BATTALION EDITORIALS

Dead Week...?

What has happened to dead week?

This question is currently foremost in the minds of students on the Texas A&M campus. With less than a week until final exams begin, virtually all students find themselves faced with a battery of major exams.

It appears to leave an atmosphere of 'education in a hurry.'

The last of the hour quizzes are hardly completed before final exams open. This situation is especially true for students in the ROTC program who have a final exam scheduled Saturday morning.

When does a student have time to efficiently review a course in preparation for a final exam, especially if he has to crowd a semester's review into one weekend? Compound that problem if a student has two final exams scheduled Monday, or if most of them fall early in the week.

It goes without saying that a student cannot put forth his best effort; he cannot effectively absorb all he is exposed to in a semester.

Texas A&M students are forced to enter most finals with the attitude "we can still go to college on hereditary knowledge" full in their minds.

Ah, but dead week on the Texas A&M campus is dead. Still, we maintain that a dead week is incidental to successful and comprehensive completion of college work.

Visibly Lacking

If the number of letters-to-the-editor received in the office of a college newspaper is any indication of student, administration or faculty interest in the workings of the college, then interest in the workings of Texas A&M is visibly lacking.

So far this year the greatest number of letters received on any subject on any day has been five. Out of a student body of 7,200, three students had enough interest to write letters that day about the proposed name change. The other two letters that day were written by former students. At other colleges, the students have to be told editorially to cease sending letters on controversial subjects because of the overwhelming volume of letters received. Here, we are asking for letters.

Students aren't the only people on campus who should have a voice in campus affairs. Complaints are often heard from faculty members because they aren't receiving the attention to which they think they are entitled. And yet, not one single faculty member has bothered to send a letter to the student newspaper on any subject since the start of the fall semester.

As far as the administration's voice in campus affairs is concerned, it is handled through news releases or other impersonal methods of communication. In this way seldom does the individual student feel any kinship with the administration. Perhaps this method, resulting in the student body feeling not a part, but a subject, of the administration, is the reason for the lack of letters from students.

The whole problem boils down to one of communication. Perhaps if there is a free interplay of information, using the letters-to-the-editor column as one channel of communication, much of the misunderstanding and suspicion that exists on the campus can be eliminated.

What have you got on your mind?

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BILL HICKLIN ..... EDITOR

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle

How To Improve Your Grades

". . . this has been th' most enjoyable course I've ever taken! Would you please give me some outside assignments that I can do this weekend?"

ATTORNEY'S SUGGESTIONS

What Can You Do With Bad Checks?

(Editor's Note: What can you do when you find yourself in possession of a worthless check? Brazos County Attorney D. Brooks Cofer, Jr. offers the following suggestions to anyone who finds himself in that predicament.)

First, to come within the provisions of the Texas Hot Check Law, a check must have been given for cash for personal property, or for any article or thing of value. Or the check may be a paycheck—one given in payment for personal services rendered.

The exchange of cash or property must have occurred at the time the check was given. A post-dated check, a payment on an account, or a payment on a note are examples of checks which do not come under the Hot Check Law. Usually, where credit of any nature has been extended, the law does not apply.

If you get a "hot" check, you should notify the person who wrote the check as soon as possible. To protect yourself, you should obtain a complete identification of the writer. A telephone number is not enough. Additional information, such as occupation and accurate street address, is a good idea.

If the name of the person cashing the check is different from the name of the person who wrote the check, as in the case of paychecks, then the address and identification of the endorser should be obtained.

Pay careful attention to all out-of-town checks.

If the person who cashed the check fails to make good the check within a reasonable time—usually 10 days—you should refer the matter to the County Attorney's office, providing the address of the person who cashed the check is correct; the check is not more than 60 days old, as determined by the date on the check, and that the check comes under the provisions of the Hot Check Law.

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Daniel Takes Third Oath Of Office

By The Associated Press

AUSTIN—Gov. Price Daniel, four turbulent years with the Texas Legislature behind him, Tuesday moved forward into a third term dedicated to cleaning up the unfinished business of his administration.

As a bright sun warmed the small inaugural crowd, Daniel repeated the oath of office in a firm, clear voice in front of the Capitol.

The 50-year-old governor is the second man in Texas history to win three consecutive two-year terms.

Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey moments earlier took his oath to a sixth term from Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert W. Calvert. No one has ever come close to the winning streak of the durable East Texan for the job of president of the Senate.

Both men indicated a tone of urgency to the tasks ahead for the legislature. Daniel Wednesday will outline his taxing and spending recommendations to a joint session.

Both Houses went through short sessions to permit members and their wives to join the dozens of state officials seated near the rostrum set up outside the Capitol. State Highway Patrolmen estimated the crowd at 2,500 with about half of the turnout in the reserved seats.

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Inauguration Sees Austin 'Dressed Up'

By The Associated Press

AUSTIN—The Capitol was all dressed up in red, white and blue bunting Tuesday as Gov. Price Daniel took his oath of office before some 2,500 Texans.

The platform was jammed with state officials and their wives numbering approximately 1,000.

The formalities and festivities began Tuesday morning, and ended with the Inaugural Ball Tuesday night.

Gov. and Mrs. Daniel and Lt. Gov. and Mrs. Ben Ramsey were given a misfired 19-gun National Guard artillery salute but few noticed the error. Arrangements had been made for three howitzers to fire at five-second intervals as soon as Daniel's party appeared. When one of the big blanks failed to fire, the next gun took up the beat while the faulty round was replaced.

The official party marched to the platform under the crossed sabers of the Ross Volunteers, a drill team from Texas A&M.

Mrs. Daniel was dressed in a sage green wool suit with a green velvet hat frosted with white violets.

Social Calendar

The following clubs and organizations will meet on campus:

Wednesday

The Civil Engineering Wives Club will hold a social meeting at 8 p.m. in the South Solarium of the YMCA.

Thursday

The Lavaca County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 108 of the Academic Building.

The Tyler-Smith County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Room of the MSC.

The Wichita Falls Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3-D of the MSC.

The Panhandle Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 204 of the Academic Building. Pictures will be taken.

CIVILIAN YEARBOOK PORTRAIT SCHEDULE

ALL civilian students, INCLUDING GRADUATE STUDENTS, 5th and 6th year architectural and Veterinary Medicine students, will have their portraits made for the AGGIELAND '61 according to the following schedule.

Portraits will be made in COAT & TIE at the Aggieland Studio between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. on the days scheduled

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INTERPRETING

New Administration Has Knowledge of Problems

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst

The incoming Kennedy administration has a far better idea of what its problems are going to be and what can be done about them than did the Democrats who returned to power in 1932.

Franklin D. Roosevelt knew about the depression and took some early steps, but the major book of economic knowledge, what causes recessions and what to do about them, has been written since then. It incorporates many things which had to be learned at that time through experiment. The book is still incomplete, but of vastly greater aid now.

Insofar as the world is concerned, mighty little was known in the United States. While Roosevelt was experimenting here, Hitler and Mussolini were experimenting in Europe.

The foreword was being written for the book of unbridled totalitarian aggression, against the background of world depression of which the United States recognized hardly more than her own part. President Hoover's secretary of state, Henry L. Stimson, had seen the stagehands of war working behind the scenes, but others had.

Britain and France, which usually acted as the feelers for American foreign policy, had their perceptions dulled by trouble at home, too.

Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull were not worried about war in those days.

Now John F. Kennedy and Dean Rusk know about the dangers of the world—a world involved in a new kind of economic war and threatened by a new kind of military war.

Whatever economic problems may develop at home cannot be handled solely on their face. The economic and financial integrity of the United States is too much involved in the new kind of war.

In this war, every weakness which develops at home will be advertised by the enemy as a weakness of method and of ideology.

For instance, India and China are competing for ascendency of their systems in Asia. Developments in the United States will be used as measures for the Indian idea of preserving free enterprise alongside the State development of industry, agriculture and business by government.

In the 30's a few of the things done by the United States, such as restricting the ownership, sale of gold and the beginning of the most-favored-nation trade program, affected the world. In the '60s, every social and economic development broadens the reverberations.

Sound Off

Editor,
The Battalion:

It seems that with each issue of The Battalion there is more and more agitation for changing the name of Texas A&M. Most of this agitation seems to be generated in your editorials.

You continually cry that we are calling ourselves something that we are not, and that we are identified with the "land grant complex." Since most of these land grant schools have changed their names to "Something State University," you want us to meekly follow just so we will not be different. Texas A&M is by no means identified with the "land grant complex," other than by being established under the same acts of Congress. Texas A&M College is the name of an institution. Only harm can come to that institution by calling it Texas State University. If a prospective professor or supporter of an institution is so short sighted as to look no further than the name of a school, then that man is not possessed of very much perception.

To change the name of Texas A&M can only hurt a proud, vigorous school. The name Texas A&M is well known throughout the nation and in many lands. The name "State University" is commonplace, entirely lacking in spirit, fire for which Texas A&M has become known. Do not undo the careful work of nearly a century just to please some professors and legislators.

1st Lt. Charles B. Sanders

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