
Deep East Texas Hometown Club meets in Room 105, Academic Building for election of officers.

7:30
Abilene Hometown Club meets in Room 227, Academic Building.
Midland Hometown Club meets in the YMCA to discuss Aggieland pictures.

Dallas Hometown Club meets in the MSC Ballroom. Aggieland pictures and business will be discussed.

Lower Trinity Valley Hometown Club meets in Room 103, Academic Building, for discussion of club picture.

Austin Hometown Club meets in Room 125, Academic Building.

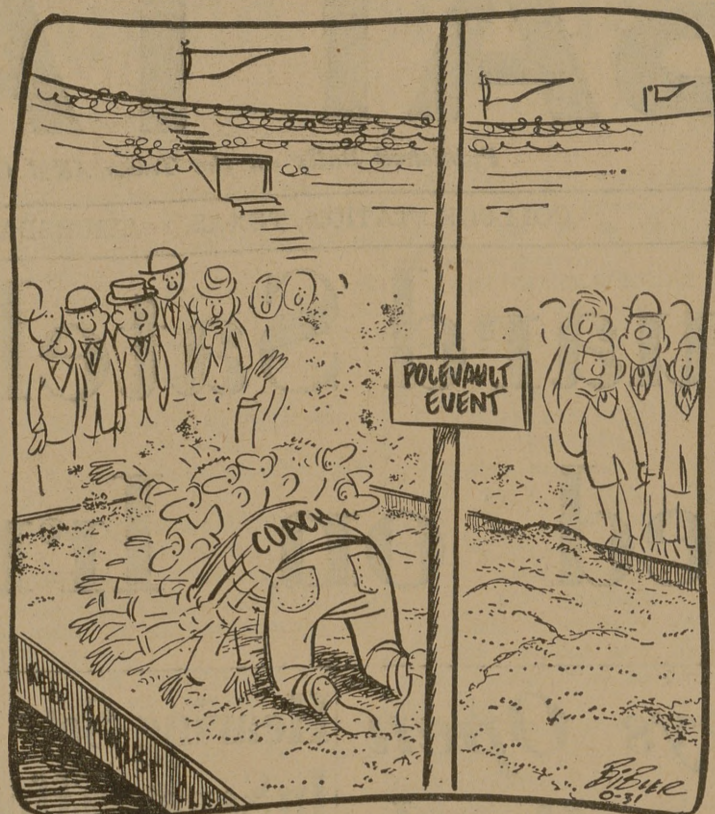
7:15
Guadalupe Valley Hometown Club meets in Nagle Hall.
Shreveport Hometown Club meets in Room 104, Academic Building.

8:00
Marshall Hometown Club meets in the YMCA.
Spring Branch Hometown Club meets in Room 327, Academic Building to choose duchess for Cotton Ball and make plans for high school day.

8:00
Red River Valley Hometown Club meets in the second floor lobby of the MSC to have pictures made for Aggieland. Uniform is class A for Corps or suits and ties for civilians.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



'EDDIE! EDDIE BOY!—YA JUS SET A RECORD! WHERE ARE YA EDDIE?'

Letters To The Editor

Editor,

The Battalion:

There is a plan to destroy one of the greatest Military institutions left in our beloved republic, Texas A&M. It is a "Commie" trick to first break down tradition; then the door is open.

If coeds are admitted, then Texas A&M will disappear into that "maze of social activities" which will follow after co-education is put into effect. A&M men will lose that "military sharpness and polish," which is second to none in our nation.

If coeds are admitted, then the door is open for Negro women also, and then you will have fallen into the "integrator's trap."

WAKE UP.

I am calling on all "red blooded" A&M men, past and present, to stand up now and make their fight to save our school from that certain death which will follow if coeds are admitted.

That "old excuse" that A&M can't get good football players unless it is coed doesn't hold water. Check the records. A&M has won more than its share of the championships down through the years.

As I write this letter, I know I speak for 90 per cent of the ex-Aggies in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and the nation.

If coeds are admitted you will see an end to "The Twelfth Man" and "The Spirit of Aggieland". That will be replaced with "powder-puffs, perfume and play."

Move over Tea-Sippers, we are

going your way.

Sincerely,
Al Chapman, '53
Dallas, Texas

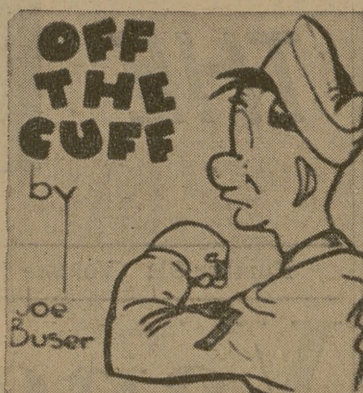
Editor,

The Battalion:

I wish to comment on the editorial, "The ROTC Picture Changes", which appeared in The Engineer and its viewpoint, which is apparently shared by you since it appeared in one of your editorials.

"If the student wants to be an engineer, there is not much use in taking ROTC anymore. The rewards hardly warrant the effort", reads the article. It seems to me that there are still some people in America who do not look at everything from the standpoint of reward. Some of us feel that since we are being trained as leaders in civilian life, we can also serve our country best as leaders in its military program. To quote further, "If a student is seeking a military career, why take engineering in the first place? There are easier ways to get a college degree." Maybe, Mr. Editor, there are people who still believe in using their God-given talents to the best of their ability. The armed forces of our country also need trained engineers, for instance, in the Corps of Engineers, Signal Corps, missile development program, and in the Air Force. Apparently there are still some people who are not interested only in taking the "easy way". Some still have a sense of duty to their country.

Robert E. Burkhard '58



Now that registration, with its closed sections, compulsory Saturday classes and smiling profs is history—or English—or remedial reading—Ags can get down to serious thinking.
Yes, it's only 4 months 'till summer.

And the guys who didn't buy new parking stickers for their cars this semester got tickets. And they got a ticket for parking on Houston Street while they got one. And another when they went to pay their fines.
No wonder the lady with the scales wears a blindfold.

With resident requirements becoming more strict, it seems that local businessmen would investigate the possibilities in a do-it-yourself-type grade point kit, with belt loops and a secret compartment to hide old quizzes in.

Famous campus remarks, or I wish I'd said that-type stuff: "Just think, graduation in May."

Batt Delivery Made Earlier

Due to improved efficiency in Battalion organization, readers should be getting their Battalions earlier this week.

Yesterday, in some dormitories, deliveries were made as early as 3:30 p. m. and hopes are that city deliveries are being made as early or nearly so.

The Battalion has made a study of its circulation organization and has made the change to better serve its readers.

If, for some reason however, anyone does not receive a paper, phone VI 6-6618 or come by Room 4 of the YMCA.

Assistant Named

N. W. Cunningham has been named administrative assistant in the Oceanography and Meteorology Department.

Cunningham has been with the department since January, 1955, and will receive his master's degree in meteorology in June.

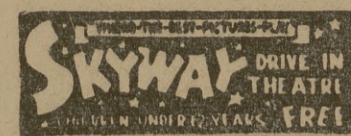


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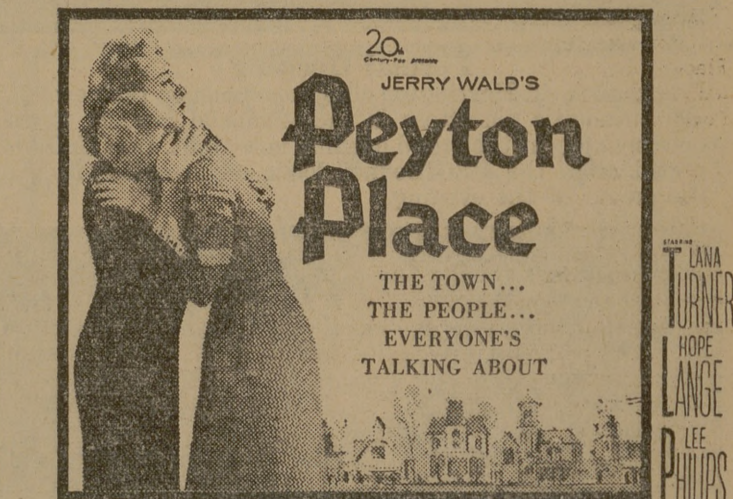
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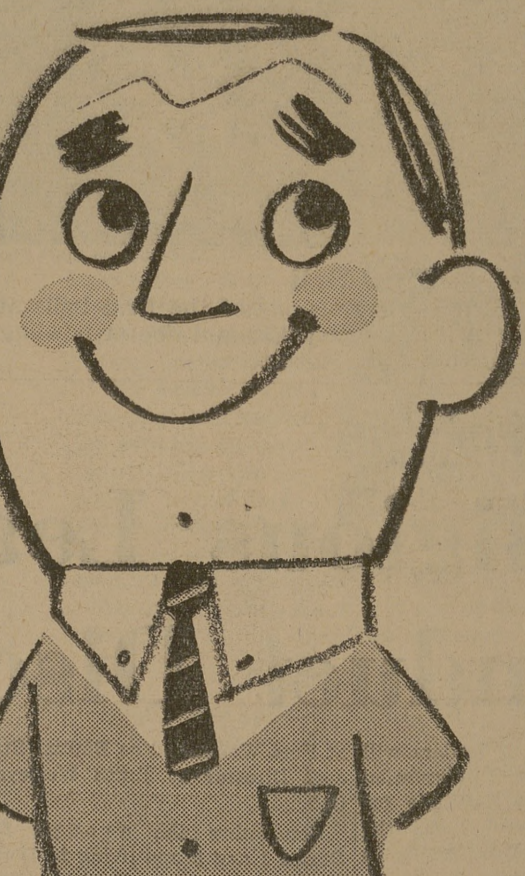
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