

BATTALION EDITORIALS

# Bustin' The Seams

Just released fall semester enrollment figures show 7,694 students enrolled in classes at Texas A&M. This is the highest enrollment has been since 7,772 students signed up for courses in 1949. It is the fifth highest fall semester enrollment in the 85-year history of the school. (The greatest enrollment ever was in post-World War II 1946 when veterans and students who had been forced to discontinue their education to fight a war came back and boosted figures from slightly more than 2,500 to 8,651! The years that followed continued to show a huge enrollment, but the number began to taper off slowly.)

The enrollment this fall also represents a continuing growth which started in the fall of 1959 following a rather disappointing six per cent drop from the previous year. This growing trend, exemplified by the large enrollment this fall, indicates a positive desire on the part of the student body and the faculty to mold the College into the great university it is capable of being.

For it is the same type of student who did not come to A&M following the 1957-58 school year because of an unhealthy academic climate, (or at least the idea that such a climate existed), that has once again begun to fill our dormitories and classrooms.

And filled they are—to capacity. Following registration many students found themselves literally stacked three to a room. Students who remember the difficulty in getting permission to live off campus last year are finding things much easier this year, as each dormitory bed is at a premium.

This is rather paradoxical, for while increased enrollment and greater emphasis on academic is definitely healthy to the growth of a university, overcrowded classrooms and living quarters are just as definitely unhealthy.

Texas A&M has begun to take on the air of a growing boy—getting bigger, stronger and smarter every day, but growing so fast his jeans are bustin' at the seams. It's time to begin thinking about some new jeans.

## 'New Army' S. A.

Trinity University in San Antonio has gone New Army. "This year," comments the Trinitonian, student newspaper of the university, "freshmen and upperclassmen as well, will wear name tags."

Not even the profs are safe from the name-tag fad that seems to be sweeping over the state. The Trinitonian goes on to say Trinity University faculty members will also begin wearing the tags.

For class distinction, the tags will be color coded—freshmen will wear green tags, sophomores will wear blue, juniors will wear orange and seniors will sport maroon. Faculty members will wear black tags.

The paper didn't say if the various colors had any significance.

The tags at Trinity take the place of an ancient and honored tradition—that of requiring freshmen to wear beanies.

Trinity Dean of student life John C. Narciso explains the beanie-to-tag switch this way:

"It (wearing beanies) is a practice which belonged more to the college spirit of the 1940s. It's a better idea to have tags. The beanies (with the wearer's name on them) were aimed at introducing freshmen to the college while the tags will literally introduce everyone to everyone.

The speakin' out ought to be pretty good when A&M meet Trinity for football Oct. 14 in San Antonio.

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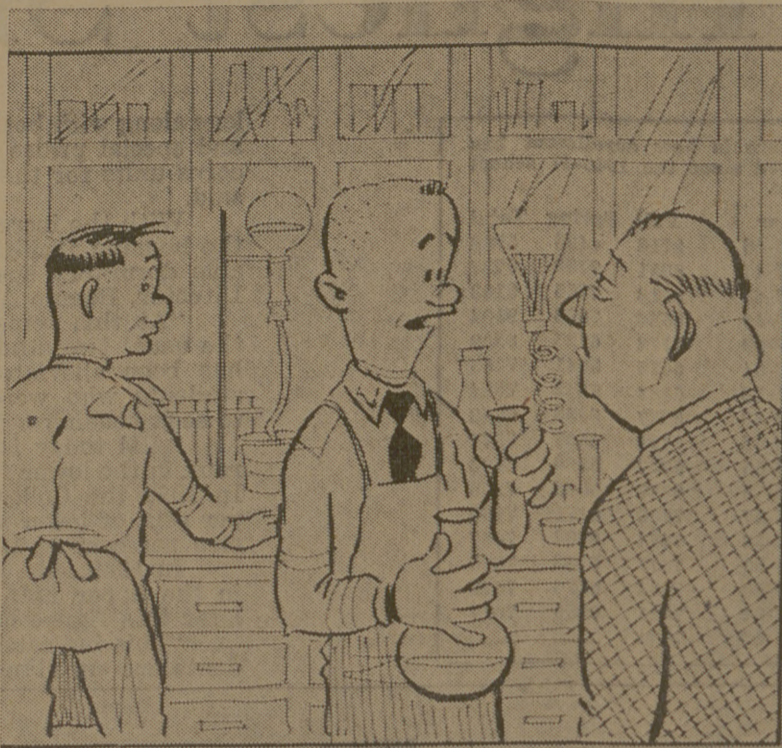
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## CADET SLOUCH

## by Jim Earle Bowen Urges Open Minds



"According to my schedule this is History 105, but as the course progresses I'm not sure!"

## —Sound Off—

(Editor's note: This is the text of a telegram sent Monday to A&M Student Senate President Malcolm Hall. By way of explanation, the Student Senate hosted several University of Houston student leaders at a luncheon and get-together prior to the game Saturday. In the course of the meeting, Hall bet his senior boots for one week against a cherished U of H plaque which hangs in Houston Dean of Students Will Williamson's office. If A&M won, the plaque was to hang in the Memorial Student Center for one week; if they won, Hall's boots were to be placed in a prominent place on the University campus—both objects to be returned after one week. Because of the tie, both boots and plaque remained on their respective campuses.) Malcolm Hall, Student Senate, Texas A&M: Thank you for the luncheon Saturday evening. We think this is a step forward in promoting a more sincere feeling of fellowship that we need between the student leaders of both schools.

This will go well with the rivalry and competitive spirit already established through the years. We look forward to hosting Texas A&M next year. Sorry that I didn't win the boots because I had already become attached to them. We wish you the best of luck throughout your remaining football season.

Wayne Dessens, President of the Student Body, University of Houston.

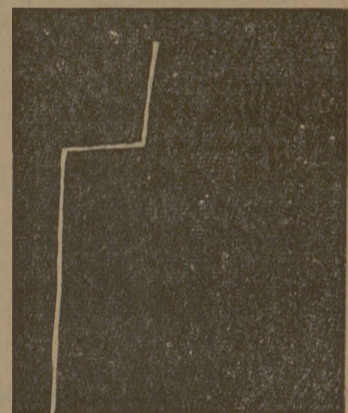
## Wee Aggies

Two future Aggie dates and a future Corps Commander were born at St. Joseph Hospital last week:

Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Abbas Labbauf of 506 E. Kyle St. Sunday, Sept. 17.

Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Krall Jr., '62, of B-16-Z College View, Thursday, Sept. 21.

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AUSTIN (AP)—A Bryan educator said Monday "witch hunting has no place in public school programs to teach children the values of the American system of government as opposed to communism.

"Witch hunting can kill our program quicker than anything else," said A. O. Bowen, superintendent of the Bryan Independent School District.

Bowen was on a five-man panel discussing "Teaching Americanism" at the convention of the Texas Association of School Boards and the Texas Association of School Administrators.

About 100 persons attended the discussion.

"In a democracy, something is wrong when there's no longer room for liberals and conservatives, for state's righters and federalists, for Republicans and Democrats. We should stress in our teaching not a certain political party philosophy, but the unique character of a democracy

which places man ahead of the state, and the inalienable rights we have," Bowen said.

## Consolidated Menu

Wednesday: Hamburgers, potato chips, buttered English peas, pickles and onions, buns, butter cookies.

Thursday: Sauerkraut and franks, creamed potatoes, cream peas, celery and apple salad, cornbread and butter, mixed fruit bread pudding.

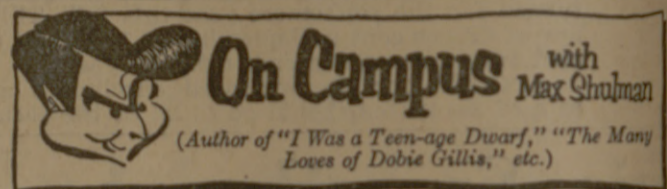
Friday: Macaroni and cheese, buttered green beans, cabbage, green pepper salad, bread, peach cobbler.

Milk is served with all meals.

TEAM LOST ITS SOCKS WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP)—William and Mary College ball players lost their socks—a football too—even before season opened. A thief hopped off the door to Cary F. dressing rooms and took the equipment.

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## THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME

It happens every day. A young man goes off to college, leaving his home town sweetheart with vows of eternal love, and then he finds that he has outgrown her. What, in such cases, is the honorable thing to do?

Well sir, you can do what Rock Sigafos did. When Rock left Cut and Shoot, Pa., he said to his sweetheart, a simple country lass named Tess d' Urbevilles, "My dear, though I am far away in college, I will love you always. I will never look at another girl. If I do, may my eyeballs parch and wither, may my viscera writhe like adders, may the motus get my new tweed jacket!"

Then he clutched Tess to his bosom and planted a final kiss upon her fragrant young skull and went away, meaning with all his heart to be faithful.

But on the very first day of college he met a coed named Fata Morgana, a girl of such sophistication, such poise, such savoir-faire as Rock had never beheld. She spoke knowingly of Franz Kafka, she hummed Mozart, she smoked Marlboros.



Now, Rock didn't know Franz Kafka from Pancho Villa, or Mozart from James K. Polk, but Marlboros he knew full well. He knew that anyone who smoked Marlboros was modern and advanced and as studded with brains as a ham with cloves. Good sense tells you that you can't beat Marlboro's exclusive selectrate filter, and you never could beat Marlboro's fine flavor. This Rock knew.

So all day he followed Fata around campus and listened to her talk about Franz Kafka, and then in the evening he went back to the dormitory and found this letter from his home town sweetheart Tess:

Dear Rock,  
 Us kids had a keen time yesterday. We went down to the pond and caught some frogs. I caught the most of anybody. Then we hitched rides on trucks and did lots of nutsy stuff like that. Well, I must close now because I got to whitewash the fence.

Your friend,  
 Tess

P.S.—I can do my Hula Hoop 5,000 times.

Well sir, Rock thought about Tess and then he thought about Fata and then a great sadness fell upon him. Suddenly he knew he had outgrown young, innocent Tess; his heart now belonged to smart, sophisticated Fata.

Rock, being above all things honorable, returned forthwith to his home town and walked up to Tess and looked her in the eye and said manfully, "I do not love you any more. I love a girl named Fata Morgana. You can hit me in the stomach with all your might if you like."

"That's okay, hey," said Tess amiably. "I don't love you neither. I found a new boy."

"What is his name?" asked Rock.

"Franz Kafka," said Tess.

"A splendid fellow," said Rock and shook Tess's hand, and they have remained good friends to this day. In fact, Rock and Fata often double-date with Franz and Tess and have heaps of fun. Franz can do the Hula Hoop 6,000 times.

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## Bulletin Board

### Professional Clubs

Geology Club will meet tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Geology Building. Dr. H. R. Blank Jr. will speak on "The Geology of The United Areas of Antarctica."

### Church Groups

A&M Newman Club will hold its first meeting tomorrow after church services in St. Mary's Student Center.

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