

BATTALION EDITORIALS

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

Laugh Until You Cry

"Poor boy" school may be a most fitting title for Texas A&M if the Legislature passes HB 216 calling for a million dollar cut in requested appropriations for each of the two years in the next fiscal period.

In two years this college will be "poor boy" all right. It'll be ragged at the sleeves financially.

The cutback in requested monies for teachers' salaries amounting to \$278,307 won't help pay the bills next year, much less attract the caliber of instructors needed desperately.

The million dollar cut didn't come as a result of an evil plot to set the college back another 10 years. It was a simple problem of numbers, or rather the lack of them.

Both teacher salaries and general appropriations are directly tied to enrollment. Very simply stated, we get so much money per student, based on the number that can be expected to enroll during the next biennium. The college's requests were based on projected enrollment of 7,700 students expected next year.

It is easy to see why the House Appropriations Committee laughed out the side of its mouth and slashed the figure by one-eighth. A&M's enrollment dropped by four hundred students this year. Anticipation of a big, fat increase next year does appear a little ludicrous, doesn't it?

It's funnier yet when we realize that each of us here has contributed in some way to stagnation of progress at Texas A&M.

There is not a man on the campus, professor, student or staff member who has not undersold this school a little. Each is a little guilty of not making an all-out effort to work out minor internal problems in the school. Each is also guilty of not pushing Texas A&M to the state in general and to prospective students in particular. Some are guilty of embittering students already here and making it so distasteful they have no desire to remain.

Every man on this campus can share the blame for the cut in A&M's budget for next year. Each can share in the million dollar laugh—until they cry ...

Talk on Indonesia Planned Monday

"Agriculture in Indonesia" will be discussed Monday at 4 p.m., in Room 105 of the Agronomy Building.

Particular emphasis on corn and rice production will be stressed.

The speaker will be Dr. Robert I. Jackson, agronomy adviser (seed improvement) United States Overseas Mission, Indonesia. Jackson

has been with the International Cooperation Administration Mission in Indonesia since 1951.

In the position of agronomy adviser, Jackson guides and works with Indonesian cereal breeders to increase their skill and efficiency in producing varieties of rice and corn that will bring an increased yield and be better adapted to local Indonesian conditions.

'58 Good Year for Common Man According to Report from UN

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst
 The United Nations reported Tuesday, on the basis of information furnished by member governments, that the period 1957-58 was a fairly good one for the material well-being of the world's common man.

On Wednesday it was disclosed that the commanding general of United States forces in Japan called back an American-bound plane carrying a vacationing colonel and his family, bumped them off and reinstated five emergency-leave GIs who had been bumped in favor of the colonel.

Observers, even those who could recall the taste of Army brass, found no direct connection.

On the serious side, one of the statistics in the United Nations report on the improved lot of the world's common man is that the world population in 1957 was 2,759,000,000 and growing at the rate of 1.6 per year. Many students of the subject will question the propriety of such a statistic in such a report. They contend the increase is actually threatening the common man's entire future.

Minority groups in the United States—particularly Negroes and Indians at this moment—continued to fight for the right merely to be common men.

There were no indications that the United Nations planned to follow its economic report with a formal report on the spiritual standing of the common man.

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The U.N. report did not contain figures from the Soviet Union and China.

The South African government reported that it was really working for the independence of the common man there, who is largely black. It planned to relocate him in strictly segregated communities and make him free of the white man's economy and give him his own—though somewhat limited—political institutions.

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Social Whirl

Saturday

Industrial Engineering Wives Club will have a bake sale at Orr's Minimax in the Ridgcrest Shopping Center starting at 9 a.m.

Monday

The B. A. Wives Club will meet at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. T. W. Leland, 1307 Walton Dr.

Electrical Engineering Wives Club will meet at 8 p.m. in the YMCA Brooks Room for a program in eating habits.

Mechanical Engineering Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the YMCA South Solarium.

Freshman Veterinary Medicine Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Kraft Homestead House in the Miller's Shopping Center for a tour and refreshments.

The Chemistry Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Lo June Vigneault, 1609 South College, Bryan. Members are reminded to bring articles for the rummage sale April 10-11.

Ag Education Wives Club will meet in the Agricultural Extension Building at 7:30 p.m. for a talk by Dr. Nena Harris.

Ag Eco and Rural Sociology Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Room of the MSC.

Guest speaker will be Mrs. Fred Hale

Agricultural Engineering Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Dan Scoates, 401 Dexter.

Tuesday

Handicraft and Rug Group of the A&M Social Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Mrs. George Summey, 408 Brookside.

The Alaska town and island of Wrangel was named for Swedish Admiral Ferdinand Wrangel. His grandnephew, Baron Claus Va Wrangel, recently became a United States citizen in Seattle.

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Architecture Gets Two \$500 Awards

The Division of Architecture has received two memorial awards totaling \$1,000 for awarding to winners of competition for fifth year architectural design students.

T. R. Holleman, head of the Division of Architecture, has announced that the "Otis A. Felger Memorial Award" of \$500 is from the Life Slab Management Corp. of San Antonio, and the "Lynn Allison Porter Memorial Award" of \$500 is from Mr. and Mrs. John B. Porter of San Antonio. Porter is president of the Lift Slab Management Corp.

The first award is in memory of Otis A. Felger, '46, who was associated with the Lift Slab Management Corp. at the time of his death in June, 1958. The second award is in memory of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Porter.

Award winners will be announced at the annual banquet of the Division of Architecture in May.

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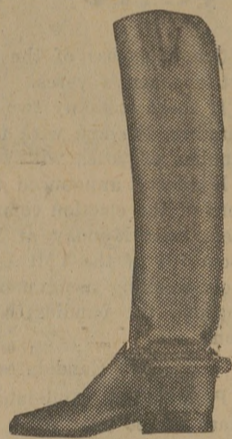
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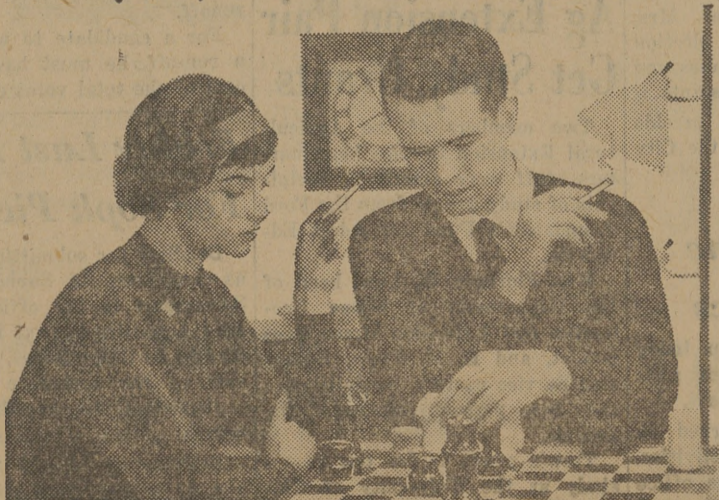
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Do You Think for Yourself? (THIS SHORT QUIZ WILL TIP YOU OFF! *)

- When your friends impart confidences, do you feel (A) uncomfortable, or (B) complimented? A B
- Do you prefer a task which demands (A) the organization of complex details, or (B) a constant flow of ideas? A B
- Would your first reaction to a difficult committee appointment be that you had been (A) "stuck," or (B) honored? A B
- If you were a contestant on a quiz program which of these question categories would you prefer: (A) popular songs of today, or (B) current events? A B
- Do you find that you work or study more effectively (A) under supervision, or (B) on your own schedule? A B
- Is it your feeling that close friendships with superiors would be (A) a great help, or (B) actually a hindrance to your career with a firm? A B
- Which, to your mind, has the greater influence on you in making a good grade: (A) the instructor, or (B) the subject matter of a course? A B
- Do you believe that the saying "haste makes waste" is (A) always true, or (B) often false? A B



9. Which would weigh more heavily in your choice of filter cigarettes: (A) the opinions of friends with similar tastes, or (B) your own considered judgment? A B

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