

**BATTALION EDITORIALS**

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

**The Messhall Problem: Leadership Can Solve It**

The hue and cry of "let US run the Corps" has been heard from first classmen again—and now they have a chance to do just that if they will only seize the opportunity.

The problem is conduct in the messhall (despite the ludicrous sign over Duncan proclaiming it to be a "dining hall", messhall better describes it.)

And it's not a new problem. Aggies have been practicing present-day messhall "etiquette" for more than 10 years making this one of the oldest "traditions" of putting freshmen in their place. Since things like square meals, front two inches, etc. are really so "old Army" as they are fondly called, that their removal may mean a real loss to Texas A&M.

But it is inevitable that the foolishness in the messhall—as elsewhere—must go. Too many people have finally gotten around to asking why this or that was being done. The only honest answer they've received thus far that "well, it's ALWAYS been done."

Though this is certainly a strong argument to keep most anything regardless of its merits, in this particular case it's no longer enough.

"Tension" in the messhalls has gained the dubious honor of being the number one reason outgoing freshmen list as the reason they are leaving the Corps. Whether this is actually true or not is something yet to be decided. Either way conduct must improve. If it is true that harassment while eating is costing us freshman Aggies the college will remedy the problem if we don't.

And if it is not true that present activities in Duncan and Sbisra are running the freshmen home to momma, the best way to prove it is for the Corps to police itself—in the same manner it handled Call to Quarters. With proper supervision during meals but without undue harassment, a freshman leaving because he was "not allowed to eat" would be scoffed at as much as a freshman would be if he left now because he couldn't study during CQ because of noise.

The initiative to restore tranquility to the messhall—to create conditions whereby all classes can eat in a relaxed manner—has been left with the Corps. Despite the rumors flying thick and fast, no directives have been passed down ordering any changes in messhall procedure. The problem and its seriousness has been outlined to the unit commanders. The administration is now watching to see what we will do to correct the situation.

They'll not just sit by and watch long, however. But they need not—if the leadership in the Class of '59 is channeled to improve the messhall atmosphere on the table-by-table basis.

If the Corps takes the same reasonable attitude towards improving mess hall procedure as they did in improving CQ, there is no reason why this substandard condition in our program cannot also become an object of pride . . .

**What's Cooking**

The following clubs will meet tonight:

7:15  
 Galena Park Hometown Club will meet in Room 106, Academic Building. Pictures will be taken.

7:30  
 Amarillo Hometown Club will meet in the Coffee Shop of the Memorial Student Center.

Austin Hometown Club will meet in Room 125, Academic Building.

Northeast Texas Hometown Club will meet in Room 208, Academic Building. An election of officers will be held.

Waco Hometown Club will meet in the Ballroom of the MSC. A film of the Indianapolis 500-mile race will be shown.

Milby Hometown Club will meet in the Senate Chamber of the MSC. A schedule for the election of officers will be made and plans for the AggieLand '59 picture will be discussed.

**HOLIDAY**

George Washington's birthday, falling on Sunday, the undersigned will observe as a holiday, and not be open for business, Monday, February 23, 1959.

- First National Bank
- City National Bank
- First State Bank & Trust Co.
- College Station State Bank
- Bryan Building & Loan Ass'n
- Community Savings & Loan Ass'n

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**For Crippled Children's Camp**

**Lions Ask Local Help In Securing Campers**

(Editor's Note: This is the final article in a series to acquaint College Station citizens with the Texas Lions Camp for Crippled Children at Kerrville and what the camp, supported by Texas Texas Lions Clubs, including the College Station club, can mean to the community.)

By GAYLE McNUTT  
 Executive News Editor  
 "Rehabilitation through Rest and Recreation" is the motto of the Texas Lions Camp for Crippled Children. And each summer the camp gives new hope and confidence to more than 700 handicapped children from throughout the state.

The camp is neither a medical, therapy nor vocational camp. It is designed to teach youngsters that even though they have physical limitations, they can still live a full and rewarding life by making the most of the abilities they have. Through a carefully planned and supervised program and association with others who are overcoming a like handicap, the camp accomplishes its purpose.

The camp, located on the side of a hill three miles south of Kerrville, is completely sponsored by Texas Lions and is free to all campers. But the camp is by no means a charity institution.

**Press Busy, Ike Merry At Go-Round**

By ARTHUR EDSON  
 WASHINGTON (AP) — Moments after each presidential news conference the tense bulletins hit the wires. President Eisenhower says, denies, calls for.

It's easy to forget that the session producing all this usually is moderately informal and relaxed, except, of course, for the poor creatures who are going to dictate the bulletins to their offices.

So, if we can decipher notes jotted down at Wednesday's conference, let's have a chronological look at democracy at work. Hustled upstairs to antique room where news conferences are held. As usual, the place was jammed, with everyone wedged in so tightly one could scarcely move, much less make notes comfortably.

Eisenhower normally is right on time, but he was 90 seconds early. When listening to a question, he likes to put his right hand on his hip. Quite an appropriate stance, at that: In his business, you have to be quick on the draw.

Unsurprisingly, the first question dealt with the ailing secretary of state, John Foster Dulles.

Eisenhower recalled that during the war he had asked Gen. George C. Marshall to send him a certain man he needed. Marshall sent back word that the fellow was all crippled up in the hospital. Eisenhower said send him anyway, he'd do better on a litter than some other commanders.

Paid a glowing tribute to Dulles for whom he has similar feelings.

Questions kept pouring in. Reporters kept clamoring for attention. But my attention wandered once to this curious room's curious decorations. Noticed that cupids in the corner have three globular lights over their heads, making the place look like a highclass pawn shop.

Smiled at the thought, but then observed Secret Service man in balcony looking sternly my way. Started to take notes feverishly.

On and on went the questions. Balanced budget, his trip to Canada, treasury interest rates, Khrushchev, suggested march of the unemployed on Washington, appropriations.

Reporters were still trying to be recognized when the magic words came.

"Thank you, Mr. President," said Marvin L. Arrowsmith of The Associated Press and there was the rush for the phones.

The tense bulletins were on their way.

Lions in a particular city sponsor youngsters from their city. Parents may also make contributions to the camp if they wish, although they are not required to.

**Lions Seek Campers**  
 College Station Lions are now in the process of searching for children in the College Station area who would like to attend the camp under sponsorship of the local club.

Any crippled, blind, deaf or mute boy or girl in the state from the age of 7 through 16 is acceptable except those with contagious diseases, those who are mentally retarded, or those who are bedfast or nursing-care cases.

**Six Camp Sessions**  
 In order to plan a more effective program, assignments are

**Rice Invites Ags to Party**

Anyone interested in a little fraternization with Rice students at a social party?

The Houston school's Rally Club, "Rice's only social organization for men," invited Aggies to attend the Bum's Rush Saturday night in the ballroom of the Alabama Catering Service Building. The affair gets under way at 8.

Stating in a special letter to The Battalion that a large number of Aggies have always showed up in the past, Hap Veltman, club secretary, said this is the first time in two years the event is being held due to "difficulties" with the Rice administration.

The boys from the institute promised a good time for all. Admission is \$2.69 for couples and \$1.69 for stags.

made according to age groups. Each camping session lasts 13 days. The first session opens on the first Sunday in June and continues through six separate and continuous sessions. Boys and girls age 7 through 11 attend the first, third and fifth sessions, while boys and girls age 12 through 16 attend the second, fourth and sixth sessions.

**Local Support Asked**  
 The College Station Lion's Club has requested that any local citizen knowing of a youngster that is eligible to attend the camp contact some member of the club.

Anyone desiring more information on the camp or wishing to submit a youngster for consideration may contact Maj. Edward L. Scott, club chairman for camp support, at 4005 Nagle, Bryan, or call VI 6-6186.

**Job Calls**

Friday  
 Lone Star Gas Co. will interview CE, IE, ME and GEOLOGY majors for job opportunities.

IBM will interview B, ECO MATH, PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, EE, IE, ME majors for job opportunities.

Leeds and Northrup will interview ChE, EE and ME majors for permanent positions.

Kaiser Aluminum will interview ChE, CE, EE, GeoEng, I, Eng, ME, ACCOUNTING, BA and ECO majors for job opportunities.

Gulf will interview ChE, ME, PE, CHEMISTRY and PHYSICS majors for petroleum industry opportunities.

International Paper will interview ChE, CHEMISTRY, EE and ME majors for job opportunities.

**Interpreting**

**Reds Must be Responsible If Germany Gets Too Hot**

By J. M. ROBERTS  
 Associated Press News Analyst  
 Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's latest statement adds to the accumulating evidence that the Soviet Union will insist on two Germanys as long as there is no chance for an all-Communist Germany.

He makes what amounts to a threat to make a World War II peace treaty with the puppet government of East Germany and thereby abrogate all East-West armistice agreements.

Then, he says, if the Western Allies insist on shooting their military convoys through East German controls on the way to their occupation forces in Berlin, they will be shooting at the Soviet Union and it will reply with war.

President Eisenhower replied that if anybody started any shooting over Berlin, it would not be the Allies.

The President, in a tone far removed from Khrushchev's belligerence, added that the United States would continue to hold out the hand of peace to anyone willing to grasp it in good faith.

The Allies have been considering what they would do about the Berlin garrisons if, after all the negotiating, the East Germans should try to exercise Soviet-given authority to block access.

The basic concept is that the Soviet Union does not want a war over Berlin. If that is not true, then she will be found to want war generally, and will have it, Berlin or no Berlin.

If the Reds set up roadblocks and the Allies take them apart, or if the Reds blow bridges and the Allies start rebuilding them, it then will be up to the Reds to decide whether they want to start a war.

War appears to be no more imminent now that it has for years, with one exception. The day approaches when one side or the other will begin to show signs of permanent victory in the cold war. On that day the potential loser will face the decision whether to surrender or to use the last desperate means for survival.

**Directors to Meet**

The board of directors of the Texas A&M College System will meet at A&M Feb. 28 at 10 a.m.

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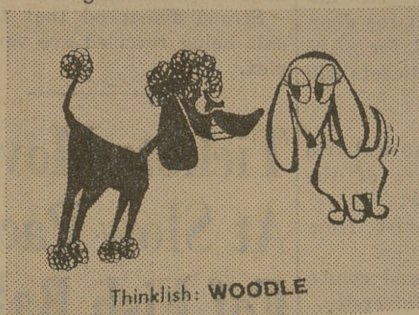
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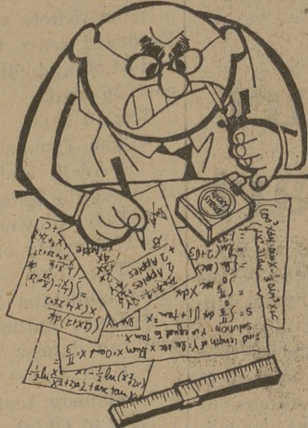
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**THINKLISH**

English: CANINE CASANOVA



English: ANGRY ALGEBRA TEACHER



**Thinklish translation:** This fellow reads nothing but the phone book (numbers only). The only music he likes is logarithm—the only dessert he'll eat is pi. When it comes to smoking, he's 100% for Luckies. Enjoying the honest taste of fine tobacco, he's a fairly agreeable fellow. But the second he misplaces a decimal (or his Luckies), his ire multiplies. Label him *wrathematician* . . . you've got his number!

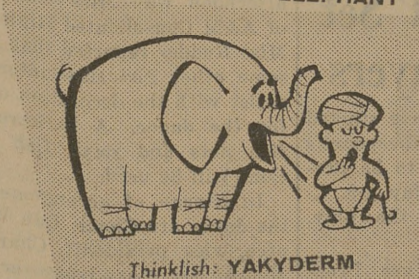
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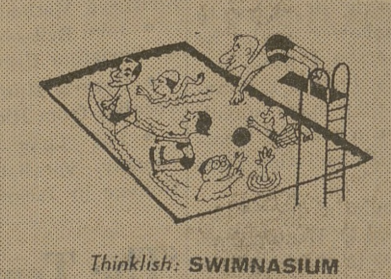
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English: TALKATIVE ELEPHANT



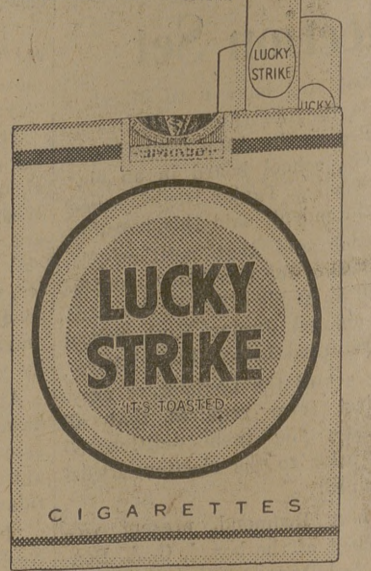
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