

**BATTALION EDITORIALS**

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

**Shed Some Blood**

Aggies have again been asked to shed some blood for a good cause.

College Station Lions Club and the Student Senate are asking for 650 volunteers to give blood to help save leukemia-stricken children. Last year over 200 pints of blood were donated. The result—14 children are alive today to thank them for their help.

The men of Aggieland are known for their willingness to help when there is a need. This willingness has been shown by donations to the Senate-sponsored Campus Chest Drive and various other donations to persons in need of assistance.

A&M students have shown that they want to help. Aggies' desire to help has caused organizations such as the Texas Leukemia Research Foundation to come back to let them. Students have always given a goodly response to their cause.

Nothing is lost when Aggies donate blood and everything can be gained. A pint of blood is one-twelfth of the body's blood supply. And doctors report that giving a pint of blood has no effect on a healthy individual.

Every Aggie can afford to give one pint of blood from his own system to help save the life of a suffering individual. If every one gave a pint of blood hundreds of lives could be saved.

Men of Aggieland can save many, many lives if they will turn out tomorrow and sign up to give blood. A sign-up booth will be placed in the Memorial Student Center. The actual collection will take place Wednesday, March 11, in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Conscientious Aggies will see that the Lions Club and Student Senate get their 450 pints of blood to fulfill this year's goal by signing up tomorrow.

Look at it this way: A pint of blood isn't much to a healthy person, but it's precious to a person who needs it.

**In Meeting Saturday**

**Cloud Chides Seniors for Ignoring Harassment**

Saturday in a closed meeting with Corps seniors, Corps Commander Don Cloud appealed to the Class of '59 to accept its responsibility and try to solve some of the problems of Texas A&M.

He chided the seniors for not making any attempt to straighten out "the simple problem of seeing that the messhalls were put back in their true perspective as a place to eat—not for making freshmen bitter toward the Corps."

"The 'fish' are leaving not because that they couldn't take it

but because it was so foolish and childish. In many cases the freshmen who leave have more courage than those who stay—those leaving have the guts to get out and not put up with "cheap bull," Cloud said.

Cloud also suggested that pure physical stamina is not the only test of manhood.

"Today it takes more mental strength to face the challenges and these are the things the Corps is neglecting. Yet 10 times as many people are worrying about whether freshmen sit

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Readers Concerned With Messhalls**

**Absurb Letters**

Editor, The Battalion:  
Spring in Aggieland is the time when absurd letters begin to appear in The Battalion.

... From the looks of the letters that appeared last week, spring is early this year.

Harley McAdams '60

**A&M Fraternity Requires Desire**

Editor, The Battalion:

In recent editorials you have asked why no one seems to be working to relieve "messhall tension." Let us look at the reasons for messhall hazing.

For years the Corps has prided itself on brotherhood, esprit de corps, and the "Spirit of Aggieland." In this respect it is like every co-educational fraternity. The only difference is an Aggie does not have to have money or high social standing to be a member. Only one thing is required to be a member of the Aggie fraternity—desire.

No matter how juvenile it may seem, hazing is one method of finding out who has desire and who does not. All fraternal organizations have their own types of initiation. Messhall hazing is

one of the A&M requirements. The men of "Ol' Army" are being condemned for the methods of hazing they left us. Let us not forget they also left A&M with a proud name. We are now living off their reputation and not our own.

Easing Messhall tension would keep more freshmen in A&M but who wants to change his organization just to get more members?

Frankly, we would rather have no Corps than a Corps which does not require desire.

John F. Bowman '60

**Education First, Discipline Second**

Editor, The Battalion:

Your editorial entitled "Who Will Change It?" has touched me deeply. There are two things a boy should get from college. The most important, of course, is an education. The second, and only of slightly less importance, is the discipline and respect for superiors which is the mark of a real man.

I have a son who will be a year old in May. I hope that 17 or 18 years from now there is at least one college in the U. S. which is of the same type A&M used to be. I feel certain that A&M will not be one.

There are certain factions in this school that would hug a college freshman to their bosoms, shower him with affectionate pats and kisses and finally, at nightfall, tuck him into bed. Do this and in several years you can lean back and say, "Look at the men A&M produces." Only they won't be men.

I am thankful for the training and discipline I received my freshman year. It's a shame A&M can't always take up where a boy's parents must stop and help him become a man.

R. V. Hart Jr. '59

**Almost Ashamed To Wear Ag Ring**

Editor, The Battalion:

What next? First we give the "fish" hair, then we forget about braces in the dorm and the messhall, freshmen whip out like sophomores and now we're supposed to ease tension in the messhall. Are we here to pamper and

on the front half of their chair than are worrying about an honor code," he said.

He continued,

"The Corps has developed to a state of mental laziness that is deplorable. It resists change because it is change, failing to put things to the test of reason—failing to realize that great nations down through history have fallen by the wayside just because they, too, refused to change.

"We say we have to train the freshmen. But it is not the place of the Corps of Cadets to decide who is fit to stay and who is not. We must try to make people who are below par measure up—this is real leadership."

He concluded by asking the seniors to "go back to your outfits and come up with suggestions and ways to preserve the Corps."

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TUESDAY  
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TODAY THRU WED.  
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**Engineering Prof Publishes Article**  
Robert B. Bossler of the Department of Petroleum Engineering is the co-author of a technical article in the current issue of the Oil and Gas Journal.

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**What's Cooking**  
7:30  
American Institute of Industrial Engineers will meet in Rm. 207 of the New Engineering Building tonight. Plans for the spring social will be discussed.

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