

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Good Year Contributed To 'Splendid Cooperation'

For The Battalion, a year is ending and another is just around the corner. This is the last issue for the 1962-63 staff and next year's staff will assume all duties next Monday.

As our review of the year's top stories on Page 1 indicates, this has been a busy year and even more can be expected next year. For our four graduating seniors, this past year has also been enjoyable and probably more profitable than we could ever realize.

Many things go into the making of a college newspaper—long hours by staff members, sacrifices on the part of many persons and, most important, cooperation from the student body, faculty and administration. Fortunately, The Battalion has been blessed with all these things during the past year, but especially have we had splendid cooperation from the student body, faculty and administration.

It's difficult to determine just how much this good cooperation has helped, but we feel it has made a tremendous difference and sincerely hope that next year's editors will be able to look back at another good record of student-staff cooperation.

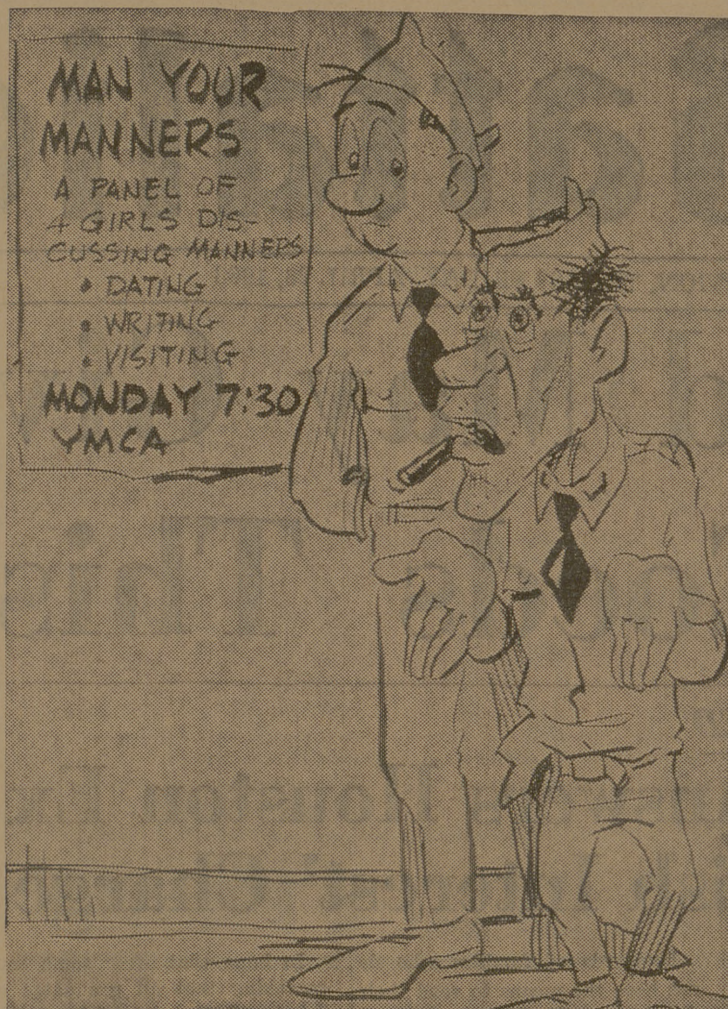
We are totally unable to repay all the people who have helped us in any way, but do offer our sincerest "thank you." You'll never know how much your help, cooperation and patience helped.

Committee Sets Example

A new step forward in cooperation among different groups on the campus was made Thursday. The ring committee deserves recognition for being broad minded enough to withdraw one of its own decisions when it saw that that decision met with general disapproval among those it effected.

We have reference to the ruling made earlier by the committee that the Class of '65 and those thereafter would have Texas A&M University on their rings. That is they would if the name-change is approved in Austin. In a meeting Thursday the committee decided to withdraw its ruling after hearing requests by the Classes of '65 and '66. These two classes will be allowed to select the name they want on their rings.

We point to the ring committee and encourage other groups on campus to study a fine example for future reference.



"You won't believe this but you're th' 10th one who's suggested that I go!"

Living Cost Shows Rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — A slight rise in March pushed the nation's living costs up to their highest point in history.

The Labor Department reported Thursday its consumers price index rose by one-tenth of 1 per cent to 106.2 per cent of the 1957-59 average, or 1.1 per cent higher than a year earlier.

Higher March costs for cloth-

ing, mainly women's and girl's; for used cars, and for such household charges as water rates and real estate taxes, contributed to the rise. Food prices averaged three-tenths of 1 per cent lower than in February.

Arnold E. Chase, Labor Department price study director, forecast no change in April living costs.

U.S., Cuba Seek Restraint Of Clashes Between Forces

WASHINGTON (AP) — Communist Cuba, as well as the United States, appears to be trying to restrain hit-and-run operations which could set off a flash war in the Caribbean.

President Kennedy is known to hope for at least two results from the policy of cracking down on forays against Cuban targets, including Soviet ships. One purpose is to try to make it easier for Soviet Premier Khrushchev to continue pulling Russian troops out of Cuba; another is to reduce the danger of accidental conflict.

Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro, authorities here believe, has good reasons of his own to minimize clashes. Castro knows that if he angered the United States by attacks on its shipping to the point of provoking retaliation he might force a U. S. invasion. It is assumed here that the danger of invasion is his major fear.

Kennedy made the U. S. policy line clear at a news conference deploring hit-and-run raids by anti-Communist Cuban refugees. He said they do not constitute any real blow at Castro. They may give the Soviets reason to continue their military force in Cuba, or even increase it, Kennedy said.

The Castro regime has taken two actions which high officials here consider very important, if they mean what they seem to mean.

In a little noticed message to "all the military commands, revolutionary instruction schools, and troops of our revolutionary armed forces," Raul Castro last warned against impromptu

military operations against other Latin-American countries.

Raul Castro, armed forces minister, under his brother, indicated in his broadcast message that some of his followers had tried to go off an independent adventures.

He claimed that the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency had sought to trap Cubans into such operations to give an excuse for U. S. attacks on Cuba. Raul Castro also argued that hit-and-run operations do not accomplish much, anyway, because revolutions are not exported.

The heart of his message, however, was a hard warning, stripped of propaganda cover and backed up with the threat of stern enforcement.

"We warn that the activities we denounce are illegal, censurable, and contrary to our policy," he said. "They can only harm our revolution in Latin America."

The other conciliatory move by Castro was more direct and open, and less subject to varying interpretations, even though mainly symbolic. That was the dispatch here Tuesday of an apology

NOW, LADIES
SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP) — A woman painted the fire hydrant in front of her house green to match her lawn.

Another painted her hydrant white to match her house. The third like mauve.

A fire department crew repainted the hydrants the standard color, yellow.

Gutson hall THEATRE

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

"THE PRIVATE WAR OF MAJOR BENSON"

With Charlton Heston & Julie Adams

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

"THE WRONG MAN"

With Henry Fonda & Vera Miles
Plus "I'M ALL RIGHT, JACK"

With Jack Sellers

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

"THE HUNTERS"

With Robert Mitchum and Robert Wagner

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ACTOR OF YEAR
Gregory Peck

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&

"COME SEPTEMBER"

Billy Vasser, '64

Sound Off

Editor,

The Battalion:

I was very impressed by the headlines in Tuesday's Battalion, "EX FIGHTS COED THREAT." In my opinion, Mr. T. L. Smith, '98, put his finger on the real reason the board of directors might be considering coeducation — the reason, Senator W. T. (Bill) Moore and a few selfish Bryan citizens. Sen. Moore has already proven he is not for A&M by trying to pass a bill to change the name to Texas State University, over the wishes of the board of directors. That name would make it much easier to bring in coeducation and tear down great traditions and standards that keep the enrollment down by keeping spineless students away. As Mr. Smith said, Sen. Moore is out to perpetuate himself in office by doing everything he can for Bryan. It is a fine thing for a senator to do everything he can for his district, that's his job, but he

should not do his job at the expense of great potential leadership to the rest of Texas.

I feel that the Corps of Cadets is the one thing that has made the men from Texas A&M great leaders in civilian life as well as military life. Also I feel that the Corps could not long endure in a coed atmosphere.

If A&M did go coed, how many girls would come here? A&M might get one or two hundred girls from Brazos County, but how many would come from other parts of the state. Let's face facts, what does Bryan have to offer girls compared to Houston, Dallas or Austin.

Less someone should get the wrong idea, I would like to say that I am not anti-Bryan, because I think the town as a whole supports A&M as much or more than any city in the state supports any college. But compared to the extremely low price at which the men of Brazos County can get an education and the tremendous indirect monetary support the area derives from A&M, I feel that Sen. Moore and some Bryan citizens are unjustified in asking for coeducation for Texas A&M.

Larry P. Hachtel, '63
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Editor,

The Battalion:

Three weeks ago the Battalion ran a news story stating that new locks were being installed in Law and Puryear Halls. This was considered a very good move by the students living in those two dorms. They were assured that no more thefts would occur there.

Well, it has been three weeks and no new locks have been installed in Law Hall, although they have been placed on every door in Puryear. What has hap-

pened at B&U? Have they forgotten us over here, or are they waiting for more thefts to occur and more stories in the Battalion before they are willing to do anything?

Some wise student threatened to place a pad lock on his door if something was not done to protect the student living in those two dorms. I refrained from buying a lock when the reports came of the new locks being installed. But now it looks like I will have to spend my own money to protect my property. That is, what property I have left after the thieves cleaned me and my roommate out for over \$200.

Billy Vasser, '64

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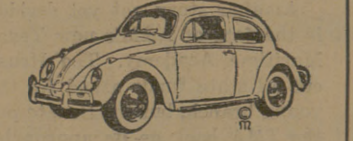
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