

BATTALION EDITORIALS

... Our Liberty Depends on the Freedom of the Press, And It Cannot Be Limited Without Being Lost ... Thomas Jefferson

The Penalty for Paint

For the second time in as many weeks, Dorm 2, the showplace of the Corps of Cadets, was marred by paint-welding vandals, hiding under a cloak of darkness. There seems to be no explanation for vandals; they have no motive other than to destroy. This is just such a case. Nothing can be gained—not even the mystical "good bull"—by defacing property. There is no honor in sneaking into the dorm at night and smearing paint on doors and slinking away. It is not really much of an accomplishment. There is, however, a great deal to be lost by these eighth grade juvenile delinquents at play. Dorm 2 was refinished as a test to see if cadets wanted better living quarters. If the Corps refuses or just doesn't know how to care for good equipment, the likelihood of other dorms being refinished is most uncertain. In addition to this obvious reason for keeping Dorm 2 as neat and clean as possible, there's a second reason, maybe with more "meaning" to the children involved in these midnight painting sessions. The penalty for being caught on the campus of another college with paintbrush in hand is suspension. The penalty for getting caught defacing one's own campus can be no less.

Interpreting

Pope Clings to Life

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

And so, in his quiet room above the beautiful crater lake at Castel Gandolfo, the thin, pale man clings to life. Eugenio Pacelli, Pope Pius XII, is 82 years old, and his body has ever been but a frail vehicle for his spirit. Monday morning his attendants indicated that man's remedies would not serve and consigned him to the will of God. By Monday night the physicians were lending all of their modern aid to a spirit which had persisted even through coma. The will to live is a phenomenon familiar in medicine. In some men it is produced by fear. In some by a sense of tasks incomplete. It has strange power. Pacelli the man has an intellect which ranges the world. Pacelli the Pope applies it to humanity, and to a striving for peace. He is proportionately interested in the moral aspects of everyday acts of life and in the fate of a great church behind the Iron Curtain, in the lands of anti-Christ. He chose a work from which no man can hope to receive the satisfaction of completion. Yet in the quiet room, above the beautiful lake, he fights to avoid leaving it undone.



Better Traveling Days Ahead—
 Holding promise of better traveling days ahead is the 1961-62 interstate advance planning program announced by the State Highway Commission.

Commission authorized the preliminary engineering studies for 285 miles of new interstate highways, consisting of 45 projects in 22 counties. Included in the

advance planning will be completion of the gaps in the interstate highways between Dallas and Houston, Dallas and Texarkana and from Denton to Fort Worth to Hillsboro.

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John Gatlin's Mother Sent Him to Aggie

By JACK TEAGUE

John Gatlin, commander of Squadron 6, was talked into being an Aggie by his mother—not his father.

Actually, his mom is a Tessie. Ex and John says all he's heard is that "someday you're going to be an Aggie."

John was born in Beaumont and lived there for three months. He moved to Port Arthur where he lived for five years and from there to San Antonio where he has lived since.

A graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio, John was quite a track man as a quarter-miler. He lettered three years and went to the state finals in his junior year.

He was vice-president of the Hi-Y and was a member of the freshmen and sophomore scholastic societies.

"I excelled in grades during these two years," John recalls. "But then I discovered girls."

Because of his performances as a cinderman, John came to A&M on a track scholarship. He was a member of Sqd. 24. John gave up his scholarship and track altogether as a sophomore and joined Squadron 6. A mathematics major, John didn't feel that he had time to devote to his studies and other activities. As a junior, he was made first sergeant and is now commander.

John has done a lot of traveling in his days. Two summers ago, he was an iron worker in and around Los Angeles. He also went to California with his parents on a sort of "see the West" tour. They went to Hollywood, Yosemite Park and Grand Canyon, just to mention a few places.

LETTERS

Editor, *The Battalion*

You and your staff can be very proud of the outstanding job you have done on your 65th Anniversary Edition.

The selection and writing of stories, the overall attractiveness of the paper would do credit to many a daily paper with a much larger staff than your.

We are especially proud, of course, that you have TDNA interns on your staff.

John W. Murphy
 Executive Director,
 Texas Daily Newspaper Assn.

What's Cooking

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(Ed. Note: This is the second section of the Student Publications Board bylaws approved by the Executive Committee. The complete text will be run in this space during the week. . .)

Student Publications
 The Student Publications Board shall exercise general advisory and supervisory powers over all student publications. When in the judgment of the Student Publications Board conditions so warrant, the Board may recommend to the Vice-President of the College the establishment, the modification, the consolidation, or the discontinuance of any student publication. No publication shall be authorized as a student publication of the A&M unless it shall have been established or accepted officially by the Student Publications Board, which shall be responsible for the establishing of general policies for these publications. All properties, funds, securities, good-will and titles of student publications shall be vested in the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and shall be subject to the general advisory and supervisory powers of the Student Publications Board.

Appointment and Discharge of Student Publication Personnel
 The Student Publications Board shall exercise advisory and supervisory powers over the appointment and discharge of student publication personnel and staff personnel of the Office of Student Publications, as follows:

Appointment of Student Editors
 Nominations for editor or editors of The Texas A&M Agriculturalist, The Commentator, The Texas A&M Engineer, and The Southwestern Veterinarian shall be made to the Student Publications Board by the Board members representing the individual schools of academic instruction which sponsor the individual magazine. The Student Publications Board, upon approving the nominations, shall submit the nominations to the deans of the schools of academic instruction concerned. Appointment to these student editorial posts shall be made by the deans of the schools involved.

Nominations for editor or edi-

tors of The Aggie and The Battalion shall be made to the Student Publications Board by the Director of Student Publications. The Student Publications Board, upon approving the nominations, shall submit these nominations to the Vice-President of the College. Final approval of nomination to these editorial posts shall come from the Vice-President of the College.

Suspension of Student Editors
 The Student Publications Board shall have the authority to suspend any editor of a student publication. At the time of such suspension, the person concerned shall be notified of the charges against him, with the right of appeal of any decision of the Board to the Executive Committee of the College.

Director of Student Publications
 The Executive Head of the Office of Student Publications shall be the Director of Student Publications. He shall devote full time to the duties and responsibilities of his position. Any detailed supervisory responsibilities of the Director of Student Publications not herein contained shall be subject to the

approval of the Vice-President of the College. In general, the Director of Student Publications shall be responsible for the execution of the overall policy of the student publications of the College. He shall be responsible for the supervision of all business and physical aspects of the operations of the Office of Student Publications. He shall be responsible for the operational procedure and subject-matter content of The Aggie and (student yearbook) and The Battalion (student newspaper). He shall be responsible for the counseling, advising, and general supervision of all student editors. He shall also exercise general executive and supervisory powers over the Office of Student Publications, and over all of its operations and business affairs. He shall determine, in consultation with the student editors, the type or form of organization of both editorial and business staffs of the various student publications.

(Tomorrow: Other Employees of Student Publications)

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