

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Yes or No...?

Trinity University may have bitten off somewhat more than they can chew.

Yesterday the ambitious Tigers challenged Texas A&M to a bonfire building contest. Although the idea seems rather ridiculous, the San Antonio university seems to realize the national acclaim that has been given to the annual Texas A&M bonfire has yet to meet its equal across America.

The first impulse by Texas A&M students is to accept the challenge and show Trinity University who's boss.

But before any action be taken, it would be prudent to look further into the issue. There are a number of unanswered questions that form loopholes. Think on these:

How will the contest be judged?

Who will judge it?

What are the rewards for winning the contest?

Will the contest be solely between Texas A&M and Trinity University or will it wind up being Texas A&M vs. San Antonio—as evidenced by the aid expected from San Antonio groups.

How long will the respective schools be allowed to work on their bonfires?

There is actually very little in it for Texas A&M thus far, other than preserving their claim on the "World's Largest Bonfire."

The challenge, for all intents and purposes, is valid. But perhaps Trinity University should not be given an opportunity to chew that big bite.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"... not only is it more comfortable but you can cut your laundry bill in half if you wear your raincoat."

Officials of Texas Cities Plan for Population Growth

Special to The Battalion
Officials of Texas cities—representing three out of four residents of the Lone Star State—will meet in Galveston Sunday to begin planning for a second decade of what many officials expect to be "even faster population growth."

The forty-eighth annual conference of the Texas Municipal League begins in the coastal city Sunday with more than 2,000 municipal officials—from mayors and councilmen to heads of city departments—expected to attend.

The Galveston site is significant. There, more than half-a-century ago, the nation's first commission system of city government came into being after the Galveston hurricane. Today, while few cities are searching for any new form of government, most Texas cities are hoping the 1960's will produce new solutions to their growing fiscal problems.

"Texas cities don't face what can be called a financial crisis yet," says the league's executive director, Steve Matthews. "But cities can see the crisis coming unless action is taken to avert it during the 1960's."

"The No. 1 objective of Texas municipal leaders at present is to steer a responsible course so that the problem is met in orderly fashion and not left dangling for solution by costly expedients later."

Need For Secrecy In Space Told

By The Associated Press
SANTA MONICA, Calif.—One of the Navy's top missile and space specialists suggested Thursday that the United States be a bit more secretive about some of its space operations.

More privacy could be achieved if launching operations were performed from ships at sea, said Rear Adm. Charles B. Martell, assistant chief of naval operations for development.

In an address at a conference of the American Rocket Society, Martell pictured America's missile and satellite test ranges as "fishbowl" operations.

"Attempts to maintain tight secrecy have been abortive and the information 'leakage rate' at these sites is high because of the basic nature of the operation, the probing of the press and the competitive operation of industry where success in future business depends on publicity about today's operations," he said.

What faces the cities, Matthews points out, is a conglomerate of problems arising from rapid modern growth and unchanged policies of the past.

Only slightly more than a decade ago, less than half the population of Texas lived in cities. Today city residents represent three-fourths the Texas population.

By the end of the 1960's, Texas likely will be 85 percent urbanized. Over half the present population lives in the twenty largest Texas cities and better than 80 percent of Texas population growth is concentrated in only about 15 counties.

Texas cities, collectively, are serving more population than any one of 42 state governments, but these cities are largely limited to the same revenue sources as when the century began: that is, ad valorem taxation of real and personal property.

The same tax base supporting the \$52 Texas cities also supports the nearly 1800 local school districts and the more than 800 special districts of the state.

In one sector alone, street construction and maintenance, municipal outlay is climbing by \$27 million every two years and cities are spending more than the state itself spent only a few years ago. Texas cities, however, rank among the most self-reliant in the nation. In only two other states do cities receive less of their operating expenses from other levels of government.

"Texas cities like to, want to, and mean to stand on their own feet," Matthews said. "But it is hard to stand on our feet when policies from the past are standing on our neck."

He noted that state statutes rigidly limit city government access to other revenue resources, that various laws permit state actions to force up municipal costs without permitting cities to raise any new revenue to meet those costs, and that these and other limitations on municipal finances have the effect of adding millions to financing charges on local bond issues.

"Cities have thier problems but we recognize that this is a time of acute change at all levels of Texas government," Matthews added. "Cities want no favored attention but we do feel that Texas can't afford inattention to these city problems any longer."

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President Rudder to Address Army Association Banquet

President Earl Rudder will address the Assn. of the United States Army's "Star Spangled" Banquet at the San Jacinto Inn in Houston, Dec. 16.

The address will be a part of the climax of the information effort by the Chapter and will be held near the historic battle-grounds.

George Carmack, editor of The Houston Press, will be a featured second speaker.

Col. Temple B. Sebastian, Jr., president of the San Jacinto Chapter, local Veteran Administration official, and the Commanding Officer of Houston's 3rd Battle Group, 90th Texas Infantry Division, yesterday announced a three-point program for the association for Houston. The colonel is an A&M graduate.

The purpose of the program is:

(1) To acquaint the public with the purposes, aims and objectives of the association.

(2) To strengthen local support of the United States Army in its vital role in the national defense and

(3) To bring to the local public a message of vital importance in the national interest.

Among the objectives of the association said Col. Sebastian, is to insure that this nation shall never again follow the disastrous policies of the 1930s and 1940s.

Sometimes referred to as the Army's "Navy League," membership in the association is open to both sexes, as well as veterans and members of the armed forces.

The association began forming chapters in 1957 after a merger of the old Infantry, Artillery and Coast Artillery Associations some years earlier, and it is dedicated to only one purpose: To insure the interests of the United States

Army in its vital role as an indispensable instrument in the national security.

The association has the endorsement and support of several dozen local civic leaders, general officers and publishers.

The event is expected to be highlighted by the presence of such Houston notables as Mayor Lewis Cutrer, Gen. A. D. Bruce, chancellor of The University of Houston; John T. Jones, publisher of The Houston Chronicle; William P. Hobby, Jr., of The Houston Post and various Army general officers as special guests.

Banquet tickets, \$6 per person, will be available to the general public only through Sakowitz Stores, or by sending check to: Association of The United States Army, P. O. Box 13097, Houston, Texas.

It will be a ladies and gentlemen dress optional affair, except that for military and reserve personnel uniforms would be preferred.

Keeping with military custom, all tickets are numbered and the name and address of purchaser recorded at time of sale to insure proper seating arrangements.

Social Calendar

The Student Arts and Sciences Council will meet Monday, Oct. 3, in Room 3D of the MSC at 7:30 p.m.

BA Wives Club will have a tea in the South Solarium at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 3.

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The Handball Club will meet at 8:00 p.m. at the handball courts.

The Arts and Handicraft Group of the A&M Social Club will meet at the home of W. C. Adams, 1027 Walton Dr. at 9:30 a.m.

The M. E. Wives Club will meet in Room 109 of the M. E. Building at 7:30 p.m.

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Shivers For GOP—Still Bitter at Dems

By The Associated Press
WACO—Byron Skelton, national Democratic committeeman from Texas, charged Thursday that former Gov. Allan Shivers is backing the GOP presidential ticket because Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson and Rep. Sam Rayburn once handed him a political defeat.

Skelton made the claim in a speech to a group of Central Texas Democrats here to plan for the visit of former President Harry S. Truman.

Truman speaks in Waco Coliseum Oct. 11.

The defeat handed Shivers by Johnson, the present Democratic vice-presidential nominee, aided by House Speaker Rayburn, was in 1956 when they won control of the state Democratic convention from Shivers.

The former governor for three straight elections has supported the Republican presidential ticket.

"No one was surprised when Allan Shivers made his endorsement of the Republican nominee Wednesday . . . It would have been a real surprise if he had followed any other course this year," Skelton said.

"The amazing thing about his working for the Republican Party is his total lack of gratitude for all of the honors and offices he has held during his adult life from the Democratic Party. For 22 years he was elected to office in Texas as a Democrat and by the Democrats of this state.

"But it seems he could not resist the call of the Republican State Convention held in Galveston last week to lead their campaign for Richard M. Nixon and Henry Cabot Lodge in Texas when by resolution they invited him to be their leader.

Sound Off

Editor, The Battalion:

Now that the work on the part of President Earl Rudder, Col. Joe Davis, and the Corps of Cadets to unify the Corps is beginning to bear fruit, there seems to be one man of authority who is still fighting to divide the Corps and to tear apart the oneness it stands for.

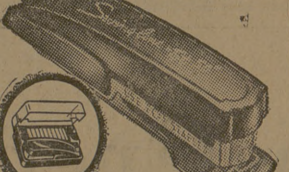
If this man's policies continue at A&M, we will soon have two Corps, one Air Force and one Army, in which seniors do not wear boots and in which a uniform (Air Force blue or Army green) would be worn only to military or air science classes.

If his actions should be allowed to go without strong opposition, many cadets and former students will begin to doubt the sincerity of the administration.

We should congratulate, not humiliate, those Drill and Ceremonial cadets who show enough interest in the Corps to give up their Saturday mornings. They give up much of their own time to helps the Corps progress.

Dick McGaughy, '61

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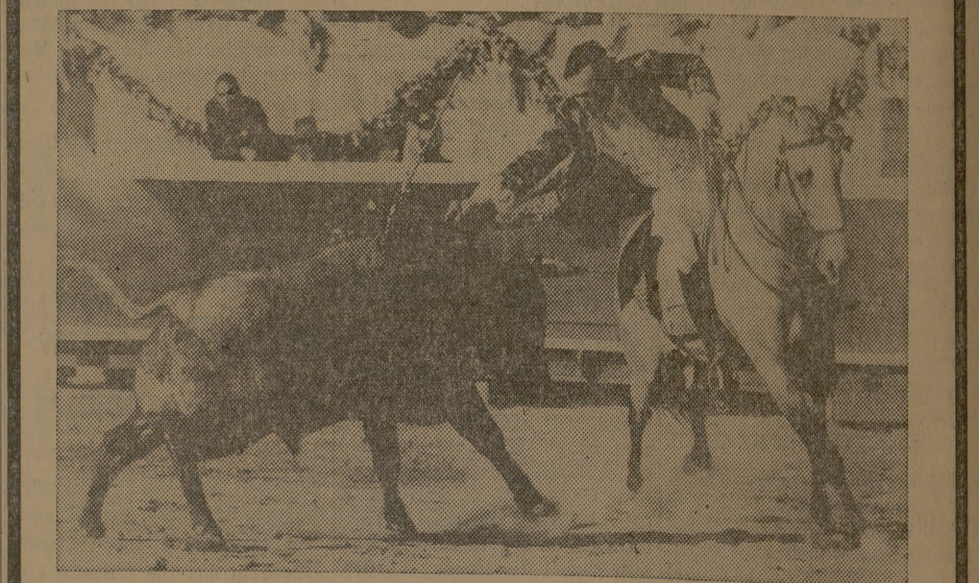
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