

INTERPRETING

# Changing Of Teams In Full Dignity, Pride, Confidence

By J. M. ROBERTS  
 innate decency, testifying to her faith in the ability of people to govern themselves.  
 The United States stands before the world Friday in all of her An old man ends half a cen-

BATTALION EDITORIALS

## Who's 'Blarney'

'Blarney' wrote a letter to The Battalion yesterday. It was an exceptional letter—one worthy of publication. But 'Blarney' failed to identify himself. The letter was signed simply, 'Blarney,' and we could not print it. The Battalion cannot publish any unsigned letters, and, because 'Blarney' could not be identified properly, his fell into this category.

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'Blarney's' letter was written in response to a Battalion editorial entitled "Dead Week . . ." which appeared in the Jan. 18 issue. In the same issue was another editorial entitled "Visibly Lacking," in which the editors appealed to students, faculty and administration members for letters—letters of praise or letters of criticism. But letters which, through publication in the letters-to-the-editors column, may help "eliminate much of the misunderstanding and suspicion that exists on our campus."

Perhaps 'Blarney' read that editorial, too. Perhaps that is what moved him to take the time to write his excellent letter.

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But, 'Blarney,' we must remind you and anyone who would write The Battalion, an unsigned letter to the editor is as ineffective as no letter at all. One, maybe two people read it, then it is filed away—its possible influence lost forever.

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## — Sound Off —

(Editor's Note: The following letter was written by a University of Colorado coed, Georgia Reed. It is in response to a letter written by a student from Texas A&M, criticizing the editorial about SCONA that appeared recently in the University of Colorado Daily. Both letters—the one by the University of Colorado coed and the one by the Texas A&M student—are reprinted below.)

**Editor,**  
 The Battalion:  
 I am a coed at the University of Colorado, but for various reasons my heart is and always will be at Aggieland. I think in its special fields, Texas A&M is one of the greatest colleges in our country and the men there are the best.

For this reason I was very disappointed with the letter written to John Farrell by Malcolm Hardee in reply to the editorial that Farrell wrote about Texas A&M in the Colorado Daily.

The majority of the men at Texas A&M are far superior to those here at Colorado and it is a pity that one of those Aggies has to degrade himself by writing a letter such as the one he wrote.

To me those at Texas A&M are MEN not boys and this letter in the Colorado Daily apparently was written by a boy, not a man. This is the sort of letter I would expect to find written by a high school student.

Sarcasm is fine in its place, but the Aggies get enough bad publicity up here without having one of their own spreading more. There are numerous ways of replying to an article of the type that Farrell wrote without purposely slandering a person's intelligence or character.

Contrary to what you may think, my heart is at Aggieland, but I do like Colorado. That is why I am writing this to you.

Georgia Reed  
 University of Colorado

**Dear Mr. Farrell:**  
 In reply to your article that was recently published in your school newspaper concerning SCONA, don't you think you were brash in your statement about our college? You are not qualified to judge our college to any degree of accuracy. In the eyes of many cadets of the biggest military college in the world, you displayed yourself as being a perfect Jackass!!!

In the first place, this is not a university; this is a military college. Its primary purpose is to turn out military officers to serve in the armed forces of this great United States of America.

If you will check into the roster of high ranking personnel of the Army, Air Force, and Navy you will find a great number of Aggies holding important positions. In fact, is not the commanding general of the Air Force an Aggie? He is!

As far as having to have a security clearance to get into Texas A&M, I can assure you that you don't. We'll even take you, but then we take a lot of things, we don't want. We even have a three-legged dog that we are training in journalism. Is it possible that you could use him? He is very intelligent and perhaps you could use him as a representative to SCONA next year.

Gosh! I know your college is proud of you! You did such a fine job of representing it and advancing the primary mission of SCONA.

Malcolm Hardee  
 P.S. If you are so intelligent as to be able to tell the students of your university what a university should be; could you please write and tell the officials of Texas A&M what a military college should be? I'm sure they would feel very indebted to you and very humble in their thanks.

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 (Editor's Note: The following letter refers to the film "Operation Abolition," depicting the student riots in San Francisco against the House Un-American Activities Committee. The riot in the film was definitely Communist inspired and led to the riot).

**Editor,**  
 The Battalion:  
 I would like to clarify my position on the film "Operation Abolition."

In response to the rumor that I "made repeated campaigns against it in the MSC and consequently had to endure a three hour interrogation by a team of Air Force bulls" is a gross exaggeration.

On one occasion, at the Air Force make-up drill on Jan. 7, I made a statement to the effect that the film was edited by a radical and I felt that it did not show the true background or sequence of events concerning the riots and pickets.

A week later an Air Science instructor asked me to report and explain how I had formed my opinions (From speaking to California SCONA delegates and reading the article "Film With A Message," The Reporter, Nov. 24, 1960, p. 41). The purpose of the meeting was to ascertain if my feelings were disloyal in a manner that would affect my officer status after graduation.

Although several questions were

asked about my background, club activities and political beliefs, I was not forced to answer. The session hardly approached an "interrogation," even though several officers from adjacent rooms drifted in. I resented the meeting at the time, but perhaps an explanation was in order.

Academic freedom, I feel, is limited on this campus, but the Air Force should have the option of questioning cadet loyalty in any school.

Don Cook, '62

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