

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

A&M-Big Roulette

Aggieland is comparable to a roulette table. Just picture a group of people—some with bloodshot eyes, perhaps—pressing around the table, placing their bets of varying sizes on a variety of issues.
That little ball dancing dizzily inside the wheel of fortune can bounce virtually any way. And yet Aggieland can be an illegal type of roulette table.
Its issue outcomes can be "fixed." They can be rigged to slip and slide by those people crowding around the table who are the students, faculty, administration and a few casual bystanders.

But don't let that word "fixed" fool you. It shouldn't imply that the players mentioned above use underhanded methods to horde things beneficial to them alone. It means, instead, that upon their shoulders rest their future and the future of A&M, and the way they see fit to and finally do approach the issues decides the various outcomes, either good or bad.
Still not clear? Look at a couple of issues. There are small ones, like the annual springtime water fights, haphazardly outlawed by the college. There are middle-sized ones, like the Baylor-A&M student relationship, which has been at least temporarily settled. And there are giant-sized ones, like the proposed honor code and the steady decline in enrollment.

This editorial won't delve into what you as an individual should and should not do about rigging the issues. Each individual can decide for himself which courses are the right ones, just as he can decide whether to bet \$10 or \$100 on the next game.

But he can do something about almost any one of the issues above, or any of the many not mentioned, even if he only helps "fix" them. Think about it.

But one issue slipped by the above list unnoticed. Seniors, particularly, should be concerned about this bet—will you graduate?
Only you can approach this issue. But in the way of a hint, you can rig the table by studying rather than dreaming of going to Las Vegas or some other playground after you graduate.

The roulette wheel is hot. Or do you prefer dice? In this game, everyone should be a sensible gambler.

RE Week is for You!

There isn't too much talk transmitting between students about Religious Emphasis Week which starts Monday, indicating that perhaps students really aren't too concerned about it.

Everyone now enrolled in A&M—excluding freshmen—has watched RE Week come and go each year he has been here. To too many students, it has become matter-of-factual.

RE Week entails too much, both in planning and benefits, to be cast aside lightly. Top religious leaders from across the nation will be on the campus to enlighten students on religious matters.

There isn't an Aggie on the campus who has paid too much attention to his spiritual life, for such attention has no limits.

Everyone has a place in RE Week. If you have never faced religion, it won't hurt to look into it now. If you have been away from religion too long, perhaps now is the time to come back. If you have been lackadaisical

about religion, now is the time to return a little stronger. If you have been devout, certainly a little more won't do any damage.

What you do during RE Week, religionwise is entirely up to you. You can take part in your church services, you can listen to the speakers in Guion Hall each morning, or you can do a combination of both. But do something.

This year, let's not allow morning coffee sales in the MSC to skyrocket as they did last year. Spend that free hour each morning, set aside for the speaker in Guion, where you're expected to be.
You won't be sorry.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"I think I'll drop by this week an' see where my classes meet."

Social Whirl

7:30
Chemical Engineering Wives Club will hold a tea honoring faculty wives tonight in the South Solarium of the YMCA.

Industrial Education wives and husbands are invited to a Valentine Dinner and Dance Friday at 7 p.m. at the Triangle Restaurant. Reservations must be made by Wednesday by calling Joan Asher at VI 6-8298 after 5 p.m.

Architectural Wives Society elected new officers for the spring semester recently. The officers are: Betty Smith, president; Connie Croslin, vice president; Charlotte Nobles, secretary; Jackie Roy, treasurer; Paula Pledger, reporter; Teena Bratton, council representative; Renee Olds, program chairman; Dalene Hester, social chairman; Marian Boland, co-social chairman; Mrs. Melvin Rostch, sponsor; and Mrs. W. G. Wagner, co-sponsor.

The next business meeting will be held tonight at 7:30 in Room 202 of the YMCA. Dues are payable then.

Hints on interior decorating were given the Industrial Engineering Wives Club by Marion Pugh, interior decorator, at their meeting last night.

Introduced by Margaret Greloff, president, Pugh outlined important considerations for decorating a home.

Members of the Veterinary Medicine Faculty Ladies Club concluded

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.

A future Aggie was born Feb. 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Carlos A. Garcia '59, 4320 Milam, Bryan.

Carlos Alberto Jr., who weighed in at 7 pounds, 6 ounces, arrived at 2:37 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hospital, Bryan.

What's Cooking

B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation will hold its weekly cultural meeting tonight at the Hillel Building. "The Basic Tenets of Judaism" will be the topic of a speech by Mrs. Esther Taubenhaus.

BASKET BALL



In Person HARLEM GLOBE TROTTERS

THURSDAY Feb. 12 - 7:30
White Coliseum Doubleheader
Hollywood Queens vs. Aggie All Stars
\$2.50 \$2.00 \$1.25 Student Activities

PEANUTS



State Capital NEWS
By Vern Sanford
AUSTIN, Tex. — With committee hearings going full tilt, the Legislature has reached the rough and tumble stage.
Committee hearings give everyone who has anything to say about a proposed measure a chance to come and speak up. It brings people to Austin in droves. And many speak up—very bluntly.
This year's lawmakers, particularly in the House, seem to be falling into an early pattern of much work, little play. In part, the shortage of sociability is attributed to the hard-fought speaker's race. It divided the House into two camps whose members, for the most part, stayed aloof from each other during early weeks.
Down With Lobbies
A second sobering factor is attributed to the new lobby control law. Actually, the lobby registration requirement has probably done more than any one thing in years, to make lobbying seem common-place, respectable. A total registration of some 700 indicated that just about everybody and his brother has a lobbyist.
But the law also requires that each lobbyist make a monthly report on the amount spent influencing legislation. Herein comes the reason for caution in entertainment. No one particularly minds being identified as a lobbyist, but too large expenses might incur the risk of being tagged a "rich lobbyist."
Rough Road
Gov. Price Daniel let go with both barrels at critics of his plan for clearing the state deficit and additional money for future state services.
Daniel's principal target is Rep. Frates Seeligson of San Antonio, whose 18 months' work with the State Tax Study Commission convinced him Texas' taxing had to branch out, partly through a 1.5 per cent sales tax.

Some directions for butter sponge cakes tell you to beat the eggs and sugar in the top of a double boiler over simmering water. Make absolutely sure your double boiler—regular or improvised—is really large enough to hold the mixture as it increases in volume.

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Bryan Building & Loan Ass'n
Community Savings & Loan Ass'n

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CAMPUS
LAST DAY

RALLY ROUND THE FLAG BOYS!
CINEMASCOPE

SKYWAY DRIVE IN THE AIR!
WEDNESDAY

Brigitte Bardot in "The Night Heaven Fell"
Plus Ann Blyth in "The Helen Morgan Story"

Guion Hall
THEATRE
LAST DAY

In Cinemascope and Eastman Color
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But the Devil Invented Brigitte Bardot

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PEANUTS
WELL, SNOOPY, HOW ARE YOU TODAY?
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE WORLD IN GENERAL? WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT LIFE?
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT TAXES, THEOLOGY, TADPOLES, TAMALES, TIME-TABLES, TEA AND TENNESSEE ERNIE?
HE'S GOT THE RIGHT IDEA... IF YOU'RE NOT SURE, JUST DON'T SAY ANYTHING...