

BATTALION EDITORIALS

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

Hospital Cut, Too

House Bill 216, the now much-discussed appropriations bill recently passed by The House and sent to the Senate, put the stop to support for one excellent facility on the campus, College Health Service.

Classing college health services with intramural athletics as "not consistent with the goals of an educational institution" was no doubt correct. But both are assets to the college under proper management.

In the last few years the College Hospital has overcome the stigma of being a "horse hospital" and a place of last resort for the ill and afflicted. Today it is efficiently operating much the same as a commercial hospital of its size. Under the close guidance of Dr. Lyons it has regained respect and has, for the most part, served the college adequately.

The cut in funds certainly shouldn't discontinue the operation. But it may cause some minor juggling in the various campus pocketbooks to avoid an increase in student health fees.

Even a minor increase in fees should be avoided if at all possible. Right now, fees are already pretty high, considering this to be a "poor boy" school.

But if it becomes a question of keeping the high quality of service, higher fees must be the answer.

It is a penalty for being so "poor" in enrollment—more money in the general fund might mean less from the individual student.

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 Unsigned letters will not be published.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:

One of the first facts we as college students learn is that only one thing is consistent—change. The modern world is growing so fast, becoming so complicated and changing so fast that one must not only have an education to understand; he must also continue reading and studying and accepting new ideas throughout his life.

Yet the men of A&M seem to be afraid of change. Instead they had rather be "traditional" with the attitude that "if it was good enough for grandpa it is good enough for me."

Isn't this the attitude held by such backward people as the pre-World War II Japanese? In order to progress, the Japanese had to change many of their customs and forget many century-old traditions.

A&M is now facing a serious problem—falling enrollment. Why should this be true when other colleges across the country are not only over-crowded but

have to turn down many applications for enrollment each year? Could the reason be that A&M is too far behind the times in its military, academic and social standards?

The uniforms we wear are hand-me-downs from World War II, the boots and sabers of the senior uniform are dated back to World War I. They are about as modern for military wear as a vest would be to a civilian. Only a few outfits on the campus have begun to get behind the Grade point Army idea of spending more time on education and less on "good bull." As for our social life—uhh—social life? What's that?

A&M is changing slowly every year, but it isn't changing fast enough to keep up with the rest of the world. Instead of us thinking so much about what we like and want for ourselves, how about thinking of the good of the college so that later in life we can really be proud of being called an Aggie.

Charles Wren Jr. '61

Highlights

Solons Hustling To 'Wrap It Up'

By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association
AUSTIN, Tex. — With just about a month left between now and May 12, automatic adjournment date, it's "now or never" time in the Texas Legislature.

Bill sponsors are challenging other members to "pass it or kill it." No more playing the waiting game. Less juggling of the parliamentary ball.

House Speaker Waggoner Carr gave this "get with it" mood a strong shove by taking a firm stand on tax goals. "There is no Santa Claus," Carr told House members. Texas must raise \$300,000,000 in new money to meet its obligations, he said. On "how to do it," the Speaker made these suggestions and observations:

1. A bill is needed "which will include a broad array of selective taxes—including, but not confined to—selective sales taxes."
2. A general sales tax is "out." Lawmakers will—and should—keep their promises not to pass one.
3. "Broad" taxation would include upping levies in areas suggested by the governor—natural gas, liquor, cigarettes, corpora-

tions—but at a lower rate than suggested by the governor. In addition, many new items would be added, in keeping with the "spread thin, hurt little" principle.

4. "Piece-meal taxation" is unfair, inadequate to the present challenge. State government should not "reward political favorites." New taxes should be "spread across as much of the Texas economy as possible."

5. Likewise on appropriations. If college professors and state employees get a raise, public school teachers should, too.

Carr's speech was regarded as public announcement that he is taking the reins of leadership to get a tax program passed.

Gov. Price Daniel's comment on Carr's statement was in the vein of "why didn't you say so before?" Daniel said, "I am in agreement with much of it and only wish it had been made 30 days earlier."

House Taxation Committee Chairman V. L. Ramsey of Beckville named a five-man committee to write a tax bill and have it ready next week.

Interpreting

Allied Leaders Deal Political Cards But They're All Too Careful to Open

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst
You might think sometimes that Allied diplomatic leaders live in a dream world, but it isn't necessarily so.

Yet they have now managed to work themselves into a prime hassle over something that has very little if any substance.

President Eisenhower, U. S. Undersecretary of State Christian A. Herter, British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, and Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and French President Charles de Gaulle have been trying for two months to chisel enough of the sharp edges off some of their ideas to fit them into a package for presentation to the Communists in the row

over Berlin and Germany. Every now and then a warm statement of unity attained is followed almost immediately by revelations of continued disunity. But Adenauer says the British

are mad at him because he won't go along with some of Macmillan's ideas which, to him, carry the implications of willingness to put German reunification on the back burner.

Future Spacemen Anxious For World-Circling Whirl

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's first space travelers-to-be were put on steel yesterday—seven calm steel-nerved married men in their 30s. They say they are sure they'll come back safe from the most terrifyingly dangerous voyage yet conceived for a human being.

One of the seven will be the first American—the first of any nation, if things go right—to be rocketed into orbit around the earth.

Nobody knows yet which one will get the first historic ride. Each of the seven says it's something of which he has long dreamed.

Each also said at a news conference that it's okay with the wife and children for him to make the first satellite flight.

In fact, quipped Navy Lt. Malcolm S. Carpenter, 33, of Garden Grove, Calif., one of the astronauts, his going was his wife Rene's idea.

"I was at sea, so my wife called Washington and volunteered for me," he said.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration announced last Monday that seven space candidates had been selected as the final team for this country's first manned satellite program, Project Mercury.

But not until Wednesday did the agency name the seven: Three Air Force jet pilots, three Navy fliers and a Marine test pilot.

The team includes: Air Force Capt. Leroy G. Cooper Jr., 32, Carbondale, Colo., and Seattle, Wash.

Marine Lt. Col. John H. Glenn Jr., 37, New Concord, Ohio.

Air Force Capt. Virgil I. Grissom, 33, Mitchell, Ind.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Walter M. Schirro Jr., 36, Hackensack, N.J.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Alan B. Shepard Jr., 35, East Derry, N.H.

Air Force Capt. Donald K. Slayton, 35, Sparta, Wis.

One reason they're as old as they are: It takes years to pile up the flying experience needed.

These seven were selected, after possibly the most rigid physical and mental tests ever given human beings, from among 55 volunteers for the first space flights. One will make the first earth orbit—if he survives.

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By Charles M. Schulz

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IF I'M NOT A CAUSE WHAT IS? I BELIEVE IN THE CAUSE OF GOOD OL' ME! THAT'S THE CAUSE I BELIEVE IN!

I'M THE BEST CAUSE I KNOW AND I BELIEVE IN THAT CAUSE! I'M THE... GOOD GRIEF!