

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Sportsmanship Award Not Beyond Our Reach

For the 17th time, the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Committee presented its annual trophy at Cotton Bowl halftime activities Tuesday. For the 16th time, A&M was not the winner.

Only once, when the first trophy was presented, has A&M won the prize. And it's highly possible that A&M won that first trophy only because the whole idea was developed by The Battalion and the student life committee of the Student Senate.

Naturally, Aggies are at a distinct advantage as far as sportsmanship is concerned—what Aggies call spirit and what other schools might call un-sportsmanlike conduct all too often are the same thing.

The only alarming aspect is that students here are prone to feel: "We don't have a chance anyway, so why worry about it?" This may be the proper attitude, but we don't think so.

Students are graded at athletic events for behavior in three different areas, all of which need not be abused under any circumstances. Considered by student members of the sportsmanship committee are these three aspects:

1. Did the opposing student body avoid discourtesies of any sort toward its opponents, other visitors and spectators and be good hosts and/or guests at all contests?
2. Did the opposing student body demonstrate respect for opponents, their school song and their traditions?
3. Did the opposing student body accept the officials' decisions with good spirit.

Competition for the 1964 sportsmanship trophy opens with the beginning of the present basketball season. Each student body is graded at each conference game, both now and in next fall's football campaign, and the winner is announced at the Cotton Bowl game.

If Aggies are going to make any effort to win the next trophy, and we definitely feel they should, then the time to begin is now, not next fall.

Budget Recommendation May Lessen Tuition Load

Much of the anticipated burden of a proposed tuition increase for A&M and other state-supported colleges and universities may be relieved by a section in Governor Price Daniel's budget recommendations for the 58th Texas Legislature.

In a recommendation that asked a \$4 million increase for A&M, the governor advocated a plan to provide \$100 scholarships for a maximum of 4,500 students here and at other state schools. Daniel's action was based on a recommendation by the Texas Commission on Higher Education that tuition be doubled from \$50 to \$100 per school year.

If the legislature passes this segment of Daniel's proposals, we feel the proposed tuition increase would be much better accepted. In fact, it appears that as much as half of the A&M student body could qualify for these tuition scholarships—which means that these scholarship winners would be paying no more tuition than in the past, \$100 per year.

The proposed budget for A&M would increase the school's allocation to \$15,452,350, a sizeable increase from last year's 11.5 million but still \$1.5 million less than college officials had requested.

Additional income, from tuition, services and A&M's permanent fund, would probably boost operating funds to \$20 million.

Much of the increase in Daniel's recommendation was centered around an expected increase in enrollment during 1964-65. Enrollment here increased by almost 1,000 during the past two years, and a more rapid increase is anticipated in the future.

The budget proposal also recommended a salary boost for President Earl Rudder to \$20,000 per year—an increase of \$3,500 annually but less than the requested \$25,000 salary.

The other two main areas of increase are in teaching salaries and library construction. Daniel asked for an increase of almost \$2.3 million in teaching salaries and for \$194,817 more for state college libraries.

Grades Can Still Be Raised

In case you didn't worry about it all during the Christmas holidays, surely you are working now—final exams are just two short weeks away.

Like most students, members of The Battalion staff realize that an entire semester can't be salvaged during the last two weeks. But as most advanced students will attest, much can still be done to raise a grade point ratio to a more respectable level.

These last two weeks will pass quickly—we only hope that they will not be spent worrying, but working.

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CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"... Do you remember what my Friday morning class schedule is?"

Aid To Education Shows Big Jump

(Special to The Battalion) WASHINGTON—State legislatures across the country appropriated \$1.8 billion in state tax funds for higher education in 1962-63, a gain of 24.5 per cent over a two-year period, according to a recent report.

This compares with an increase of 22.7 per cent in the previous two-year period, 1959-61. State tax appropriations must be compared on a two-year basis, since most state legislatures make bi-annual appropriations.

The report was prepared by visiting professor M. M. Chambers of the University of Michigan and published by the Joint Office of Institutional Research in Washington.

The 50-state figure provided for teaching programs, organized research, agricultural and engineering experiment stations, hospitals, county agents, adult education programs and other public

service activities. The \$1.8 billion total, representing a two-year increase of 357 million, includes over 400 colleges and universities. It is based only on appropriations of state tax funds, for operating expenses and does not include reappropriated income from tuition, dormitories, athletic events and other campus enterprises.

State-by-state gains ranged from New York's 75 per cent increase to Louisiana's 5 per cent rise. Appropriations again declined in only two states—in Alabama by 1.5 per cent and in Montana by 0.5 per cent.

The report found that the 20 states which operate local community junior colleges had appropriated an additional \$81 million to these schools in 1962-63, an increase of about 42 per cent over the total appropriated in the earlier two-year period.

Missile Offer Doesn't Halt Nuclear Motives

By J. M. ROBERTS
 Associated Press News Analyst
 Although Britain has accepted and France has not decided on President Kennedy's offer to supply Polaris missiles, the determination of both countries to develop and continue their own nuclear forces remains unaffected.

France for years has declined to place even a major part of her military forces at the full disposal of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Now President Charles de Gaulle's 1962 successes in Algeria and at home and the growing ability of the country to stand on its own feet and finance its own program, promise to carry him toward ever greater insistence on greater equality and greater independence in the Atlantic community.

point to the United States action in the recent Cuban situation, in which they considered themselves faced with possible "no choice" action, as a demonstration by the United States herself of the need for such a right.

President Kennedy is going to have to bear in mind this French and British memory of Suez as he reaches for greater leadership in the Atlantic community.

Cuba Draws Russ-China Split Blame

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
 AP Special Correspondent
 UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—A sizzling diatribe from Red China hints that Mao Tze-tung wants Premier Khrushchev overthrown as the leader of the Communist movement. This has the ring of a declaration of ideological war.

The latest barrage, a 10,000-word editorial published Dec. 31 by the official People's Daily of Peking, implies Khrushchev blundered in the Cuban crisis. It calls his a hypocrite giving only lip service to Fidel Castro's demands on the United States.

The text, as published Thursday by the Washington Post, complains that Khrushchev is selling the cause of violent revolution down the river because of his fear of an American "paper tiger."

The editorial repeats a challenge to Khrushchev to submit the Peking-Moscow wrangle to a world meeting of Communist leaders. It says communism stands at a new historical juncture in its ideological warfare.

All this leaves no doubt the Cuban crisis aggravated the split over how best to expand communism. As an excuse for the assault, the Peking statement singles out remarks by Palmiro Togliatti, chief of the Italian party, at its recent congress. There, Red China was attacked by name.

Not once in Peking's statement does the name of Khrushchev appear. It talks of "some people," but leaves no question who is the real target.

"Some people," it says, accused China of creating difficulties in the Cuban situation and of "wanting to plunge the world into a thermonuclear war."

It denies wanting nuclear war, and blames Khrushchev for the Cuban crisis in the first place.

It is noticeable that France is making a particular effort to pay off her debts to the United States, and not only as a part of a general European response to America's needs to correct her own balance of payments problem. This also adds to her independence of what some Britons are now calling an American tendency to "lean against" her partners in an effort to obtain agreement with her policies.

Both France and Britain are insisting on maintenance of forces which will give them the power—which they found they did not have in connection with Suez six years ago—to react individually in behalf of what they consider their own interests. They

Income Tax Time Nears For Workers

(Special to The Battalion) AUSTIN—All citizens or residents of the United States, including minor children, who had gross incomes of \$600 or more in 1962, must file a federal income tax return, R. L. Phinney, district director of the Internal Revenue Service in Austin, announced Thursday.

If the taxpayer is 65 or over before Jan. 1, 1963, he is not required to file unless his gross income for 1962 was at least \$1,200.

The IRS representative added that even though a taxpayer is not required to file under these rules, he must file to obtain a refund, if any income tax was withheld from his pay.

He said there is one exception to the general rule. Self-employed persons such as sole proprietors, partners and independent contractors, must file an income tax return and pay a self-employment tax, if net earnings from self-employment were \$400 or more.

PEANUTS



By Charles M. Schulz

Church News

A&M Methodist Sunday—Church school, 9:45 a.m.; morning worship, the Rev. Byron Lovelady, 10:55 a.m.; evening worship, 7 p.m.; intermediate MYF, 6 p.m.; senior MYF, 6 p.m.

Church Education Post Filled

Mrs. J. G. McNeely has been appointed religious education assistant at the A&M Methodist Church. The position is a new one created by the Rev. Byron Lovelady, pastor of the church.

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