

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Good Leadership

Those class officers who were elected Wednesday know, probably better than any of their classmates, that they have a tough job ahead next year. They all indicated, through letters to The Battalion and personal contact with many of their constituents, that they were seeking more than a picture in the Aggie land and a place on class dance programs.

A&M is changing; changing rapidly to keep pace with a rapidly changing state, nation and world. The people of Texas sense the change that is taking place at Texas A&M, and follow with much interest reports from College Station. But it is the student of Texas A&M who will live the change and be affected most by it. The people of the state, A&M Exes and educators from around the country will watch—but the presently enrolled student will live.

For this reason, the voice of the student must be heard by the policy makers, the decision makers, those who will make the changes. Other groups are heard: The people of Texas are heard by state representatives and senators before any money is released for the operation of A&M; the exes are heard, and their voice is a powerful one, for support from this group is vital.

So it is with the body of students presently enrolled. Their support is vital, for if the students of A&M aren't satisfied, they will seek educational satisfaction at other institutions—and take many possible A&M freshman students with them.

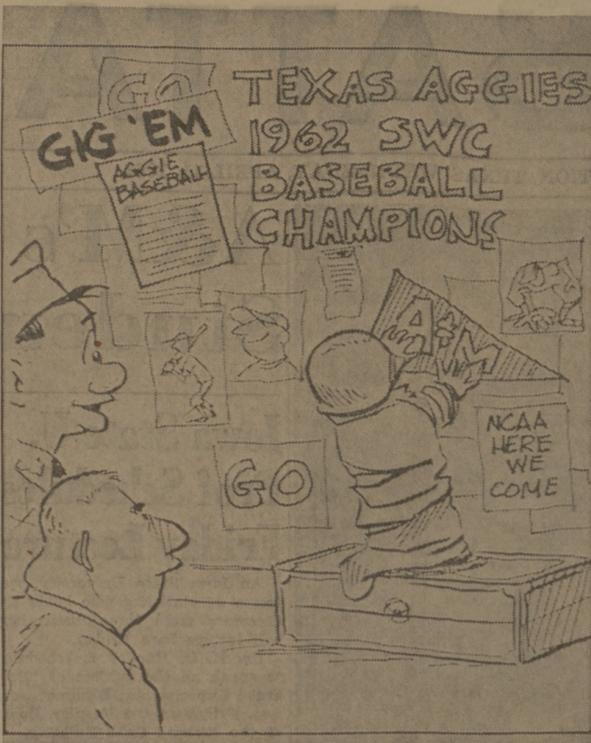
It is up to the chosen leaders of the classes, the very men elected today, to make the wants and feelings of their classes heard and understood by the people responsible for promoting change. The doors to the offices of the dean of students, the dean of instruction, and even the president are open always to these men. There is no reason the voice of the student should not be heard; it has been heard in recent years.

It works the other way, too: Once the decisions made, the policies set, it is the duty of the class officers to explain the policies to their classmates. Here is where true leadership will become evident.

The choices have been made: We are sure they were good ones!

— Wee Aggies —

- Eleven future Aggies and twelve future Aggie dates were born recently at Bryan's St. Joseph Hospital.
- Girl to Capt. and Mrs. Thomas Fraga, 309 Bolton, Mar. 19.
- Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Joseph Dowdy, 14-D Project House, Mar. 20.
- Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Joel Quinn Cliett, 501-A Culppepper, Mar. 20.
- Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lee Buffington, 709 North Ave., Bryan, Mar. 22.
- Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Murray P. Berry, X-1-L Hensel, Mar. 24.
- Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Dickey, 705 North Ave., Bryan, Mar. 25.
- Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Milton C. Edge, 402 Williamson Dr., Bryan, Mar. 25.
- Boy to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hood, 11-D Project House, Mar. 26.
- Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Brian F. Pasby, Miller Lane, Bryan, Mar. 26.
- Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Spotswood Earl Davis, U-1-C Hensel, Mar. 27.
- Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Bennie H. Lenox, 203-B Milam, Mar. 27.
- Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Burdette E. Fullerton, A-7-X College View, Mar. 28.
- Boy to Mr. and Mrs. James Robert Justin, 704-B Cross, Mar. 29.
- Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Currie Marlard, 709 Cross, Mar. 29.
- Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. McKenzie, 306 Laurel, Bryan, Mar. 30.
- Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Luther, 209 Foch, Bryan, Mar. 30.
- Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy F. McClary, A-10-D College View, Apr. 1.
- Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Robert George Fritzler, D-9-B College View, Apr. 1.
- Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Graham B. Stiles, 808 Welch, Apr. 2.
- Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Rogers G. Nunnallee, D-8-Y College View, Apr. 4.
- Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Keith, 4001 Aspen, Bryan, Apr. 5.
- Girl to Mr. and Mrs. James M. Berlander, B-16-Y College View, Apr. 6.
- Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Denni Lee Fade, 113 Meadowland, Apr. 8.



"... He'll be hard to live with if we don't win!"

— Sound Off —

'Iron Curtain Is 'Trashy Affair'

**Editor,**  
The Battalion:  
I was amazed when I saw the appalling eyesore bordering the drill field in front of the Memorial Student Center. An outsider with whom I spent some time over the weekend asked the always embarrassing question, "Why?" I was a bit at a loss. Isn't it unusual to find an "iron curtain" in the midst of a U.S. university. Even more ironical is the fact that the curtain is ornamented with signs saying "PLEASE..." Ordinarily such a request as this implies a choice. What next?

I certainly hope this trashy affair will be removed and replaced by signs which merely remind students of their responsibility to respect the well-groomed campus which we all appreciate.

Luke Soules, '61

Batt Should Cease Name-Calling

**Editor,**  
The Battalion:  
A little over a week ago, your paper published an extremely irresponsible, slanted, misrepresentative guest editorial. This editorial, entitled "Slogans," accused the "Picnic for Peace" held in Austin March 25 of advocating

unilateral disarmament and surrender. It then proceeded to label the event with such slanderous terms as: "Teatime for Treason," "Breakfast for Betrayal," and "Suppers for Surrender."

The entire editorial ignored or was ignorant of the purposes of the picnic and of the way it was conducted. In defense, let me call attention to the following: The main purpose of the Austin for Peaceful Alternatives, sponsor of the picnic, is to give new thought to the dimensions of war which do not include surrender, but achieve peace which is a natural condition for the growth of freedom and democracy.

The picnic itself included a series of "public conversations" designed to stimulate thought and serious discussion and led by well-informed, concerned panelists. Also there was a guest speaker, Norman Thomas, chairman of Nationwide Turn Toward Peace. Not one of the panelists nor the speaker advocated surrender or unilateral disarmament. They provided instead thought-provoking discussion and realistic insight into this supremely important and complex problem facing the world today: the avoidance of nuclear war. No single solution was advocated. The purpose was to provide some of the indispensable background

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Lockheed, GM

Blamed For Crash

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The widow, Mrs. Suzanne Quick of Houston, asked for \$500,000 in her suit against Lockheed, General Motors and Braniff.

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Isn't it time for The Battalion to cease using name-calling and ridicule to stultify serious thought on vital issues such as the survival of democracy and freedom?

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(The Guest Editorial referred to in the above letter was reprinted from The Dallas Morning News. It appeared in The Battalion Mar. 28.—Ed.)

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