

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Unfortunate, But Necessary

It seems unfortunate that college libraries have had to resort to a security-check to guard against loss of material. Director Robert A. Houze has installed the new system of searching everyone to try to cut down on an increasing loss of books and magazines this semester. This system will begin next week in Cushing and the Engineers Library.

Houze defends his measure by saying that the libraries want things there when they are needed. Certainly this is a necessary measure.

He explained that this is not a shakedown such as searching a man for alcohol, but an inspection by students to be sure all library material was properly checked out. Guards will be stationed at each door to check armloads of books and brief cases.

This system of checking losses is not new. Cushing is one of the few major academic libraries not already using some sort of security system. One such check was used here about 15 years ago, but was discontinued.

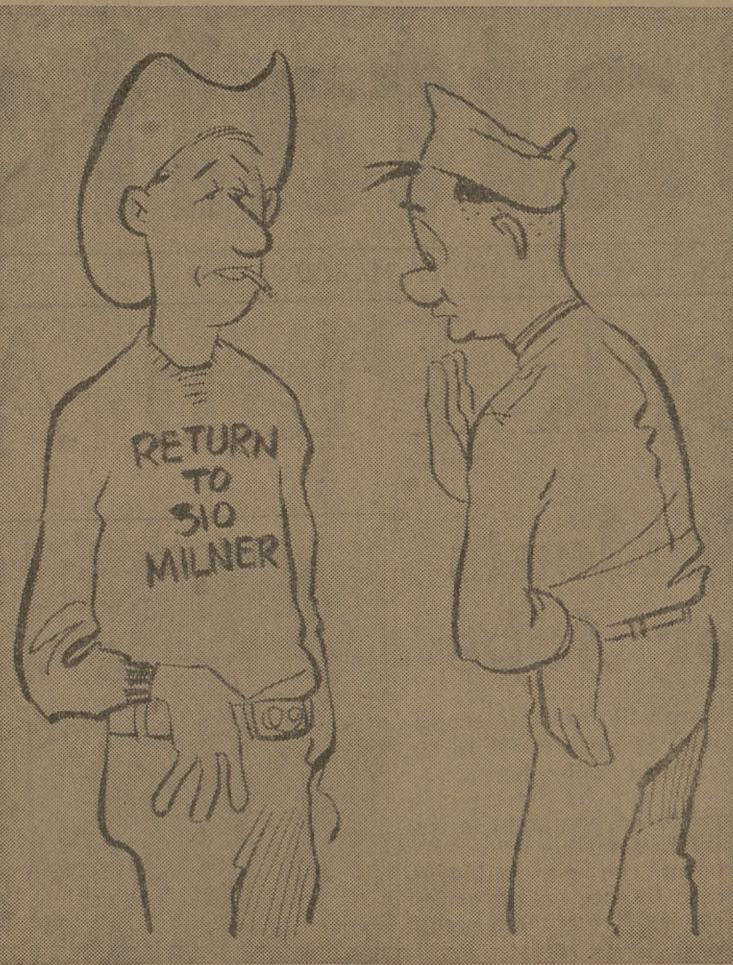
There is no question about the need of a security system, but why has the need become so great just this semester? Houze attributes many of the losses to absent-mindedness as opposed to outright theft. What makes students so absent-minded now, when they weren't a few years ago?

"We want students to understand this is a guarantee that the things they ask for will be there when they want them," Houze says.

There should be very little legitimate opposition to the system forced upon the libraries. Some delay will be incurred by those leaving the libraries at rush times, but better that than not having material available to students when they need it.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"... We expect this civilian weekend to be our best one yet!"

Bulletin Board

p.m. in Room 228 of the Chemistry Building.

- Hometown Clubs**
Odessa club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of the MSC.
Deep East Texas club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Art Room of the MSC.
Big Thicket club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of the MSC.
Milby club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of the MSC.
- Brazoria County club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 108 of the Academic Building.**
Port Arthur club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the lounge of the YMCA Building.
El Paso club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 107 of the Academic Building.
Orange club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 228 of the Chemistry Building.

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Texas Hits Lower Depths

When I was a sophomore I had the pleasure of dumping about 2,000 copies of The Daily Texan's Thanksgiving edition into the Colorado River. A friend of mine had the responsibility of delivering the papers, and since it was early and he hadn't recovered from the night before, we took advantage of a thick fog to toss the papers into the river.

It's too bad that the Texan's staff didn't have the foresight to destroy Tuesday's issues before

they were delivered, because all it can do is focus the spotlight of irresponsibility on college newspapers.

Firing a typically Texan editorial salvo at A&M, the UT journalism school's plaything became:

1. The exclusion of females and nonwhite males from A&M.
2. The narrow and weak curriculum found at Aggieland.
3. Compulsory ROTC on the A&M campus.

I do not intend to answer for these "shortcomings." I am in complete agreement with their views on some of these points. But I do disagree with their method of using a legitimate peg — the rumored coeducation vote at the next directors meeting — to attack a scholastic program of which they know little or nothing.

This is the third recent editorial in the Daily Orange Rabble Rouser to attack A&M. The first was an illogical appeal for integration, and the second was the insane piece calling for A&M's abolition after the UT-sponsored riot with outnumbered Aggies.

The Daily Texan's habit of constantly jumping, being pushed or falling into other people's business too complex for it to comprehend, is rapidly becoming offensive to other parties involved.

UT, where Long Star snobs are allowed to root freely for four years before being presented a

diploma, has plenty of problems The Texan could tackle if it wanted to help its own academic community.

The publication had wailed that A&M's SCONA received more state funds than did UT's "Challenge" program. They failed to state that SCONA's money is raised privately by students.

But all The Texan could do was gripe, instead of helping get a potentially worthwhile project on its feet.

The Texan, hoary and wise in its own eyes, should stick to its own backyard, and make sure its primary obligation to students at UT is taken care of before it flits off as a spastic do-gooder.

AGGIELAND '63
A&M College of Texas
College Station, Texas

ATTENTION: Hometown and Professional Club Representative
In order to meet our deadline we must require that president's pictures, sweetheart pictures, activity pictures, club write-ups (not to exceed 200 words) all be submitted to the Student Publications Office on the ground floor of the YMCA, no later than April 5, 1963.

You are also requested to contact John Finks, Dorm 4, Room 206, for professional club group picture identification, and Joe Cancellare, Dorm 4, Room 207, for hometown club group picture identification.

Those clubs with 1/2 page in the AGGIELAND are reminded that they may have either a president or a sweetheart's picture but not both on the page.

If the required information is not submitted by April 5, your page will be printed with available information.

Sincerely,
John Finks, Editor
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I'M THE ONLY MANAGER WHO GETS A REPORT FROM A GARDEN COMMITTEE!

Security Boost For LBJ Indicates Weight Of Job

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Treasury Department request for \$322,000 to hire 35 more secret service agents to guard Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson and his family is ample evidence of the increase in the responsibilities of that office.

Only two agents are now assigned to Johnson. The others would be available starting July 1. Soon after President Kennedy took office he made it plain that Johnson should share some of the administration's responsibilities to an unprecedented degree.

One of the first things Kennedy did was to appoint Johnson as chairman of his Space and Aeronautics Council. Then he was named chairman of the President's Equal Employment Opportunity committee, and chairman of the Peace Corps advisory council. He also is a member of the

National Security Council. Johnson attends all meetings of the Security Council's executive committee, all Cabinet meetings, the weekly White House conference of congressional leaders and meetings that the President holds with advisors prior to his news conferences.

Johnson has visited 20 nations on what have been described as "negotiating missions for the President," not just good will trips.

The added responsibilities of the vice president is underscored by the fact that John Nance Garner, during his tenure, had two aides, his wife and a young Texan by the name of Louis Frayd.

Johnson has almost a score of employees, some at his office on Capitol Hill and some in his office in the Executive Building adjoining the White House.

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