

State Capital NEWS

By Vern Sanford

AUSTIN, Tex.—It's a comparatively dull season at the State Capitol now. About the only noticeable "sound and fury" is generated by the workmen putting air conditioning in the legislative chambers and building new state structures nearby.

Last year at this time the Capitol was a turbulent arena. Lawmakers' pounding debates, electric disclosures and close votes kept galleries filled, committee rooms jampacked.

Now the lawmakers are scattered. But state issues are being decided — elsewhere. Next year's legislators are out "talking with the people to see how they feel."

SMALL TURNOVER POSSIBLE—Prospect now is mostly for familiar faces at the legislative desks next January.

Barring a sudden rash of announcements, at least two-thirds of house members and nearly 90 per cent of senators will be old hands.

AT LAST—Spring has finally sprung in Texas employment, bringing the long-awaited seasonal pick-up in jobs.

Texas Employment Commission's latest report, for the first time since Dec. 20, showed a significant decline in the number of unemployed compensation claims. Drop was from 92,435 to 89,326.

TEC said some 14,974 claimants had exhausted their benefits during January and February. Maximum allowed is \$28 a week for 26 weeks.

GROW WITH US—Some 3,000 major new factories will locate somewhere in the South within the next 10 years.

In reporting this prediction, Gov. Price Daniel urged the state's new Industrial Commission to get in and pitch for a Texas-sized share of the incoming wealth and job-making industries.

"MAKE IT PAINLESS"—Tax talk towers over other topics in the build-up for the 1959 legislative session.

Tax Study Commission already has issued two of a series of 8 to 10 research reports to lawmakers for tax decisions. A third report, on how tax money is used and what future needs will likely be, is due later this month.

Though taxes are a prime campaign issue, legislative candidates are treading delicately around the subject. One said in his announcement that he opposed a general sales tax and a state income tax and that "if additional taxes have to be levied, let's make it as painless as possible."

SHORT SNOTS—State Selective Service Headquarters has asked local draft boards to send up 4,247 men for pre-induction physical exams during May. It will be second successive month of high quotas—highest since Korean War—to replenish pool of potential military manpower.

Price index of Texas farm products rose 2 per cent from February to March, reports U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Crops rose 3 per cent, livestock 1 per cent.

Letters To The Editor

Editor
The Battalion:

Well, girls, you finally did it. The law was on your side, so you won your court battle. How does it feel to be an instrument in the destruction of Texas A&M? I don't know whether your motives, or the motives of persons or factions that might be behind you are sincere, but nevertheless, what you have done will mean the end of Texas A&M.

A&M, and when I say "A&M", I mean the Texas A&M that is known the world over for the fine training ground for men that it is, cannot exist under conditions imposed by co-education.

I don't need to waste words praising the attributes of the Aggie system. It has proven itself. It will not and cannot maintain this reputation under co-education.

Granted, during the past few years, A&M has suffered a slow but sure weakening. Non-compulsory corps brought this on. The school lost a lot of self respect. People who didn't belong were allowed to go to school there.

A lot of guys went non-reg when they found out they didn't have what it takes to be an Aggie. Their only defense was to scoff at the corps and try to tear it down. A lot of veterans and other students who are really strangers to A&M see the corps as only a bunch of green kids trying to play soldier.

Even in the corps itself, under the fire of uncalled for restrictions handed down from higher echelons, a lot of Aggies began to feel a shroud of defeat falling on A&M. But there is no excuse for this. There is no reason why A&M cannot be restored to the proud school it once was.

Many advocating co-education claim that A&M is out of date. This is stupid. The products that A&M earned its reputation for turning out, integrity, learning to accept responsibility by living in a society where you must, and a society where you learn to judge your fellow man by how well he accepts this responsibility, esprit

de corps, what ever you want to call it; these things will never be out-dated. God help us if they ever are.

You may call it emotionalism, but these are the sort of things that helped build and defend this great nation of ours. Have they lost their value?

Your claim to entrance at A&M is equal rights with men. But by the very act of making A&M co-ed you are taking rights from Aggies, rather than gaining equal rights.

You are robbing every Aggie of everything he ever worked for in building A&M, and you are robbing every future Aggie of the privilege of A&M training.

Certainly you have a legal right to enter A&M, the same legal right that women have had since the establishment of the first co-ed school. But it seems to me that your sense of values has been juggled slightly.

You have a far deeper moral obligation to men, past and future, who have and will benefit by A&M training, to forget your selfish reasons and leave A&M alone. If you had a strand of moral fiber within you, you would do this.

And, incidentally, speaking of the rights of women, I know a lot of Aggie mothers and wives who would like to pull your hair out by the roots. This is irrelevant, but just thought I'd mention it.

My wife and I are coming to A&M next fall. She could benefit by A&M going co-ed. As it is she will have to complete her college education elsewhere. But she believes in A&M.

Ed Rivers, '57

LETTERS

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Who is embarrassed for whom? President Harrington is quoted in Friday's Battalion as saying "The College has no desire to embarrass the individual concerned..." When a man knows that he has done an excellent job and is fired because he has done too good a job, that man is not likely to be embarrassed at being fired. I am embarrassed for President Harrington, and I am embarrassed for A&M College. But I am not embarrassed for Ross Strader.

My sincere congratulations go not only to Mr. Strader for his excellent work, but also to you, Mr. Tindel, for being one of our best editors.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Fred E. Ekefelt

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The Battalion:

With the admission of females into this college, Texas A&M has lost the meaning that it has had since it was founded in 1876. I propose, therefore, that the title, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, be retired with all the dignity that it has accumulated since it was founded. Preserved in history and in the hearts of all Aggies, the name Texas A&M will continue to have that significance that it has had for so many years, and the discredit that the fairer sex will place on this institution will in no way be associated with A&M.

To those fortunate enough to have the Aggie ring, this ring will then still mean all that it has in the past.

I suggest that, following our friends of the now extinct Oklahoma A&M, we change the name of this institution to The Texas State University.

Larry Sullivan '59

Job Interviews

Thursday

Thursday and Friday

The Prudential Insurance Company of America, Waco, will interview business administration, agricultural economics and economics majors for work as a career agent in sales and service with life insurance, sickness and accident insurance and group insurance.

Pollock Paper Company, Dallas, will interview majors in business administration, economics, chemistry, physics, chemical, industrial and mechanical engineering, industrial distribution and food technology for training according to the trainee's interests and aptitudes.



SCIENCE MADE SIMPLE: No. 3

Once again the makers of Marlboro Cigarettes, bless their tattooed hearts, have consented to let me use this space, normally intended for levity, to bring you a brief lesson in science.

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The science that we take up today is called astronomy, from the Greek words *astro* meaning "sore" and *nomos* meaning "back". Sore backs were the occupational disease of the early Greek astronomers, and no wonder! They used to spend every blessed night lying on the damp ground and looking up at the sky, and if there's a better way to get a sore back, I'd like to hear about it. Especially in the moist Mediterranean area, where Greece is generally considered to be.

Lumbago and related disorders kept astronomy from becoming very popular until Galileo, an unemployed muleteer of Pamplona, fashioned a homemade telescope in 1608 out of three Social Security cards and an ordinary ice cube. What schoolboy does not know that stirring story—how Galileo stepped up to his telescope, how he looked heavenward, how his face filled with wonder, how he stepped back and whispered the words heard round the world: "Let them eat cake!"



Well sir, you can imagine what happened then! William Jennings Bryan snatched Nell Gwynne from the shadow of the guillotine at Oslo; Chancellor Bismarck brought in four gushers in a single afternoon; Enos Slaughter was signed by the Hansa League; Crete was declared off limits to Wellington's army; and William Faulkner won the Davis Cup for his immortal *Penrod and Sam*.

But after a while things calmed down and astronomers began the staggering task of naming all the heavenly bodies. First man to name a star was Sigafos of Mt. Wilson, and the name he chose was *Betelgeuse*, after his dear wife, *Betelgeuse Sigafos*, prom queen at Michigan State from 1919 to 1931.

Then the Major Brothers of Yerkes Observatory named stars after their wives, *Ursa* and *Canis*, and *Witnick* of Harvard named one after his wife, *Big Dipper*, and soon all the stars were named.

Astronomers then turned to the question: is there life on other planets? The answer was a flat, unequivocal no. Spectroscopic studies proved without a doubt that the atmosphere on the other planets was far too harsh to permit the culture of the fine tobaccos that go into Marlboro Cigarettes... And who can live without Marlboro?

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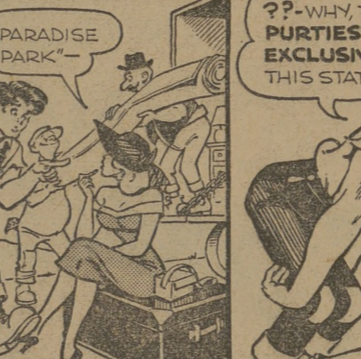
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