

BATTALION EDITORIALS

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

Good Rating Vital

Monday and Tuesday are very important days for the Corps of Cadets—and despite any rumors to the contrary, it is mandatory that the visiting inspection team be impressed if the Corps is to continue to prosper.

Purpose of the two-day inspection is to determine if A&M is qualified as a Military College, under Department of Defense standards. The distinction would be an asset to every graduate seeking a commission in either a regular or reserve branch.

If approved, A&M would receive double commutation—twice as much money per cadet per year for uniforms. At present, basic students (first two years) are allotted \$25 per year, advanced students \$50 for uniforms. Reclassifications would allow the college to purchase more uniforms and maintain the ones already purchased and the Corps would be issued better looking and possibly more uniforms in years to come.

Also, Col. Davis has said that with double commutation, the possibility of a new, distinctive uniform for A&M might become a reality with the additional funds.

Another point worth considering is the respect our military graduates would have among other ROTC commissioned officers.

For many years, a serious drawback to the Corps of Cadets has been that our graduates were considered only equal with the "R-C" boys from other colleges who wear their uniform twice a week. The distinction of being a Military College would be compensation for the additional training the Corps offers men at A&M in respect.

On the other hand, little change would be made in policy or tradition. Cadets would habitually wear the uniform—but the oldest copy of the Articles of the Cadet Corps available spells this out most explicitly.

Cadets would conduct themselves like members of a military organization, not a fraternity of look-a-likes—but again, this should not be a change at A&M.

Many of the changes necessary before A&M could even be considered eligible have already been made. Things like the half a hundred uniform combinations which appalled the inspection team last year have already been eliminated and have given the corps unity it lacked. Class distinction by uniform is still present but no one looks underprivileged in hand-me-down greens with a unit wearing pinks.

Organization is at an all time high this year and it has not only afforded better training but has eliminated much time-consuming foolishness that so well described the Corps of recent years.

Of course, there are men who find military life most distasteful and have no desire to be a member of the Corps if it becomes "military." They want only the fraternal spirit and mystical "good bull" to the exclusion of leadership training and character building that comes with a military Corps.

However, there seems no way to continue to have commissioning exercises on the campus without becoming military—the Army or the Air Force just isn't interested in issuing commissions to members of Phi Beta Corps.



"This year we kiss after every first down instead of touch-downs."

A&M Leaders Speak

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ter the San Antonio board member concluded.

"One Student Body"—Rudder Vice President Earl Rudder said, "We no longer have two factions on the campus—we have only one student body now. When a man registers at A&M he is an Aggie in every sense of the word."

In explaining the problems of previous years to the AAUP members, the vice president said communications were a source of difficulty and a problem to be taken up "when these other things get straightened up."

"Our number one problem now is student life in the Corps of Cadets," Rudder said.

He said solutions in administration, as at other levels, came after discussion and research. He explained that many officials met in his office and together they came up with the best solution for the situation considering the tools available.

"We don't always agree, but we do try to find the best solution," the vice president said.

morial Student Center and student discipline.

Price Explains TV Teaching
Dr. A. A. Price, dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine, reported to the group on the educational possibilities of closed circuit television.

He said the units now in use in his department allowed 200 students to view operative procedure that heretofore was limited to eight on-lookers because of crowded conditions.

He said it was a valuable tool in presenting material to students.

'Tall Man' Sights Future

By JACK TEAGUE

Carl 'Tall Man' Thompson, senior mechanical engineering major from Shreveport, is one Aggie who knows what he wants to do in life—namely, get married, enter the service, get out and go to work in Dallas.

Carl was born in Minden, La., but has always called Shreveport his home since he lived there most of his life. In high school he found time to play football and also work after school.

During summer vacations, Carl worked for Gifford & Hill, Inc., in Shreveport. It was this job that gave him his start at Aggie-land, for he is attending school on an opportunity award from the firm.

Carl spent his first two years here as a member of A Chemical Company. He is serving on the First Baptist Church student council and is also a member of ASME.

Last year Carl was named sergeant major of the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Regiment and became battalion commander this year. He is vice president of the Shreveport Hometown Club and a staff writer for the Engineer.

er for the Engineer.
Carl is one Aggie who has no dislike of summer school. For it was during the 1957 summer session that he met a local girl, Miss Margaret Berry, in a government class. They got along fine and now plan to "tie the knot" next summer.

"My dad never had an opportunity to go to college," says Carl, "but it was his influence that got me interested in A&M. I don't think I've ever accepted a better recommendation, either."

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By Charles M. Schulz



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