

**BATTALION EDITORIALS**

**Golden Opportunity Available To Students**

The wise men of all ages have always been the men who grasped all opportunities and squeezed the most out of them.

The wisdom of A&M University students has been demonstrated in recent years by their readiness to grasp the opportunity of digesting the wisdom of national and international figures that have been attracted to the A&M Student Conference on National Affairs. That opportunity is once again at the doorstep of all students on campus, and of the residents of Bryan and College Station. Even in the large metropolitan areas, one seldom hears as many knowledgeable men speak in a year as can be heard at SCONA in a few short days.

It has been only one year since the now President Lyndon B. Johnson came to this campus to address the SCONA delegates and thousands of citizens in this area. This same slate of speakers included the president of the Organization of American States, a former U. N. Ambassador and numerous other informative and interesting personalities who had a treasure of knowledge to present to those who just care to listen. The same is true of this year's slate of speakers.

The slate of keynote speakers that has been lined up by this year's SCONA committee can be described as only excellent for discussing the selected theme of "U. S. Monetary and Fiscal Policy, A Taxpayer's View." To assist the student delegates in discussing the speakers' talks the committee has invited 17 capable individuals to serve as roundtable chairmen.

These same men are available to the students on the campus just for the effort of going to the MSC and taking a seat in the sessions. This is not only a rare opportunity, but almost an obligation for the student to take advantage of this offering if he is to earn an important place in the United States of America of tomorrow.

**— Sound Off —**

Editor, *The Battalion*:  
Since high school is now behind us, I feel that we should concentrate on plans for the future rather than previous achievements. As we have all discovered, the adjustment to Aggie life is a hard one to make; however, we have done it. We are now beginning to feel the "Aggie Spirit" and the love of this great school and its traditions. As a class, we need to unite and preserve the traditions that mean so much to all Aggies and now mean the same to us. Since this is a fast moving age, necessary changes will be made from time to time. But, the basic ideas that have made A&M a great university must be carried on.

The most important function left for our class will be the Fish Ball. I feel that with past experience and help from all of you, we can show the capabilities of the Class of '67. I would like to lead this class and be a part in guiding it at the beginning of its four year career here at A&M.

Louie Obydyke,  
Candidate for President  
Freshman, Class of '67

**Grad Student Wives Form Association**

The Association of Graduate Wives is a new organization that has been formed on the Texas A&M University campus for the benefit of all graduate students.

Membership is open to all graduate student wives and women graduate students.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday on the second floor of the Richard Coke Building. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Hall, the sponsor, will meet all persons attending at the door.

After the business meeting there will be refreshments and a social hour. All eligible are urged to attend.

For further information call Mrs. Broemel at VI 6-5213.

**CADET SLOUCH** by Jim Earle



"Maybe some of us should wake up a little sooner!"

**Bulletin Board**

**TUESDAY**  
American Meteorological Society will meet in Room 306 of Goodwin Hall at 7:45 p.m.  
Baytown Hometown Club will meet at 8:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Lounge of the Memorial Student Center.  
Finance Society will meet in Room 201 of the Business Administration Building at 7:30 p.m.

**Pre Med-Dent Society** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 113 of the Biological Science Building.  
**Pre-Law Society** will meet in Room 2-A of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.  
**Psychological Association** will meet in Room 404 of the Academic Building at 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Bahai' World Faith will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Anderson Room of the YMCA Building.

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**WRIGHT or WRONG**

by John Wright

Despite all the efforts of many persons to force a showdown in the House next month, it appears at the time of this writing that the petition filed at noon Monday will be in grave danger of failing to accrue enough signatures to ensure the necessary majority that would force the civil rights bill out the House Rules Committee.

If the petition should be signed by the necessary 218 members of the House that would constitute a majority, then the bill would be brought up for House debate on the second or fourth Monday of any month after the necessary seven day waiting period.

Thus far only a little over a hundred signatures have been obtained. What happened to the many members that were believed to support the bill?

It seems that a matter of "House procedures" is binding the consciences of many liberal Democrats as well as most Republicans, pertaining to, of course, the use of a petition.

There is no denying that legal procedure is nothing to be flouted at, especially at a governmental level. However, it seems regrettable that many members of the House are unable to bring themselves to act in such a decisive manner as to give the bill

a chance to aired on the floor before the civil rights issue becomes a highly inflammable political football on the '64 campaign gridiron.

It seems that already the lesson to be learned from the recent tragedy is doomed to be lost amidst the rolling momentum of the coming campaign as fractious square off for the coming tussle.

The words of Roy Wilkins, head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, might well be heeded by all when he said recently "if members of Congress put civil rights opposition on a political basis in 1963, we shall put it on a political basis at the ballot box in 1964."

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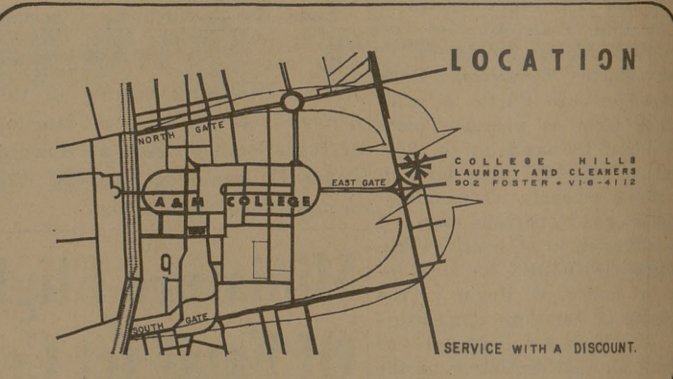
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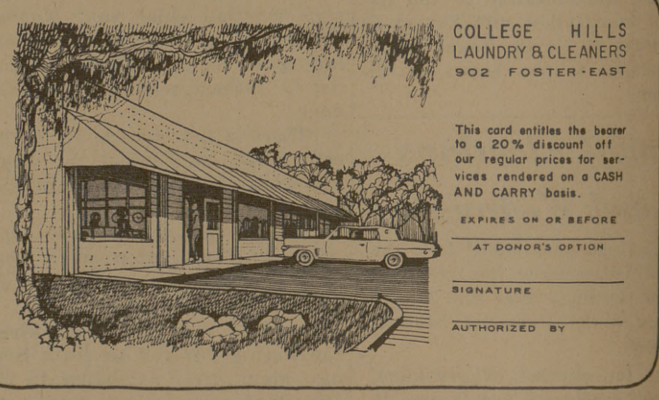
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