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### **BATTALION EDITORIALS**

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

# Age of Reason

The Age of Reason has been slow arriving at Texas A&M. Yet it must surely come if the college is ever to compete with other state schools. It must come if A&M is to survive in the deadly struggle with the other 17 state-supported schools for state monies.

"We cannot keep a school here (A&M) with decreasing enrollment," as John Newton, new Board member from Beaumont said.

It was with this in mind that changes in the Corps were suggested. Yet these changes have been labeled heresy and have been hooted down by cadets on the defensive about their training methods.

This is amazing since the only concrete recommendation made thus far has been to re-examine current practices of handling underclasmen in the light of reason rather than in the shadow of tradition.

Indications are only a few Corps students have looked at the problem in the light of reason. Too many have refused—they shrug off the possibility that anything could be wrong with "Ol' Army" and are frantically searching for ways to defend the old system rather than looking for ways to enlarge and improve Corps training.

• Principal among this misconceptions about "Reasonable Army" as it may come to be called, is that it calls for destruction of every present condition and practice. This is not the case at all. Everything done to date can and will be kept so long as it can be justified reasonably. Again, this seems logical and one wonders how it can be refuted intelligently.

• Another basic contention of those who would keep A&M unchanged is that "Old Army" trained good menthey are the foundation for our reputation today. And certainly this is true. For it's day, the training program 20 years ago was most effective.

But this is 1959 and the raw material sent from Texas' high schools is different, their training at home is different and most important of all, the world they will graduate into is radically different. Consequently, the Corps' program must be slanted for problems—it must condition the young men mentally and physically for the tests they will meet today, not the tests they would have met if they had been born 20 years ago.

A third false idea of the changes suggested is that it will destroy discipline. Nothing could be more erroneous. If anything, the interjection of thinking rather than being content to ape the past would surely improve discipline.

It all hinges on the meaning of discipline. If one believes it to mean the ability to take any sort of unorganized foolishness (as some seem to suggest) then maybe it would strike the death blow to "discipline", if that be the word.

However, if the discipline they seek is truly training which molds, strenthens or perfects, it will withstand the examination and will be perpetuated.

Basically, to keep every ridiculious, Phi Beta Corps policy now employed to belittle and discourage freshmen and to terminate it in a reasonable length of time-say Turkey Day, for example,-would be a start in the right direction. This might appease both groups. For the die-hards that insist that a man must prove himself able to "Take It and Dish it it would allow an excellent opportunity for just this sort of training. By terminating it early in the year, it would allow the freshmen who have measured up to these standards to be accepted rather than force them to qualify over and over again until they see no incentive in doing well a job they must do over again.

The net effect would be well screened freshmen yet they would become real members of Corps as soon as they merited it rather than after they were exhausted.

ertainly this is not the only answer

# Students Want to Know Where Fee Money Goes

the first in a series of stories designed to answer students' questions concerning the parking lot situation on the campus. All phases of the problem will be discussed.)

By BILL REED **Battalion News Editor** 

What was the \$35,000 accumulated last year from parking fees and fines used for? When are the student parking lots going to be paved? Why are we getting tickets at 2:30 in the morning? These are just a few of the

questions being asked every day by students on the campus. The whole thing may be boiled down to just one question that was overheard the other day. Why do we have KK's? Students on every corner of the

campus are very concerned and upset about the whole parking lot

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

Prime Minister Harold Mac-

millan has ended his exploratory

trip to Moscow without being

The expedition found itself in

a cul-de-sac surrounded by sheer

precipices, confirming that the

Soviet Union is unwilling to give

up any of its objectives for the

At the same time, when Mac-

millan indicated he had almost

broken off the talks soon after

their beginning because of Soviet

Premier Nikita Khrushchev's un-

diplomatic treatment, the Krem-

lin leaders did do enough of an

about face to suggest that they

the Communists are determined

Aside from confirmation that

able to map new territory.

sake of a better peace.

don't want war, either.

**Berlin Situation Indefinite** 

As Mac, Nikita Halt Talks

action

ternational issues.

prevent a war.

### Interpreting

money they pay is being used Rumors have started circula- Moon Rocket for. ting on the campus insinuating

it is supposed to be used for. A committee has been set up by the Student Senate to investigate the situation. At the present time the committee is making proposals to better the parking lots with the hope of making Aggies happy.

Several student lots on the campus have been paved, but the majority have not. College officials have said that in the near future the rest of the lots will be paved.

Fred Hickman, chief of Campus Security, said yesterday, "We situation at A&M. They want don't know when these lots will

determination in the face of

would happen if the Reds tried

another Berlin blockade may have

Macmillan says he is convinced

the basic aim of both sides is to

If that is true, then the basic

problem for the West remains as

it has appeared for several years

To that extent, tough talk in

Khrushchev's repeated threats.

better conditions for their cars. have them done in the near fu-

that the money collected is being used for things other than what Stops Climb

today, the new U.S. space probe through their departments for \$2. reached the top of an invisible gravity mountain in space. J. Then the little gold-plated sat- Southern Methodist University

ellite and its companion rocket School of Law. approached their closest to the miles.

became less taxing, less important. Gravity weakens greatly with distance.

At 3,000 miles, the earth's gravitational attraction for Pioneer IV was about a fourth what it had been at blastoff, astronomers say.

Nine-tenths of the way to the moon, the earth's gravity becomes so weakened that other forces are more important. First the moon's gravity predominates. Then the sun's gravity-the major force of the solar systemthe United States about what takes over as the major influence on the course of Pioneer IV It's as if Pioneer had to climb

provided Macmillan with a pera mountain to the neighborhood suasive background for his warn-.of the moon-steepest as it left ing about the danger of unilateral the earth but becoming nearly a plateau in the region of the moon. At least Khrushchev is on the Beyond the moon would lie a record, for whatever it is worth, sort of downhill slope-and it is as relying on negotiations rather here that Pioneer would gather than force for settlement of inspeed as it hurries into an orbit

around the sun. The big Juno II rocket gave Pioneer a kick of some seven miles a second, insuring that the space cone had enough speed to conquer the earth's gravity mountain.

-how to prevent the interna-The earth's gravity slowed Pioneer with each succeeding mile tional Communists from grabbing -but could not slow it enough to bring it back to earth.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is to know what is being done to be paved, but we are hoping to **Tickets** Available They want to know what the ture.'

> For Prof Banquet Tickets are now on sale for the annual banquet of the A&M Chapter, American Association of University Professors in the Assembly Room of the Memorial Student

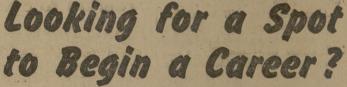
night at 8 in Room 2-C, MSC.

Center on March 11. The tickets may be purchased NEW YORK (AP)-Before noon from members of the chapter or Speaker for the banquet will be W. Riehm, Assistant Dean,

The purpose of the AAUP is to moon — perhaps within 38,000 stimulate interest in furthering education. A&M's chapter has a Their long climb against the membership of 125 and is one of gravity attraction of the earth 537 chapters in the United States.

> Six railway and subway lines use the basement of a large Tokyo department store as a terminal.





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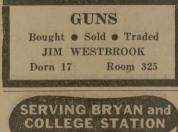


### Social Whirl Wee Aggies

meets tonight at 8 in the South Solarium, YMCA. Mrs. Fred Hale tor.... will present a talk on "Tips on Buying a Home."

La.

Mr. and Mrs. Malvern G. Mc-Geology Wives Club meets to-Farlin, '58, are the proud parents of a future Aggie sweetheart. Patricia Ann, weighing in at 5 pounds, 14 ounces, arrived Saturday at 7:46 p.m. in North Louisiana Hospital, Shreveport,



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the proble There are others equally as feasible for putting the Corps back together as a single unit of Texas Aggies rather than four groups of boys hassling over which group is more manly than the others . . .



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