

BATTALION EDITORIALS

A Big Step Forward

With scarcely any effort at all A&M took one of its largest steps forward Monday.

Actually, it all began last year when the Board of Directors adopted a policy to "admit qualified students regardless of race" throughout the system. But the important part of the story came early this week when the policy was first put into effect on the main campus.

The forward stride was not made because of 92-year color barrier was dissolved. The mere fact that three Negroes are now attending classes here has little, if anything, to do with it.

It is reflected, however, in the fact that A&M and its students were willing to accept an obligation they had no power to ignore without pointless, die-hard refusals.

Even though the registration of the trio was unannounced and conducted quietly, there was plenty of opportunity afterward for people to make fools of themselves—but no one did.

The three men entered this institution as mature college students; their intentions were identical to those of the majority of summer school students. They did not come as civil rights demonstrators or rabble-rousers.

We feel that A&M can be proud of the dignified acceptance of these men on the part of the students. Regardless of how each individual felt about the issue, he was able to see that ugly disorder like those now occurring in much of the South would not ultimately change things and would serve only to give A&M a black eye.

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Got any gripes?

If you do, it might help to bring them out into the open. At least there may be someone else with the same ideas and you can get together so that misery will have company.

During the regular school terms The Battalion runs a "Sound Off" section on page 2. Experience tells us that its popularity is rivaled only by the "Slouch" cartoons.

This column is filled with letters from readers. Sometimes they are expressions of gratitude, sometimes tidbits of information that readers feel might interest others, but mostly they are expressions of opinions about current issues.

We see no reason why the summer Battalion can't feature a similar column. All we need is to receive letters—lots of them.

The only requirement is that the letters be signed by the person or persons submitting them.

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The Battalion would like to print announcements of activities of any campus or community non-profit organization.

Unfortunately we can't keep track of all the many things that are planned. But the readers can help.

There are some simple forms to be filled out and placed in a box in the Office of Student Publications in the basement of the YMCA building (left of the outside steps). Or, we'd be happy to receive the announcements in the mail.

Keep dates in mind, though, and the fact that we'll have to have the notices by 5 p. m. every Wednesday.

Musician, Artist Now Uses Skills As Medical Sculptor

GALVESTON (AP) — Medical sculptors are rare, and Joseph Paderewski traveled the road to that title through music, ceramics and artistic sculpture.

Now he is medical sculptor at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. He has held the job for 11 years.

His particular field is to recreate parts of the body for persons who have been disfigured from accidents, burns, radical surgery or other reasons.

Physicians use his skill in restoring the patient's appearance to normal.

He first came to the attention of doctors when he did several bronze busts of staff members of the Texas School of Medicine.

A plastic surgeon watched him

work and interested him in creating wax models to illustrate surgery for teaching purposes and for use at medical conventions.

Demands for his work grew and the position of medical sculptor at the Medical Center was created especially for him in 1952.

Paderewski was born in Linden, N. J., 48 years ago, but spent most of his early life in New York City, where he studied at the Cooper Union School of Art and Columbia University.

Prior to his moving from New York to Galveston, he was assistant conductor and first cellist under conductor Andre Kostelanetz.

For five years he was cellist in the Houston Symphony Orchestra.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"How's th' blister old buddy?"

Wart Cures Compiled By A&M Class

By Associated Press

Research by folklore and folk song class at A&M recently resulted in a list that sounds like something Mark Twain wrote. The subject: How to remove warts.

The 35 members of the class interviewed 112 persons about how they would cure a wart.

Persons from 45 Texas counties, seven other states and Mexico were interviewed.

The most generally accepted method calls for applying or otherwise using physical objects, a summary of the opinions shows.

Vegetables, cloth, stump water, oil, plants, wood, fruits and other objects were included.

A Tom Green resident advocated rubbing a grain of corn on the wart until the wart bleeds. Then the corn must be fed to a chicken, but the patient must not see the chicken eat the corn.

"Steal a neighbor's washrag," a Cherokee County expert said, "and bury it under the back doorstep for three days." Nothing was said about touching the wart with the dishrag.

An Ouachita Parish, La., resident suggested the use of water which has stood in a tree stump, a generally known remedy.

Rubbing the wart with the milky juice of a fig tree stem is a treatment advised in Mexico City.

Thirteen responses said a person with special "powers" could remove warts.

From Howard County came a belief in the ability of a seventh son to rub off warts. The same belief was told by a Brazos County resident, but he added that money must not be accepted.

A&M Ph.D Seeks Better Nuclear Detection Methods

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dr. Charles C. Bates, a 44-year-old Texas-educated Ph.D., ranks as one of the government's top men in seeking ways to improve the detection of underground nuclear explosions.

What Bates and his associates learn through research has a bearing on efforts of negotiators at international conferences in Geneva seeking eventual agreement on a nuclear test ban.

Bates, whose doctorate in oceanography was the first ever issued by A&M, testified recently before a House Merchant Marine subcommittee. He told of underwater research off the California coast and then discussed a year-long study expected to start soon near the center of the Gulf of Mexico.

The water in that area, he said, has a depth of 12,000 feet.

In the Gulf of Mexico tests, he said, highly sensitive recording instruments—made according to government-provided specifications by two firms in the Dallas area—will be encased in a container and let down by cable to rest on the bottom.

The instruments, which record earth shockwaves on tape much like a seismograph, cost about \$50,000 each. In earlier tests in the Pacific, only one was lost.

Heretofore they have been built to submerge to 4,000 feet but the newer devices are capable of taking recordings at 20,000 feet.

In connection with the Gulf tests, Bates said, a 5-kiloton nuclear device will be detonated at the bottom of a 2,000-foot well drilled into a salt dome near Hattiesburg, Miss. When the explosive material is set in place, he said, and detonation mechanism connected to the well will be cemented so that the shock waves will radiate through the earth.

"With the advent of the Geneva nuclear test ban negotiations in 1958," Bates told the committee, "it became evident that there was a strong requirement to develop a more sophisticated understanding of seismic phenomena."

Pointing out that there are about 40 measurable earthquakes annually in the United States alone, he said it is now virtually impossible to distinguish them from nuclear explosion shock waves. One of the main purposes of his research, he said, is to learn how to distinguish them, and to more nearly pinpoint the location and determine other details of the violence.

Bates, a native of Illinois and a 1939 graduate of DePauw University, first went into oil ex-

ploration work in Mississippi and Kansas.

As a field artillery captain in World War II, he was ordered to take courses in meteorology, oceanography at U.C.L.A., which he received a masters degree. He then was assigned to England as a wave forecaster in connection with the planning of the Normandy invasion.

The end of the war found him in the Pacific area as a Force captain, specializing in wave forecasting for the planned invasion of Japan which never took place.

During the war Bates was buddy of Dale Leipper, who founded and still heads the Department of Oceanography at Meteorology. Thus it was announced that Bates should go to the Station for advanced studies, which was one of the two to get degrees in that field in 1951.

"They were presented fictitiously, so I got mine for chucked Bates. My college name was Thompson."

In 1960 Bates, former Navy Hydrographic officer, joined the Advanced Research Projects Agency which has such diverse programs as development of anti-missile research into guerilla water tactics and high energy fields.

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