

BATTALION EDITORIALS

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

Biggest and Best

Recognition of Texas A&M as a Military College—one of seven in the nation—is a mark of excellence the Corps of Cadets can well be proud of. Now A&M is not only the biggest military school but also one of the best, as far as the Department of Defense goes.

The progress of Grade Point Army and the cooperation it has received by all classes is largely responsible for the improvement indicated by this highly sought rating. Each class has, in its own way, been instrumental in the success of the full scale program of change for the better.

But all the work has not been done.

It would be nice to say that Phi Beta Corps is now replaced but that just isn't the case. Even today there is evidence that post war foolishness, reverently called "good bull", is still the order of the day—it would seem there are those who would be dismissed from school rather than re-examine their methods of instruction and discipline.

We will continue to have some look-a-like fraternity boys in the Corps of this Military College so long as "Old Army" Aggies are allowed to take their so-called "privileges" of wearing improper uniform articles such as white socks and hats in epaulets and so long as punishment not authorized by the Article is used to discipline underclassmen.

The double commutation for uniform issue which is the real advantage of a Military College rating, will eventually lower the cost of attending A&M. With more money, more uniforms can be issued and less will have to be purchased to supplement the issue.

But since the rating is handed down on a year-by-year basis, it could be lost as quickly as it was gained.

The men of Aggie land can be proud of their Corps' achievements in 1958. They helped lay the groundworks for a real organization of leadership training and character building.

To keep the Military College rating and to maintain steady growth, the Corps must continue to police itself and stamp out the foolishness that has too long shackled its progress.

Letters To The Editor

The Battalion welcomes letters to the editor but reserves the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity and accuracy. Short letters stand a better chance for publication since space is at a premium. Unsigned letters will not be published.

Editor,

The Battalion:

The incident which happened after the basketball game Friday night in Waco happened last year to myself, three other Aggies, and our dates. I am now married to the girl I had date with that night and because of that night I have formed a well-rounded opinion of those Baylor "gentlemen"—a bunch of "high school Harrys" and punks who don't know what courtesy is and how to act like men.

If we Aggies are going to come in last every year in the Sports-manship Award, I'm for making it a deserving last place. It seems as though the more courteous we are to people, the more willing they are to beat us up whenever we visit their campuses. I'm sick

and tired of it and feel that the majority of the Aggies are, too. Is another Aggie life going to be taken as was years ago on that same Baylor campus to wake us up? Something is going to have to be done, Army, and letter writing and apologies haven't solved a thing.

Gary Roessler '59

Wee Aggies

We Aggies like to read about Wee Aggies. When a wee one arrives, call VI 6-4910 and ask for the Wee Aggie Editor.

Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Wan '58 are the proud parents of twin Aggie Sweethearts. Leslie Corinne and Lori Colleen arrived Jan. 2, at Providence Hospital in Waco.



"How 'bout this? Now that we've been named a Military College and will be allotted more money for uniforms, we can really look 'sharp'."

Press Studies Ike's 'Line' During TV Quiz Interview

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower gave a little zip to a fading form of television entertainment. He was the star of a live quiz show yesterday.

For he switched his news conference to a luncheon of the National Press Club and authorized live radio and TV coverage.

Let's uncrumple a few notes jotted down on the occasion:

Ike made way to 13th floor of the building, where luncheon was to be held.

Tucked paper napkins under belt and fell to. Hope President got a better piece of meat than I did. President ate heartily. Talked animatedly with Cecil Holland of the Washington Evening Star, who heads the entertainment committee. Big scoop for Cecil. "President Eisenhower told me personally today—"

Club president, John V. Horner, also of the Evening Star, took over. Made some introductions. Then, we're on the air. Horner explained how big shots, here and abroad, are invited in, how questions are asked in writing. "Many banner headlines," Horner said, "are made right here at this podium."

Horner then pulled a swiftie. He pointed out that the last time Eisenhower was on the premises

—on Feb. 5, 1948—he had given this formula for an ideal retirement: "Put a chair out on the porch, sit in it for six months, and then begin to rock slowly."

Considerable laughter, seeing how Eisenhower swapped his rocking chair dream for the presidency. But Eisenhower said he still hopes to get in that rocking chair and stay there until he really wants to get out.

Show over. No big banner headlines, but an interesting glimpse of democracy at work.

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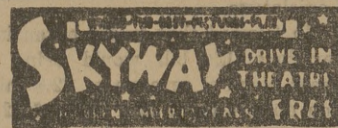
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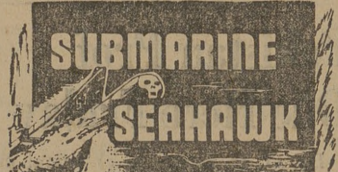
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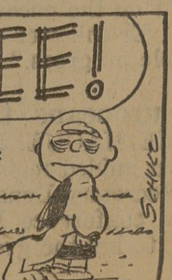
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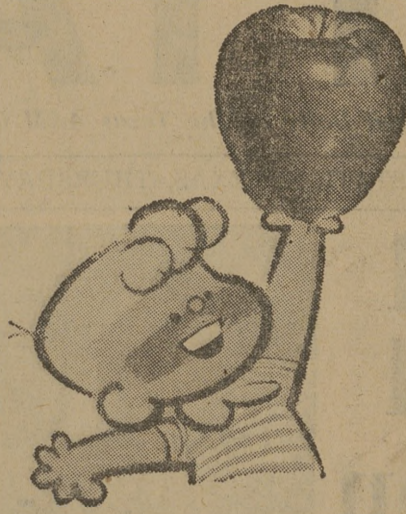
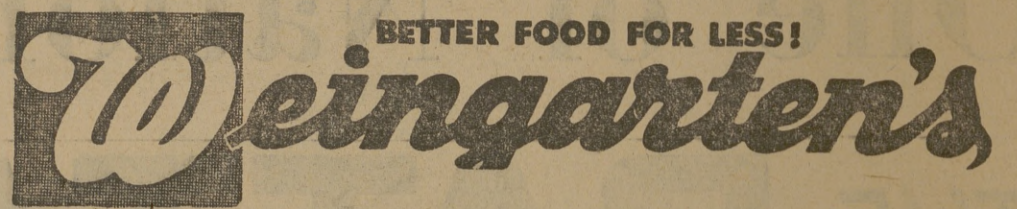


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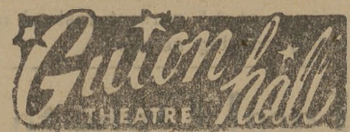
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