

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Unnoticed

Texas Tech may not win a Southwest Conference championship this year, but they do have one item for their trophy case. The Red Raiders won the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Trophy.

work of the sportsmanship Committee and sportsmanship may be attributed to a failure to keep the student bodies informed of sportsmanship status.

That Tech should be the recipient of the award was the general opinion of the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Committees. A committee, composed of four student leaders from the eight schools in the conference, voted this honor to the Raiders at a meeting in Dallas before the Cotton Bowl game.

3. Some schools seem to think the awarding of the trophy is rigged — that the school designated as "Committee Chairman" each year will automatically take home the award, regardless of which school is cited for excellent sportsmanship.

After studying the structure of the A&M committee found these four major problems: "I. Interest in the Sportsmanship Committee at the various schools in the Southwest Conference is lacking. The student bodies of the schools seemed to have a feeling of apathy toward the work of the committees — or toward the idea of sportsmanship in general. This is especially true at the schools that have never, or seldom, won the award.

4. The voting procedure is not uniform. The standard of voting gives "4" points for excellent sportsmanship displays and as low as "0" points for poor sportsmanship displays. But each school seems to have their own definition of "excellent" and "poor" in their voting evaluations.

Texas Christian University has by far the most outstanding record, carting home the trophy five times during the 14 years the award has been in existence. The University of Texas and Baylor University are the only Southwest Conference Schools who have never copped the award.

At the Dallas meeting early this year the Sportsmanship Committees took these steps to improve the program. Next year each school will send a brochure containing information on traditions, personnel and special equipment that will be at the games to allow the host school to make proper arrangements. The Committees also asked member schools to ask radio, television and newspapers in their area to be less pungent in their remarks concerning visiting schools.

2. This lack of interest in the

It might be well to add that basketball season is included in sportsmanship evaluations. The next meeting will be held this spring and if continued advancement and a much needed display of competition becomes evident, the award may become effective.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle INTERPRETING



"... we ought to get our tuition back for courses we flunk—we'd be rich!"

CRITICISM FROM COLORADO

Atmosphere Of SCONA Called 'Straight-Jacketed'

(Editor's Note: The Student Conference On National Affairs is called one of the finest events yearly held on the Texas A&M campus. We agree, and we have heard very little criticism of the event.

"These are the impressions we bring back after attending the Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA) held recently on the Texas A&M Campus.

"The eyes of Texas are upon you if you go to school at Texas A&M College in College Station, Texas.

"When you think of a university you like to think of a place that is symbolized by a question mark. A place where people are asking questions and hearing a variety of answers; that's what a university should be.

"Big Brother is watching you, too.

"But Texas A&M is not such a 'market place' of ideas. It's a breadline. Like what you get, and don't question it.

"This straight-jacketed atmosphere influenced the SCONA conference. The speakers were all of the non-controversial variety. One speech sounded like excerpts from a high school civics text.

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Advertisement for 'THEM' & 'THE SCAUENBERGS' on Saturday.

Advertisement for 'NEWMAN WOODWARD' on Saturday.

Advertisement for 'CIVILIAN YEARBOOK PORTRAIT SCHEDULE'.

Proposed International Meet To Seek Laos Solution Reminds Of Two Failures

By J. M. ROBERTS Associated Press News Analyst A proposal for a new large-scale international conference to seek a solution of the civil war in Laos reminds that twice before—when the pro-Communist forces were weaker than now, and when the Communist bloc was not supplying arms—such solutions have been reached and failed.

After the 1954 agreement, a part of measures taken to end part of measures taken to end the Indochina war between France and the Communists, the Soviet Union, co-chairman of the Geneva conference, let things simmer in Southeast Asia. Now she is actively supporting the rebels with supplies, and Red forces in North Viet Nam and Red China are on hand for intervention at any time.

ists and the pro-Western faction of the king. This puts them in just the position that the Communists want, for internal conflict without international war.

Unkept agreements have kept the pot simmering for six years, as a West divided on policy seems unable to produce anything better.

Both failures have accompanied acceptance by Western negotiators of the false premise that Communists can take part, instead of just trying to take over, in a government.

This the United States says she will not countenance. To divert activity toward negotiation and away from the field of threats, Britain suggested revival of the International Control Commission — India, Poland and Canada. The United States said yes, provided King Savang Vatthana's government agreed, but the Soviet Union said no because a neutralist government is her choice. Now Cambodia has suggested a 14-nation conference, including Red China, and first signs suggested the idea might prevail.

Sound Off

Hemingway's Illness Called Hypertension

By the Associated Press ROCHESTER, Minn.—Novelist Ernest Hemingway's ailment was described as hypertension by a spokesman Wednesday at the Mayo Clinic, where the 62-year-old author has been under treatment since Nov. 30.

It was in this contest with Arkansas Razorbacks that conference leaders showed they are number one. As a result the Aggies took over sole possession of first place in the Southwest Conference basketball race. Individually, Carroll Broussard, the conference scoring leader, increased his point output by game by scoring a record 42 points.

Such a conference could hardly produce a solution, in a situation where the Communists are determined that there shall be no solution except one that gives them the country.

With individual standouts Broussard, Pat and Don Stank Wayne Annett, and Jerry Williams; with a gym that seats 8,500; and with an outstanding coach like Bob Rogers we wonder why as many seats are vacant in White Coliseum.

Observers are pretty much agreed that the Pathet Lao, the local Communist organization, is stronger than ever, due partly to organizational efforts and partly to the split between the neutral-

What we need is that "Man" spirit. Al Rainosek, '60 Lee H. Wilson, '60 Chuck Haynes, '62 Eddie Autry, '63

Advertisement for Loupot's books, offering cash for used books.

Advertisement for Capitol Records featuring 'The Fabulous Four Freshmen'.

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Advertisement for 'SKYWAY DRIVE-IN THEATRE'.

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WINSTON TASTES GOOD like a cigarette should!

Cartoon strip by Charles M. Schulz featuring Peanuts characters.