

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Exam Exemption Success Rests With 'Discretion'

The student life committee of the Student Senate is due to report tonight on the feasibility of having all students with a 95 or above grade average in a course be exempted from taking the course's final examination.

The Battalion feels such a plan has many merits and would be a benefit to any student who really wants to apply himself. There is a big "if," however—one we feel would have much bearing on the effectiveness of such a program.

This concerns a provision applicable to the present distinguished student plan—in this case students who have met distinguished student requirements may be excused from lecture periods at the "discretion of the professor."

Informal chats with Senate officers indicate this same provision might be applicable if the new plan becomes a reality.

A healthy percentage of distinguished students can verify that the discretion clause often defeats the entire purpose of the honor program. This we would not like to see if the new proposal is accepted.

Of course the comparison between the two programs is weak. A student has posted at least a 2.25 one semester knows he can't miss too many lectures and expect to stay up with his studies. The final exam exemption is clearly another matter—in this case the student will have already proved he has mastered the course's material and won't have to worry about preparing himself for a final exam that will most likely be a review of the same material.

Still the biggest factor in the new program will be the incentive offered a student to keep his average up. This also is the key to the distinguished student program and a big factor in the program's success and continued use.

Surely much of this incentive would be lost if the student knew the final decision rested "with the professor's discretion."

The Battalion urges the Student Senate to study this matter thoroughly—to some it may not seem important but to others it's a vital factor.

Ole Miss On Road Back

University of Mississippi officials disclosed Wednesday that this weekend's homecoming football game with the University of Houston will be played in Oxford, Miss., as planned.

The decision, which can still be cancelled by the Justice Department, shows the university is ready to return to normal operation and write off the ugly integration fracas that accompanied the admission of James H. Meredith as the school's first known Negro student.

Admittedly the Meredith dilemma is far from settled, but we hope the decision to continue with the game is a first step back to normalcy. If the homecoming football game at the University of Mississippi can't tone down a social unrest, then nothing can. Officials expect a crowd of 20,000 to 30,000 for the powerful Rebels' first home game. Oxford's population is less than 10,000.

Of course the two competing football teams will have little to do with the success of the game, if it is played. This task will rest primarily with the spectators, who we hope have clearly seen by now that only harm can come from any type of racial protest or demonstration.

AGGIES

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Be sure and come try out if you feel you are talented at all.

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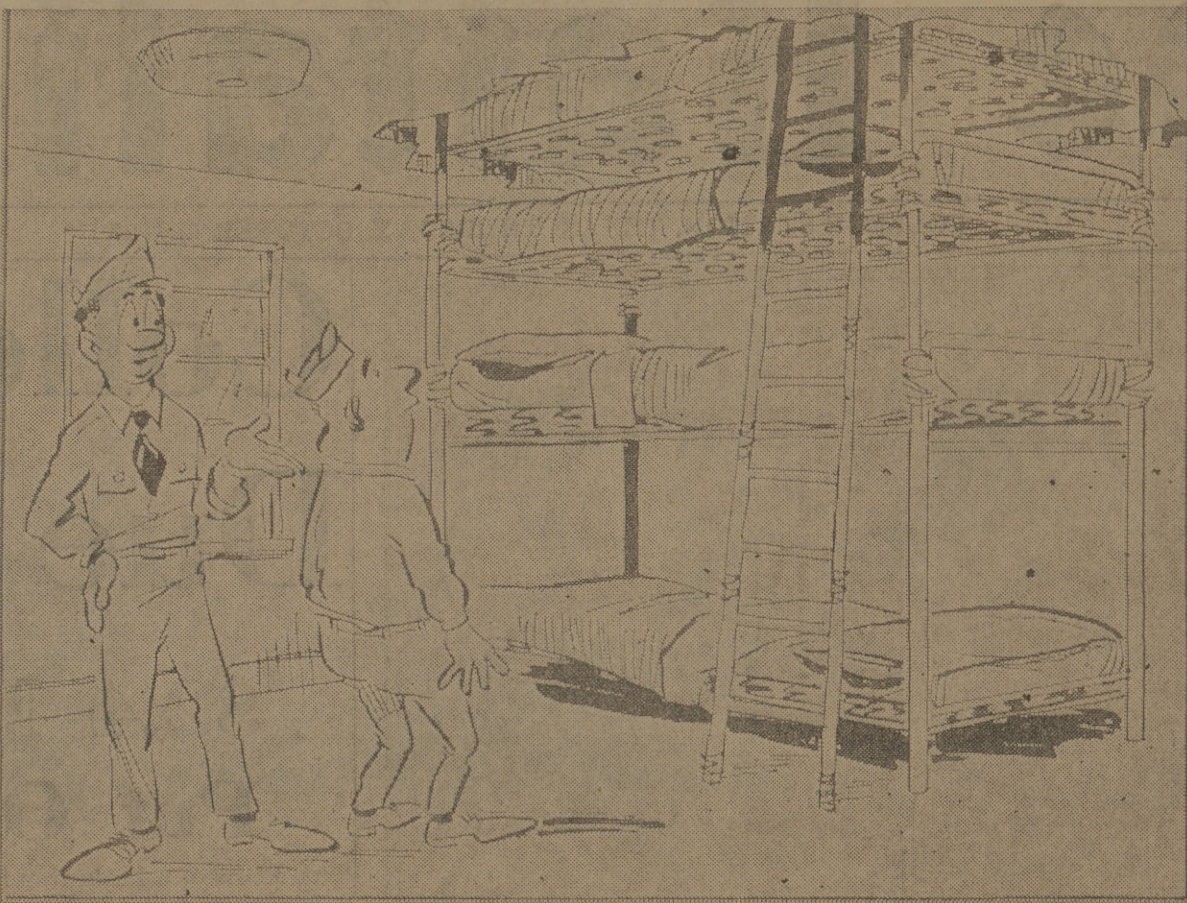
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by Jim Earle



"... personally, I think three to a room is too many, but now..."

Bulletin Board

Hometown Clubs
 Laredo club will meet at 7:30 in Room 207 of the Academic Building.

Supreme Court Awards Herring

Another Hearing

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court held again Wednesday that John Mack Herring, an Odessa High School student charged with murder in the death of a classmate, must undergo a new sanity hearing.

The high court refused to rehear the Herring case, thus returning it to the trial court. The court on June 27 proclaimed void a judgement of a Winkler County Court judge that Herring was insane at the time of the shooting.

Herring is charged in the March 22, 1960 death of Elizabeth Jean Williams, 17. He told officers the girl pleaded that he shoot her. He said he kissed her goodbye and discharged a shotgun while she held the muzzle to her head.

Building.
 Southwest Texas club will meet at 7:30 in Room 2-B of the Memorial Student Center.

Orange club will meet at 7:30 in Room 228 of the Chemistry Building.

Abilene club will meet at 7:30 in Room 208 of the Academic Building. Officers will be elected.

Trans-Pecos club will meet at 8 in the lobby of the Animal Industries Building.

Grayson club will meet at 7:30 in Room 2-A of the MSC.

San Angelo-West Texas club will meet at 7:30 in the Social Room of the MSC.

Galveston Island club will meet at 7:30 in the Cashion Room of the YMCA Building.

Irving club will meet at 7:30 in the main lounge of the MSC.

Amarillo club will meet at 7:30 in Room 102 of the YMCA Building.

Wives' Clubs
 Chemical Engineering club will meet, time and place not designated. Officers elected at the

last meeting are Colleen Dowse, president; Dorothy Johnson, vice president; Allyne Fort, secretary; Vickie Gopffarth, treasurer; Mary Ann Bellow, historian; and Linda Rubac, Aggie Wives Council representative. Sponsors are Mrs. J. D. Lindsey and Mrs. Gladys Bishop.

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