

**BATTALION EDITORIALS**

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

**'Not Recommended'**

Duncan Hines still would not recommend A&M dining halls.

The food generally is satisfactory, as college dining hall food goes, but the atmosphere is still almost the same as that condemned last week by Vice President Rudder.

Students either cannot or will not adapt to a messhall situation free of "tension." Yet it is necessary that harassment while eating be stamped out, for this is one of the chain of changes designed to make A&M more liveable.

It is a long range shot to keeping students, for "tension" in the messhalls is one of the primary reasons listed by "fish" as they bid farewell to Aggeland.

Blunt figures shout that enrollment has plunged regularly since 1951, except for a slight upswing in '55. Another group of figures show that there are now 890 Corps sophomores whereas there were over 1,200 at this time last year. Numbers in all classes are at an ebb.

They cannot get much lower. Therefore the college is racking its brains in hope of coming up with some new measure that will help the situation—yes, even ease tensions—and return A&M to the promised land it used to be.

The messhall decision is one of these measures and it isn't a bunch of "baloney." The attempt at cutting harassment there is an attempt to make life at A&M a little more liveable. It is an attempt to make Aggies like Aggeland rather than regard it with a skeptical eye.

Yet the Corps is not going along with it as well as it could. Harassment in the messhalls has been cut down a little but it still lurks in every corner, threatening freshmen as they enter the double doors. Threatening A&M...

"What are they trying to prove?" Ask tradition-bound seniors and juniors echo their queries. "They" are not trying to prove anything. They are trying to DO something.

If the move—and other like it—had come earlier, perhaps the hundreds of ex-freshmen would still be here. Instead they are at home, spreading around the gloomy picture of A&M as seen by a "fish."

So what's the score? Well, we can still salvage what we have. Or if we do lose some more, maybe the picture those who leave paint for others—like high school seniors—won't be so bleak.

It is no secret that the college gets its monetary appropriations according to enrollment. With fewer students there is limited pay for teachers; consequently, there are fewer top-notch teachers. It's all working downhill, and this is the problem we must solve.

The dining hall change, for instance, is not so hard. Take the Anti-Aircraft Artillery battalion for example, commanded by Grady Barr and its company commanders Ed Jamail, Paul Voinis and Bill Markillie. The only time their freshmen depart from "normal" table etiquette in the messhall now is when they are asked a single "cush" question.

These men did it and you can, too. A&M needs it - and you need it because A&M is yours.

**CADET SLOUCH**

by Jim Earle



**Interpreting**

**Nikita Tells MacMillian 'Don't Talk About Germany'**

By J. M. ROBERTS  
 Associated Press News Analyst  
 Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev has chosen a strange time and an oblique method for telling Prime Minister Harold Macmillian that he's not going to sell any Allied ideas about Germany during his Moscow visit.

He uses the occasion of a public speech.

It's as though he had closed the door in the British envoy's face before he could get well started. Future discussion of the principal matters occupying the mind of the allied leader will now be in a cold atmosphere.

The Soviet Union, says Khrushchev, repeating the line with which he has been violating the only agreement of importance reached at the Geneva summit conference in 1955, is not going to talk about reunification of Germany.

That, he says, further cementing his idea of gaining recognition for East Germany as a separate entity, is a matter between the two Germans.

He throws further cold water on the Allied suggestion for a four-power conference of foreign ministers by saying that about the only thing they could discuss would be suppression of militarism in a new Germany formed by agreement of the subdivisions.

He reiterates his suggestion for a 28-nation summit conference to draw up a peace treaty

for a new Germany, a sort of bait to get the West Germans to deal with the East. But Khrushchev, like Stalin, has displayed disdain for anything except great power agreements on major issues, and he would be likely to settle for a four-power summit conference if that were offered.

Khrushchev, in his Tuesday speech, ignored Macmillian's Monday night plea for peace and a return to wartime relationships.

Because the Soviet Union already has the kind of peace it wants, holding the initiative in a new type of international conflict which keeps the West on the defensive.

HOPEWELL, Ohio (AP)—Sign on a truck traveling U. S. 40 near here: "Don't hug me. I'm going steady."

The name Eve is the Hebrew word for "life."

**PEANUTS**



**After 'Coming Alive'**

**Man Finds Son's Salary Too High for Replacement**

WASHINGTON (AP)—Picturing himself as a man who has just found life again, Rep. Steven V. Carter (D-Iowa) said Tuesday he'll decide in a few days what to do about his 19-year-old son's \$11,873 salary.

Carter said he may decide to reduce the salary or take his son off the congressional payroll entirely. But he said he wants to keep him as an assistant if at all possible.

The 43-year-old Carter told newsmen also of his bout with a recurrence of cancer, which originally struck him in 1957. He got word from doctors at nearby Bethesda Md. Naval Hospital earlier this month it was back again.

But he said it has been treated successfully so far.

"I had a private guess," Carter said, "that I didn't have too long to live. Now doctors tell me I have not a sure chance but a good one to live out a normal life span."

Carter's son, Steven A., works in his father's office. He also is a freshman pre-law student at George Washington University here.

After he went on the payroll at \$11,873 last Jan. 3, and the word got around, the question was raised whether it was proper for anyone so young to get such a big government salary, particularly in a part-time job.

The Des Moines Register Tuesday quoted Rep. Carter as saying he had made a mistake in judgment and "I'm going to correct it."

Talking to reporters here, Carter said doctors described his cancer as lympho blastoma, one of a class of tumors of varying malignancy which involve the lymph system.

He originally spent from Jan. 30 to Feb. 18 in the hospital for

treatment. A derivative of mustard gas was injected into his system then. He said this checked the growths doctors had found. "It's a type of cancer like heart disease," Carter said. "It can't be cured but it can be contained. This came as wonderful news to me."

As for his son's status, Carter said "getting the picture in proper perspective is what's tough." He said a good stenographer in his home town of Leon probably could be hired for about \$2,400 a year but the same one in Washington would receive between \$5,000 and \$8,000.

"I agree the cost of government is too high," Carter said, "but the cost of living in Washington justifies the difference in salary standards."

"Nepotism has become a dirty word," Carter said. "But if a man and wife or man and son are

a good team they give better service to the taxpayer" than some other employe would give in the relative's place.

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- Do gadgets such as new cigarette lighters often intrigue you so you want to take them apart? YES  NO
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- Do you prefer a salesman who is anxious to make a quick sale to one who will patiently answer all your questions about the product? YES  NO
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