

BATTALION EDITORIALS

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

'Murals Put in Place'

Although House Bill 216 slapped a severe cut to A&M's requested budget for the next two years, the bill did have at least one good point. It put intramural athletics where they belong—off the handout from taxpayers.

In one of the better pieces of Legislative thinking on education in some time, the House Appropriations Committee deleted the program because "it was neither educational in nature nor was it among the things colleges were created for." They went further saying "intramurals are not akin to supervised play, nor did they fall within one of the functions of a college..."

And it's about time—nay, it's way overtime—for someone, somewhere to recognize athletics for what they are. It is high time that athletics took a back seat to the real reason for educational institutions in the first place.

This is not to say that the current intramural program here is not without some merit. Possibly the play period from 5-6 p. m. can be justified as recreation, spirit-generating activity or just good clean fun. But it is hard to justify the co-existence of the intramural office and the plush Required Physical Education system within a block of each other—particularly when in many cases there is duplication in personnel, equipment and purpose. It is equally difficult to justify the expense of the two when one could do both jobs.

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With the funds cut off, possibly some reorganization in the program will take place if it is to be continued. If so, one area to look into might be the emphasis placed on intramurals in the awards given at Mothers' Day.

In several areas, the competitive games have digressed from good, clean fun to required activities for underclassmen.

When a freshman is "selected" to play football, basketball, tennis, bowling, handball, cross country, softball, horseshoes, golf and table tennis—all in one year, he may lose any benefit he might get from just one or two sports.

The program need not be scrapped—if it can be operated economically and if it is truly recreation and not just "required" outfit activity for underclassmen.

Letters To The Editor

The Battalion welcomes letters to the editor but reserves the right to edit letters for brevity, clearness and accuracy. Short letters stand a better chance for publication since space is at a premium. Unsigned letters will not be published...

Editor,
The Battalion:

Perhaps about 75 per cent of our what-to-do and how-to-do-it-right editorials could be scrapped or taken with a grain of salt. But if yesterday's (April 7) was followed 100 per cent of our enrollment would increase and no telling how much. People might stop leaving, too.

Sure it's good bull to say "I hate this place." But how many upperclassmen stopped to think that they just might be influencing somebody's state of mind. It was a proven fact in Germany that "if you yell a lie loud enough and long enough that most people will begin to believe it." If we talk negative-

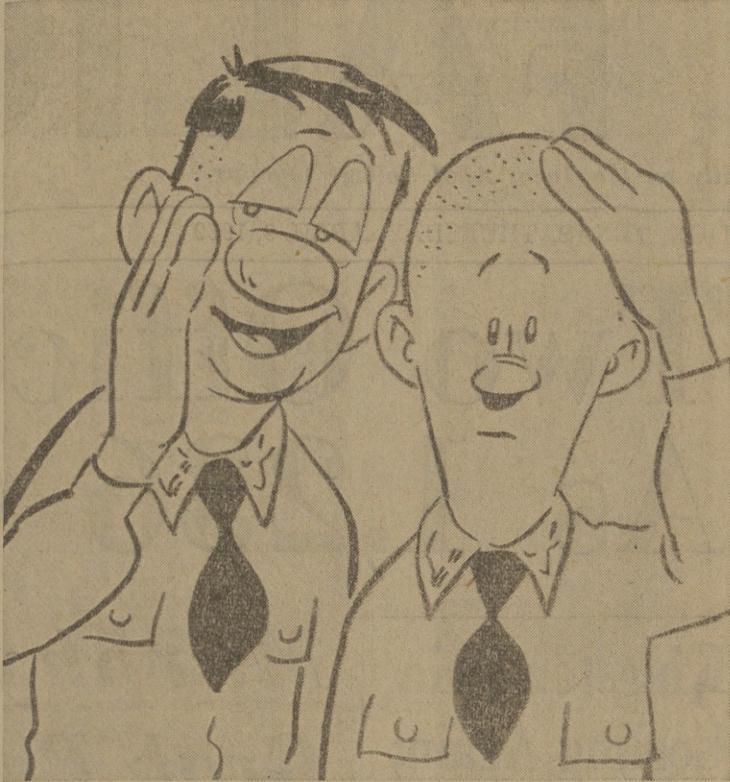
ly we'll think the same way and the reverse is just as true.

New army? Old army? Hazing? No hazing? Which one is the answer? Anything if you're convinced that it will make you proud of your reputation instead of ashamed of it. How many of you have made an unintentional remark against A&M in front of a high school student? The trouble is they take it seriously and maybe help next fall to cause another million dollar budget cut. Everything we say against A&M on campus or off, jokingly or seriously, hurts us one way or another.

Why don't we read that editorial just once more.
Robert L. Williams, '59

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle Adenauer Not Really Retiring from Politics



I've got th' perfect solution to our enrollment problem—let's draft students!

Office Payroll Dispute Continues

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Sen. Frank J. Lausche (D-Ohio) said Wednesday senators are inviting suspicion through "seemingly clandestine efforts to conceal" the facts about their office payrolls.

His remarks in favor of a proposal to compel public disclosure of payroll data set off a spirited Senate debate.

Sen. Norris Cotton (R-NH) re-

torted that "the Senate is not a factory." He said it would be nonsense to attempt either to install a uniform pay schedule, or to make public the amounts paid without uniformity.

Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill.), Senate Republican leader, opposed the compulsory disclosure idea, and told his colleagues spending is scrutinized closely by the secretary of the Senate.

What's Cooking

The following clubs and organizations will meet tonight:

- 7:30 Angelina Hometown Club will meet in the YMCA.
- Denton County Hometown Club will meet in the Memorial Student Center.
- El Paso Hometown Club meets in Room 105 of the Academic Bldg.
- Fayette and Colorado Counties Hometown Club will meet in Room 3B of the MSC.
- Marshall Hometown Club meets in Room 105 of the Academic Bldg.
- Milby Hometown Club will meet in Room 2A of the MSC to

discuss High School Day Activities.

- Northeast Texas Hometown Club meets in the Fountain Room of the MSC to discuss High School Day plans.
- Trans-Pecos Hometown Club will meet in the Business Administration Bldg.
- Wichita Falls Hometown Club will meet in Room 106 of the Academic Bldg.
- Yankee Hometown Club meets in the Reading Room of the YMCA. Films of the 1952-56 Olympics will be shown.

Social Whirl

Animal Husbandry Wives Club meets Thursday, in the South Solarium of the YMCA at 7:30 p.m.

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst
Chancellor Konrad Adenauer has made it plain that while he may be retiring from active politics, he has no intention of retiring from the affairs of West Germany.

He speaks of the presidency which he expects to assume as a position containing full possibilities for continued influence. He also speaks with certainty of the continuation of his foreign policies by his successor as chancellor.

He speaks of those policies as something inherent in the West German international position, not as something attributable to the will of one man as the world has been inclined to view it because he had made them so much his own.

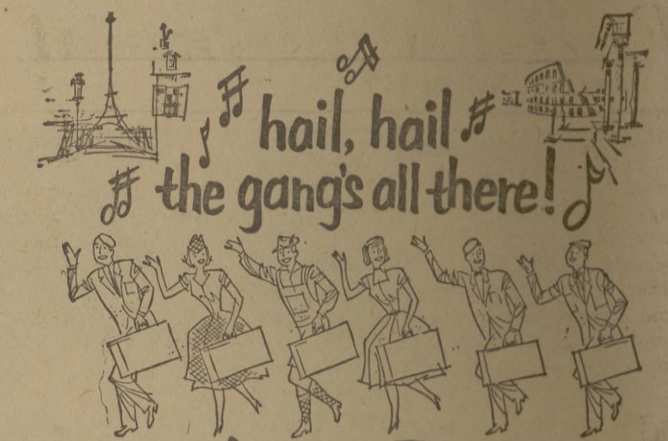
Adenauer, with his unyielding faith in the possibilities for a cooperating Europe, has attained leadership in that community of a type which is almost unbelievable for a German so soon after World War II.

When the Allies sponsored a constitutional convention in Bonn in 1948 with a view to establishing an autonomous West German government, Adenauer was just one of a group of seedy-looking old men. They were expected to act primarily as caretakers until new and younger democratic forces could be mobilized for the purposes of government.

Soviet fighters flew menacingly along the edges of the air corridors to Berlin that summer as the American planes broke the Berlin blockade. Europe was full of fear of a new war.

Max Reimann, West German Red leader whose gray plaid suit contrasted with the somber black

of most of the older men, appeared to be the only truly vigorous delegate at the convention. But Adenauer took over. He fought Reimann tooth and nail, and the influence of communism in West Germany was soon killed.



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By Charles M. Schulz

PEANUTS

ISN'T SHE GOING TO GIVE ME ANY?
CHOMP CHOMP CHOMP
OH COME ON... PLEASE! PLEASE!
OKAY, SNOOPY... HERE... YOU CAN HAVE THE LAST ONE...
*WHEN I CAME VERY CLOSE TO PUSHING THE PANIC BUTTON!

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