

BATTALION EDITORIALS

To Washington...?

One of the most colorful parts of Texas A&M—the Aggie Band—has been given an excellent opportunity to represent their school and their state nationwide.

President Rudder has received an invitation from Texas' Adjutant General K. L. Berry, inviting the band to go with the Texas delegation to the presidential inauguration Jan. 17-20.

The problems to be overcome are many. Finals are the following week. There has been no offer for providing for food and lodging yet. The men in the band would be making a great sacrifice.

Yet delegates from every state in the union will be there. They will see the festivities, with the band right in the middle. This is an opportunity for Texas A&M to annex national acclaim.

It would be a sacrifice for the men in the band. But if they are willing to take the trip, this opportunity is well worth the work and planning necessary to get them to Washington.

Well Received

Following the Texas A&M—Louisiana State University football opener two weeks ago, five student leaders here contacted the LSU President, Troy H. Middleton, and expressed appreciation for the fine hospitality.

In addition, there has been comment around the campus that the Texas A&M contingent was well received in Baton Rouge.

A letter received yesterday from President Middleton seems to back up those comments. The Battalion feels the letter should be read by the entire student body and is reprinting it in lieu of the outstanding showing in Baton Rouge.

"The Student Body, Texas A&M College, College Station, Texas

Please accept my thanks for the very thoughtful letter I received signed by five of your student leaders. I am delighted that the contingent from Texas A&M who were on the Louisiana State campus enjoyed the visit even though the game was lost.

With respect to your football team, I can think of no reason why you should not be proud of them. To me they are a splendid group of young athletes who play the game as it should be played. I never witnessed a more sportsmanlike contest.

With respect to your band, it has no equal. Being an old soldier, I think I know something about marching bands. The Texas A&M band is the best marching band I have ever seen. May the good Lord permit your school to continue to be represented by such an outstanding organization of young musicians.

Sincerely Yours,
Troy H. Middleton,
President,
Louisiana State University."

Finest Ever

SCONA VI is finally under way, and now that the ball is rolling, members of the group seem headed toward an even bigger success than last year.

Off to a slow start, there was a question in some people's minds whether there would be a SCONA VI—at least in 1960. But with the beginning of school, interest picked up. Now speakers are being contacted and funds are flowing in steadily.

General Chairman Tom Reid has reported an additional \$3,000 to the treasury, bringing the grand total to well above \$12,000. The goal for this year is \$16,000. Promises of additional funds if needed, have been made by contributors over the state and Mexico.

A proposed list of speakers has been drawn up, and many have been approved by the administration. All the committees are organized, and they met in the Memorial Student Center today to discuss their needs and accomplishments.

The list of things to be accomplished greatly exceeded those already bypassed, but each committee chairman reported his committee formed and functioning.

If progress continues at its present rate, there seems to be no reason why SCONA VI cannot top any of its predecessors.

It will take a lot of work from a lot of people, but it can be done.

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CADET SLOUCH

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"... it may not be the most original, but I'll bet our sign is th' biggest."

— Sound Off —

Editor,

The Battalion:
In your issue for Thursday, Sept. 22, you had letters from two Aggie wives who said so very much for all of us: "I feel a tingle in my spine and get goose bumps as the band plays the 'War Hymn.' I feel I'm part of 'The Spirit of Aggieland' at the beginning of the games."

I also like to consider myself as a part of the Twelfth Man. I can yell and wildcat just as much as any freshman. After Midnight Yell Practice last Friday night I think I can hit a hump better than some of them.

I believe that the Twelfth Man is at the games to give support to the team, but I also believe that the support should be in the spirit we convey, and not in monetary support.

I go to the Yell Practices, but I sit at home and listen to the games on the radio. Believe me, it is not nearly so much fun as standing the whole game.

Jeannine Anderson,
504A Milam
★ ★ ★

Editor,

The Battalion:
The Student Body of Texas Tech wishes you the best of luck in your game with Trinity University.

Bill Dean, President,
The Student Council
of Texas Tech
★ ★ ★

Editor,

The Battalion:
The A&M students are subjected to an injustice when they are compelled to pay \$4 to take their girl or wife to football games.

I realize that this price is uniform for student date tickets throughout the Southwest Conference, but it should be remembered that A&M is unique within the conference.

The students of most of the other schools usually do not have to bear the expense of their date tickets, meals, transportation and housing as Texas A&M students do. This \$4 can, and often does, mean the difference as to whether or not 100 or 1,000 Aggies are kissing their girls when we score.

The spirit and game traditions we have at A&M are our best assets. They show the attitude of the Twelfth Man better than any other events.

I spent over \$161 for student activities fees and I resent having to pay \$4 to rent one square foot (if that much) of Kyle Field for my girl to stand on for about two hours.

John C. Pace '61
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Shivers to Launch
Dems For Nixon

By The Associated Press
DALLAS—Former Texas Gov. Allan Shivers launched a "Democrats for Nixon and Lodge" organization here Wednesday night in a statewide television address blistering the Democratic national platform.

"The Democratic platform of 1960 advocates and promises socialist measures that socialist Norman Thomas never dreamed of," Shivers said in a dinner speech telecast by 27 Texas TV stations.

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As for Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, the Democratic vice presidential nominee, Shivers said he is a "creature of the party, a captive of the liberal wing, a participant—willing or not—in a cynical, calculating attempt to throw a cloak of Southern conservatism over the naked liberalism of John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

"In summarizing the experiences of Texas conservative Democrats in this year 1960: rigged in June—fixed in July—gagged in September—thank God for November," he said.

"I consider myself a Democrat. I want to remain a Democrat. But if the time comes when I must choose between the Democratic party and the best interest of Texas—I'll take Texas," he said.

Referring to the Los Angeles Convention, Shivers said Harry Truman "said it was rigged. Lyndon Johnson said it was fixed. Mrs. Roosevelt said it was terrible. Everyone except the Kennedy clan that was running the show seemed to think there was something wrong with it.

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Nixon-Kennedy TV Debate
May Bring New Framework

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst
Regardless of any faults as a first effort, Monday night's Kennedy-Nixon confrontation on television promises to put American political campaigning into a new framework and perhaps change it altogether.

Candidates are being swept away from the past in which they could make regional speeches playing on regional prejudices.

The old-style speech, in which a man might even get away with contradicting himself to meet his needs before differing audiences, has been going out for years.

First because of fast and full nationwide newspaper coverage, and then radio. But this business of candidates meeting each other under the eyes of the whole nation adds a new factor.

It was responsible Monday night for a different bearing on the part of both men. They felt the solemnity of what they were doing. It seems quite possible that the knowledge of that great unseen audience added considerably to their understanding of the enormous thing they were trying to do—win the leadership of a far-flung nation composed of regions and people with many varying and conflicting interests.

The power of public judgment was close upon them.

A great many people think it would have been better if the two men had used the old form of debate all the way through, with presentation and rebuttal without the intervention of interrogators.

There is a good possibility, however, that if the interrogation system becomes standard on such occasions, candidates will be forced to discuss questions in the public interest which they might prefer to duck if left to their own devices.

There is a possibility, of course, that some day a complete nitwit, with wonderful photogenic appeal and a good ghost writer would be able to sweep popular opinion without having to submit himself to the country in person. But the American people can usually see through the gimmicks, and have a tradition of good sense when the chips are down.

Through an increasing use of television the same voters will be able to follow a campaign from beginning to end. They will be able to watch the changing reactions of candidates, as the campaign progresses, instead of just depending on a one-time or even wholly second-hand impression.

The public's opportunity to make repeated face-to-face comparisons, with the resulting forces which will then go to work on the candidates themselves, could revolutionize the whole election process.

The following clubs and organizations will meet on campus tonight and Tuesday, all at 7:30.

The Industrial Education Wives Club will meet in the home of Mrs. C. H. Groneman at 504 Dexter Street for a reception honoring the new club officers. The officers are Virginia Willis, president; Wilma Hickey, vice president; Carolyn Bishop, secretary; Benita Adams, treasurer; and Nancy Phillips, council representative.

The Marshall Hometown Club will meet in the lobby of the YMCA Building.

The Lufkin-Angelina County Hometown Club will meet in Room 2C of the Memorial Student Center.

The Tyler-Smith County Hometown Club will meet in the Senate Chamber of the MSC.

The Amarillo Hometown Club will meet in the bottom floor lobby of the Academic Building.

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