

BATTALION EDITORIALS

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

Muster Not Magic

Top conversation topic among those on the "critical list" yesterday was the 57th Muster and all the things wrong with it. Everyone noticed the mistakes—few admitted how proud it made them feel to be part of the group that musters once a year in memory of men gone and yet still here.

Without a doubt there were some errors in judgment, some lack of foresight on the part of the Senate planners of the Muster this year. But a great deal of their problems came about because of uncertain weather which forced the ceremony to be held indoors—for this, it is hard to hold them responsible.

But Muster is much more than a precision performance on a stage. At the now-famous Muster on Corregidor one wonders if there was a ceremony at all. A few moments of retrospection—a brief prayer would have sufficed. Muster is not a production—it is a time for remembrance and rededication to the ideals men from Aggie land have lived and died for.

Among the large number who criticized the ceremony it is interesting to note how few offered to help to make the next one better. It is equally noteworthy how many of the critical were among the unthinking audience that applauded again and again during this most reverent and sacred of traditions.

A great deal of comment centered around who wasn't there Tuesday. The empty seats in the coliseum testified to the fact that not all of either student body, nor all of the faculty and staff alumni, nor all the former students in the area were there.

But to date no one has mentioned some of the people that WERE there like the Aggie baseball team for instance. Their practice was cut short for Muster—the team AND Coach Tom Chandler tramped over to White Coliseum in workout clothing for the double remembrance.

It appears that the blame for lack of inspiration from Tuesday's Muster may not be the Senate's entirely. The men who didn't get much from the ceremony may not have put much into it.

Muster isn't a magic spell that transforms a man into an Aggie. Rather, it makes an Aggie proud to be a man among men...

Letters To The Editor

The Battalion welcomes letters to the editor but reserves the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity 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 Unsigned letters will not be published...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:

We, as a group, were shocked and ashamed to note the absence of over 85 per cent of the civilian student body at the annual Muster.

We realize that it is too much to ask the non-regs to learn "The Spirit", say "Howdy" and display the true Aggie spirit at football games but, in the name of all that we hold dear, is it too much to ask that they crawl out of the sack long enough to pay homage to a fallen comrade? More significant was the fact that the only man to fall during the year was a civilian.

If 25 half-dead, battle-weary GI's can find time to muster on Corregidor, why can't 3,000 well-fed, healthy non-regs find time to walk across the parade ground, through the MSC and over to the coliseum for a 30-minute tribute to those who have given their lives for freedom?

What hurts us most is the fact that these people (we can't call them men) call themselves Aggies—going by a name men have died to make honorable.

These people are our "skeleton-in-the-closet"—the real shame of Aggie land.

C Armor Juniors

Four Ag Debaters To Judge Tourney

Oliver Kitzman, Andrew Schouvaloff, Jay Hirsch and Jimmie Dennis, four members of the A&M debate team, will judge an inter-collegiate high school team debate tournament at Blinn Junior College in Brenham tomorrow.

ATTENTION AGGIES

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Dalai Lama Strikes Back, Stands by Earlier Statement

MUSSOORIE, India (AP)—Tibet's exiled Dalai Lama struck back Wednesday at Red Chinese charges that his statement denouncing their rule in his country was issued by someone else. He declared the statement was issued under his authority "and I stand by it."

The 23-year-old religious and political leader in a statement at Tezpur Saturday accused Red China of breaking its pledge of self-rule for Tibet, interfering with religious affairs, destroying monasteries, and killing and enslaving Buddhist holy men.

Two days later the official New China News Agency in Peiping denounced the statement as being full of lies. The agency said there were suspicions as to whether it was made by the Dalai Lama. The agency said the statement was issued through an Indian diplomatic official.

The Dalai Lama said he had seen the agency report "implying that I was not responsible" for the statement.

"I wish to make it clear," he said, "that the earlier statement was issued under my authority and indicated my views and I stand by it."

"I am making this brief statement to correct the wrong impression created by the New China News Agency report and do not propose to state anything more at present."

Prime Minister Nehru, who is trying to maintain friendly relations with Red China despite the Tibetan revolt that has excited Indian sympathies, has declared he expects the Tibetan leader to refrain from political activities while in this country.

Nehru will call on the exiled Tibetan leader here Friday.

For Private News Lines

Publishers Tell FCC Rate Rollback Due

WASHINGTON (AP)—The American Newspaper Publishers Assn. is advising the Federal Communications Commission there should be a rollback of rates for private line teletypewriter service in the interest of providing the public with the widest possible knowledge of the world's daily happenings.

The ANPA described leased wires such as the teletypewriter service as the life line of news-gathering and distribution which keeps the public informed. It contended that higher rates for this kind of service tend to curtail this flow of information.

The ANPA outlined its position in testimony by its general manager, Cranston Williams, submitted in written form, and distributed to participants in a lengthy and continuing investigation into private line charges.

Williams will make a personal appearance later, probably in June, for cross-examination on this testimony.

The FCC last Dec. 2 permitted both American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and Western Union Telegraph Co. to raise their teletypewriter service rates on conditions by these companies that their earnings from this service were substantially below levels which FCC had previously sanctioned as fair.

The rate revisions were designed to increase AT&T teletypewriter revenues by about \$8,500,000 a year and those of Western Union by about \$4,200,000.

The increases became effective

over protests by ANPA, the stock and commodity exchanges, railroads and other large users of leased private lines.

Body Resistant To More Strontium Say Scientists

WASHINGTON (AP)—An influential group of scientists said Wednesday night they believe the human body can tolerate twice as much radioactive strontium as has previously been regarded as acceptable.

The recommendation for increasing the permissible limit was made by the National Committee on Radiation Protection and Measurements. It is an unofficial organization of radiation experts whose past recommendations have been followed closely by such agencies as the Atomic Energy Commission and the Public Health Service.

If adopted, the new recommendations would mean a 20 per cent upward revision in the amount of strontium considered permissible in milk. Among foods, milk is the principal means by which strontium can enter the body.

Radioactive strontium is the most feared constituent of fallout from nuclear bomb explosions because it could cause bone cancer if present in the body in sufficient amounts. The material is also a potential hazard of working in atomic energy plants, and of any exposure to wastes.

Summer Editor Applications Due Wednesday At 5

Applications for summer editor, 1959 will be taken for the Battalion until Wednesday, 5 p.m.

Applications blanks are available at the office of Student Publications, ground floor, YMCA.

Qualifications for summer editor are (1) academic classification as junior or senior; (2) freedom from academic probation or disciplinary action; (3) must have demonstrated above average achievement and ability; (4) a minimum of one year's experience on the staff of a student publication of the college.

CIRCLE

TONIGHT "TWILIGHT FOR THE GODS"

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PEANUTS



What's Cooking

The following clubs and organizations will meet tonight: 7:30

Angelina County Hometown Club will meet in the YMCA.

Dallas Hometown Club will meet in Room 107 of the Biological Sciences Bldg. Plans for the Boot Dance will be discussed.

Deep East Texas Hometown Club meets in Room 126 of the Academic Bldg.

Del Rio Hometown Club will meet in the YMCA to elect this year's officers.

El Paso Hometown Club meets in Room 105 of the Academic Bldg. Plans for club elections will be discussed.

Fayette and Colorado Counties Hometown Club meets in Room 3B of the Memorial Student Center.

Laredo Hometown Club will meet in Room 3D of the MSC. Next year's officers will be elected.

Marshall Hometown Club meets in Room 105 of the Academic Bldg.

Pecan Valley Hometown Club

will meet in Room 124 of the Academic Bldg.

Tyler and Smith Counties Hometown Club meets in the YMCA.

Wichita Falls Hometown Club will meet in Room 126 of the Academic Bldg.



We Aggies like to read about Wee Aggie. When a wee one arrives, call VI 6-4910 and ask for the Wee Aggie Editor...

Laura Lee Holley

An Aggie-date-to-be, Miss Laura Lee Holley was born April 15 in St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ray Holley '62, B-13-X, College View.



THE MANY LOVES OF THORWALD DOCKSTADER

When Thorwald Dockstader—sophomore, epicure, and sportsman—first took up smoking, he did not simply choose the first brand of cigarettes that came to hand. He did what any sportsman, epicure, and sportsman would do: he sampled several brands and then picked the mildest, tastiest, pleasingest of all—Philip Morris, of course!

Similarly, when Thorwald took up girls, he did not simply select the first one who came along. He sampled. First he took out an English literature major named Elizabeth Barrett Grisht, a wisp of a girl with luminous eyes and a soul that shimmered with a pale, unearthly beauty. Trippingly, trippingly, she walked with Thorwald upon the beach and sat with him behind a windward dune and listened to a sea shell and sighed sweetly and took out a little gold pencil and a little morocco notebook and wrote a little poem:

I will lie upon the shore, I will be a dreamer. I will feel the sea once more Pounding on my femur.

Thorwald's second date was with a physical education major named Peaches Glendower, a broth of a girl with a ready smile and a size 18 neck. She took Thorwald down to the cinder track where they jogged around 50 times to open the pores. Then they played four games of squash, six sets of tennis, 36 holes of golf, nine innings of one old cat, six chukkers of lacrosse, and a mile and a quarter of leap frog. Then they went ten rounds with eight-ounce gloves and then they had heaping bowls of bran and they exchanged a manly handshake and went home to their respective whirlpool baths.



"I think I'll stick with PHILIP MORRIS," he said

Thorwald's final date was with a golden-haired, creamy-browed, green-eyed, red-lipped, full-calved girl named Totsi Sigafos. Totsi was not majoring in anything. As she often said, "Ge whillikers, what's college for anyhow—to fill your head full of icky old facts, or to discover the shining essence that is YOU?"

Totsi started the evening with Thorwald at a luxurious restaurant where she consumed her own weight in Cornish rock hen. From there they went to a de luxe movie palace where Totsi had popcorn with butter. Then she had a bag of chocolate covered raisins—also with butter. Then they went to a costly ballroom and cha-cha'd till dawn, tipping the band every eight bars. Then they went to a Chinese restaurant where Totsi, unable to decipher the large and baffling menu, found a simple way out of her dilemma; she ordered one of everything. Then Thorwald took her to the women's dorm, boosted her in the window, and went downtown to wait for the employment office to open.

While waiting, Thorwald thought over all of his girls and came to a sensible decision. "I think," he said to himself, "that I will stick with Philip Morris. I am not rich enough for girls."

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Anybody is rich enough for Philip Morris—and for Philip Morris's brother cigarette, filter-tip Marlboro, the cigarette with better "makin's". The flavor's fine, the filter filters, the price is right.

By Charles M. Schulz

