

BATTALION EDITORIALS

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Corps on Trial

The beginning of classes Monday means something different to each of us.

- To freshmen it is the beginning of a new phase of their lives.
- To sophomores it is a milestone that marks the completion of their first year of college and the beginning of another year.
- To juniors it signifies the finish of the first half of their college career.
- To seniors it means the last year before entering society as supposedly useful and productive members who should be able to stand on their own feet.
- To all it means the chance to renew old friendships and develop new ones.

For members of the Corps of Cadets it will mark the beginning of a trial for the life of the Corps.

In the past the Corps has experienced minor crises which have been termed the making or breaking of the Corps.

This time it's for real!

Corps commanders were told Monday that the Corps must adjust to modern society and accept a useful role in the college's student life program. It has no usefulness if it continues as it has in the past.

Changes must be made in methods that were scrapped by armed forces many years ago as part of their training program.

Modern leadership isn't developed by use of force to instill fear in subordinates.

Leaders of today gain their positions by proving themselves—first to themselves then to others, thereby earning the right to be called leaders.

In the same way the Corps must re-adjust itself to the modern concept of life. Gone are the days when an upperclassman told a freshmen, "If you don't like it, go somewhere else."

Texas A&M needs every man it can get in order to continue to be a useful institution of higher education in Texas.

It certainly can't afford to sacrifice good students because some immature upperclassmen thinks some students aren't men enough to be Aggies.

In cases like that, the upperclassmen is the one who isn't good enough to be in any college, much less Texas A&M.

The jury, the judge, the witnesses, the prosecution and the defense in the trial of the Corps are easy to find. Every man in the Corps fills each of these roles.

How they conduct themselves in their dealings with cadet associates and fellow college students will show their ability to be members of the Aggie Corps.

If each Aggie will realize the importance of his position, then the Corps will once again re-gain its role of usefulness to Texas A&M. If they don't, then the Corps will rightly be through—for it evidently will be failing in its purpose to develop leaders and useful citizens.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"There seems to be a feeling that it's going to rain during registration!"

B.S.U. Retreat Under Way Near Austin

The Baptist Student Union Retreat will be held Thursday and Friday of this week at Highland Lakes Baptist Encampment near Austin.

The theme of the Retreat, "Communicating My Faith on the Campus," will be the basis for a number of spiritual messages and discussions.

The keynote speaker will be Louis Cobbs, associate in the Department of Baptist Student Work in Dallas. Also featured on the program will be the Rev. Glenn Faison, minister of Music and Education at Central Baptist Church, Bryan; the Rev. R. D. Longshore, pastor of the First Baptist Church at College Station; the Rev. Arthur M. Smith, Baptist Bible Chair at A&M; Cliff Harris, B. S. U. Director at A&M; and Mirl Kimberling of Dallas.

The retreat will begin Thurs-

day morning and will extend through Friday noon. Several Aggie B.S.U. members will have a part on the program. Those presiding over the scheduled sessions are Max Barnett, Jim Beatty, Jim Manley and Ben Dickerson.

Approximately 25 Aggies are planning to attend this retreat.

Special Train Tickets on Sale For T.C.U. Tilt

Football fans from the College Station and Houston Gulf Coast areas planning to attend the TCU-A&M game in Fort Worth Oct. 17 have a treat in store.

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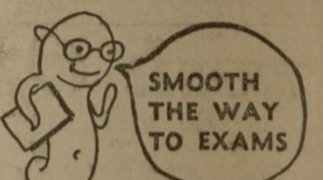
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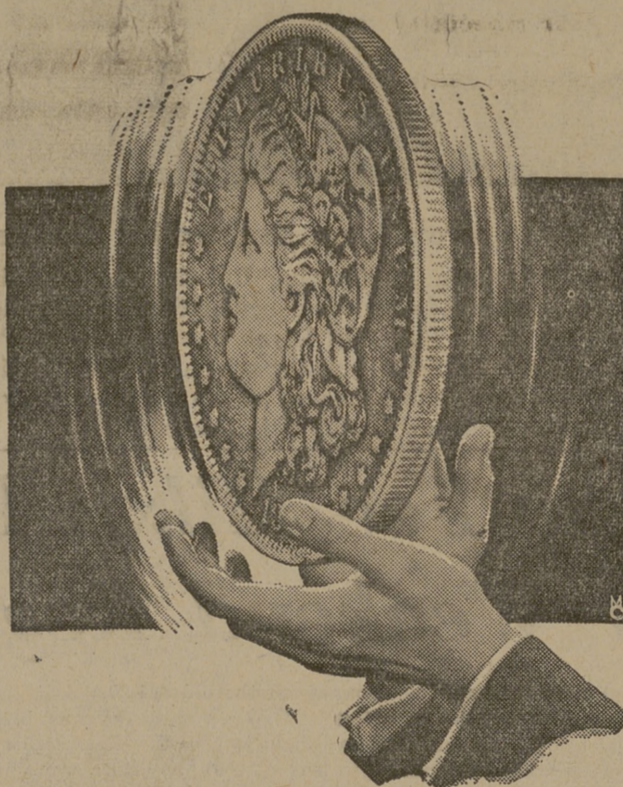
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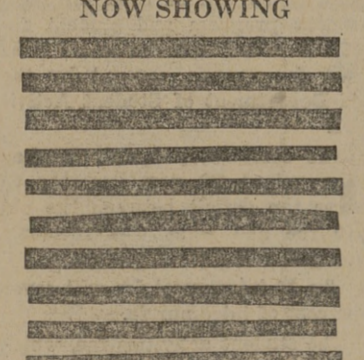
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