

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Success Of SCONA VIII Rests With Student Body

When the first plenary session of the Student Conference on National Affairs begins Wednesday afternoon, visiting delegates and students at A&M alike will be getting an opportunity not frequently offered.

In a short four-day period the vice president of the United States, the president of the Organization of American States and four other leaders of world thought and opinion will be gathered on our campus.

It would be a pity if only authorized delegates participated in SCONA. The varied, and often conflicting, points of view of speakers will be well received by delegates, but in all probability, as leaders on their separate campuses, their beliefs are pretty well formed and set.

The people who have the most to gain from SCONA VIII are the students at A&M. One of the major objectives of the conference is to provide an appreciation of the complexities of the foreign policy of the United States to an increasingly large representation of college students of the South and Southwest.

And no college students are in better positions to take advantage of SCONA than Aggies.

The SCONA committeemen have literally put in thousands of hours shaping and molding this meeting of ideas. They have given up holidays, vacations and study time to solicit funds, line up speakers or tend to other important details.

They would feel their work was wasted if only representatives from the 80 invited schools, the round-table chairmen and speakers showed up. Their efforts are for the students of A&M, too.

Six distinguished and busy men are taking time to make SCONA a success. Sixteen roundtable chairmen are giving up their own professions to attend and put the conference on a sound footing. Many sponsors have given thousands of dollars to provide financial backing.

But even if there is a full house of delegates, SCONA will flop if not supported by the students on its home doorstep.

— Sound Off —

Editor, The Battalion:

This letter is directed to the Class of '66. I know that most of you have participated in high school and club elections at home, but now that you are college men elections of this type become more important.

What you are doing now is practice for something that will be your privilege just three short years from now. That is the privilege of being able to vote for the person of your own choosing.

I was surprised at the small

number of votes that were cast in last Wednesday's primary election. Less than 50 per cent of the freshman class exercised their right to vote. I hope that this is no indication of the true character of the Class of '66.

I urge all of you to get out and vote for the candidate of your choice in the run-offs Friday. Not everyone in the world has that opportunity; therefore, take advantage of it. Get out and vote.

Michael Ellis Denney,
Vice President candidate

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle AT SUPREME SOVIET



"... I don't see how I can do it! It took me two hours just to make a list of assignments and things to do before Christmas!"

Moscow-Peking Discussion Overshadows Red Game

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst

The Communist party of the Soviet Union has chosen this week of the meeting of the Supreme Soviet to bring into the open the Moscow-Peking split, somewhat overshadowing the world-wide guessing game about Soviet policy which usually accompanies publication of the annual budget.

Every year the governments of the world study this budget—as through a glass darkly—in the hope of some clue as to where the Communist leaders will place their emphasis in their politico-economic — military competition with the West.

The result usually is highly speculative.

This year's military item, for instance, showing an increase of half a billion rubles in military spending, includes as in past years only what the Soviets wish to announce and not what they are really doing. Military re-

search and many directly military production projects are covered under educational and other items which are difficult or impossible to break down.

The Red Chinese attack on India is one of the biggest symptoms yet of the Peking effort to conduct a unilateral expansionist program in Asia, which for 25 years has been considered by the Soviet Communist party as one of its own most fertile fields.

After World War II the Asiatic Communists agreed with Moscow upon a concerted campaign against all European interests east and south of Suez. That policy has foundered upon the diversity of Soviet and Chinese nationalist interests. The Soviet Union is now engaged in trying to retain flexibility in what promises to be a long conflict between India and Red China.

The delegates to what the Communists so quaintly call their Parliament also are seeking clues on what to tell the people back home about how the government wants them to conduct their own affairs and how much they'll get to eat and wear.

Some of them might want to

ask—though they won't—what is happening, in a spending budget which is only slightly increased, to the extra billions now being extracted from them in the form of higher butter and meat prices. They've got lots to think about, but not much of any real meat to say about any of it.

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Applications are now being taken for senior class concessionaire, class president Charles Blaschke disclosed Monday.

The deadline for applications is Friday. Those applying may see either Blaschke or Charles Nichols, class vice president, or leave their name with the secretary in the Student Programs Office in the Memorial Student Center.

The concessionaire will sell pennants and trays on a commission basis. He will also be in charge of management.

Future Dates

TODAY

Varsity and freshman basketball, here; varsity vs. Mississippi Southern, fish vs. Allen Academy Agricultural Extension Service agents' conference
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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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