

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Astronauts Turn Us To Renewed Search

Faith 7 is the name he selected for the craft in which he was to make history or meet failure, where failure would be fatal.

The man, Maj. Gordon Cooper, holds the record for number of orbits completed and length of time spent in space; but, he is only typical of the seven men who made up the first team of astronauts for the United States. These seven men, together with their families, represent the ultimate in what the American man and the American family can be.

Probably the name given to Cooper's spacecraft—Faith—best describes the one element that makes these people a group which can be respected by all people of these great United States of America.

While the accomplishments of the astronauts have been enough to stop the average American, we believe that it has been the manner in which these people have conducted themselves during the past months that has awed the nation and a large part of the world.

When the three ladies of the Cooper family were asked Thursday if they had been afraid any time during their husband and father's historic flight, they all said they had not. Why not?

Faith was the answer they would always come back to. Faith in Cooper's abilities, faith in everyone associated with the program and then just plain old fashion FAITH.

We can all hope that the same men who have turned our eyes to the stars in search of satellites might also lead the way for the nation to turn its hearts to FAITH and the God behind that faith.

It's Time To Turn Around

We are happy to see that the Student Senate is concerned about the amount of time spent in lines by those students who care enough to vote.

While we fail to see how the proposed system will greatly decrease the time in line for voters, we encourage the senators in their efforts.

However, we sincerely hope that the Senate of next year will devote much of its attention to getting more students to turn out for our elections and stand in line. This year has been a depressing one as far as student elections are concerned.

What steps might be taken to improve the number of voters? This is one question that some student office holders have approached with real concern. We feel that they might have been looking in the wrong place for the answers.

The things that would probably do the most for our student government elections is for the leaders of our organizations to make an abrupt return to student government.

It appears, as we look back at the year, that there has been some neglect of the drudgery that accompanies any government position.

There have been many brilliant events in the life of A&M come about this year. Some student leaders have fallen to the temptation of stepping into the bright lights of these events. However, the bright lights might have been obtained at the expense of some normal campus functions which were expected to take care of themselves.

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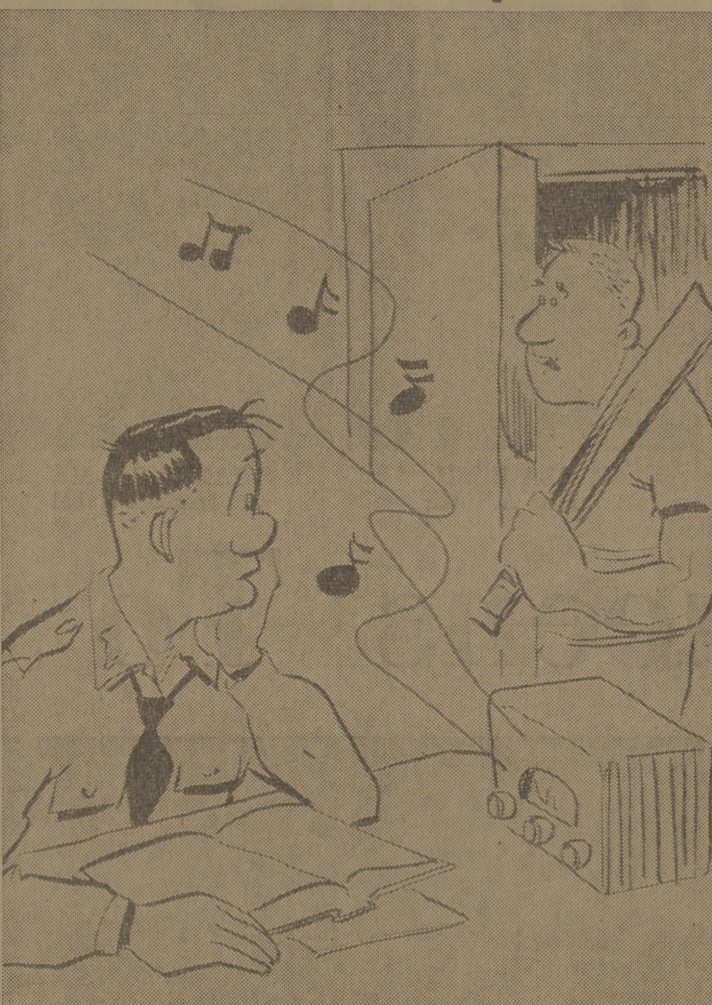
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"Would you turn down your radio—you're disturbin' our hall hockey game?"

Youth Group OKs Educational Bill

By The Collegiate Press
WASHINGTON — A national youth and student conference on the subject of federal aid to education held in Washington recently generally supported President Kennedy's National Educational Improvement Act of 1963.

The conference, sponsored by 22 national youth and student organizations, drew more than 100 delegates from all sections of the country. The assembly of students was addressed by Commissioner of Education Francis Keppel and by Members of Congress interested in the education bill.

The students voted to support all sections of the Kennedy bill (HR 3000), but asserted that in some areas, the bill is inadequate. The group recommended expansion of many of the aid programs when possible. However, the students recognized the difficulty of getting the current smaller proposals through Congress, and did not ask for more federal assistance immediately.

One of the major floor debates came over the issue of the inclusion of an anti-discrimination rider in the federal aid to education bill. Young Democrats and other backers of the Administration's approach to the bill argued that given the mood of the current Congress and the stance of the Southern States, the inclusion of a discrimination measure would insure the defeat of the bill, thus doing no good.

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