

BATTALION EDITORIALS

The Five In White

There are few Aggies that give as much to the athletic program and overall prosperity of A&M as do the faithful five—the Aggie Yell Leaders.

Under the direction of Head Yell Leader Mike Marlow, a little package of energy himself, the men we have holding down these positions this year have done nothing short of a fabulous job. Time after time they have shown up at a contests where no one would have thought the worst of them had they not made an appearance. We can contribute this to nothing but outstanding Aggie Spirit.

The Yell Leaders follow the teams around the Southwest Conference, and often outside the conference, at great personal expense—both financially and in grade points lost. They are among the University's front line ambassadors of good will, or bad, depending upon the particular point of view. We feel that our Yell Leaders this year have spread nothing but good will for all Aggies.

Those of us who go to school here now will remember the faces, and voices, of our Yell Leaders—even many years after we have forgotten their names. Many of us will always remember how sometime early in our career at A&M some Yell Leader transferred his own enthusiasm into our lives.

We want to take this opportunity—less it be lost in the rush of spring activities—to thank you Royce Knox, Frank Cox, Harry Haggard, Ted Hopgood and Mike Marlow.

Job Calls

MONDAY

Cities Service Oil Company — Chemical engineering, civil engineering, electrical engineering, industrial engineering, mechanical engineering and petroleum engineering.

Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Houston — Agricultural economics, soil and crop sciences, agricultural education, animal husbandry and range management.

Federal Pacific Electric Company — Electrical engineering, industrial engineering, industrial technology, mechanical engineering and marketing.

Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company — Chemical engineering, chemistry, industrial engineering, mechanical engineering and accounting.

Insurance By North America — Business administration, economics, English, history and government.

Bulletin Board

TUESDAY

Oceanography and Meteorology Wives games night will be held at 8 p. m. at 4205 College Main. The hostess will be Mrs. John Carson.

Pan American Petroleum Corp. — Chemical engineering, mechanical engineering, petroleum engineering and accounting.

Vick Chemical Company — Business administration, economics, English, journalism, history and government.

TUESDAY

Aetna Casualty and Surety Company — Business administration, economics, history and government.

Bureau of Land Management, U. S. Department of the Interior — Agricultural engineering, civil engineering, range and forestry.

Columbian Carbon Company — Chemical engineering and mechanical engineering.

Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company — Chemical engineering, industrial engineering and mechanical engineering.

Jones and Laughlin Supply Division — Agricultural economics, business administration, economics, chemical engineering, electrical engineering, industrial education, industrial engineering and mechanical engineering.

Otis Elevator Company — Industrial education, industrial engineering, electrical engineering and mechanical engineering.

Pan American Petroleum Corporation — Accounting.

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Now aren't these front row seats worth waitin' in line for 3 hours?"

Nixon States Need For Fill-In Veeep

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard M. Nixon urged Thursday that Congress move promptly to keep the office of vice president filled and to avoid possible disputes over whether a disabled president is capable of serving.

The former vice president and 1960 Republican presidential candidate offered his own formula but told a Senate Judiciary subcommittee he has "no pet ideas to sell." The important thing, he told the senators, is for them to "seize the idea" they believe will receive the strongest public support and act quickly.

It is important, Nixon said, to solve the problem while the public is acutely aware of it as a result of President John F. Kennedy's assassination and Dwight D. Eisenhower's heart attack when he was president.

"The more time that elapses, the less urgency the people and the Congress will feel," he said.

Nixon, testifying without a prepared statement, said constitutional amendments to "remedy the constitutional flaw" would take two to four years to ratify and suggested Congress provide interim legislation.

Emphasizing the growing importance of the vice president, Nixon said the nation's No. 2

executive "can and should be used even more than in the Kennedy and Eisenhower administrations," and should be a man who can be trusted with important assignments.

Nixon stressed that he regards presidential disability as "the major problem" in this field, partly because there already is a law on presidential succession. He noted that Eisenhower, Kennedy and now President Johnson had written letters to the men next in line of succession setting forth how disability should be handled. But Nixon said this system lacks the force of law and would be inadequate if a dispute arose.

The former vice president agreed with Eisenhower that the office of vice president should always be kept filled, but they differed in the method of selecting a substitute vice president.

Eisenhower recommended in a letter Wednesday the nomination of a new vice president by the president subject to confirmation by both the House and Senate.

Nixon proposed that when the office becomes vacant it be filled by the Electoral College on the recommendation of the president.

Editor, The Battalion:

I am a male foreign student at Texas A&M University, and the opinions I am about to express are from that point of view. Even though I have not conducted a pool yet, I feel sure that most of the other foreign students on the campus will go along with me in this matter.

Personally, being against discrimination of any sort, I have been caught up in this controversy of Senior Rings and Silver Taps for female students. Because of this, I went to the Student Senate Open Meeting in the MSC on Feb. 20, 1964.

I was quite shocked and rather disappointed to hear the views expressed by the majority of the audience, which was overwhelmingly dominated by members of the Corps. The latter might have been due to the fact that The Battalion of the previous day, while announcing this meeting, specifically stated (in fact 3 times) that no voting would be held by the Senate on either question. In spite of this a vote was taken. I did not get a chance to express my views at the meeting and so take this opportunity to do so.

McNamara Takes Look At Viet Nam

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara was slated to arrive in South Viet Nam Friday to take a close look at what he described as evidence of stepped-up Northern support for the Communist guerillas attacking that country.

Before taking off on a fact-finding mission for President Johnson, the defense chief told a news conference Thursday that new and heavier weapons "obviously of Chinese manufacture" have been appearing in the hands of the Red forces.

"There has been evidence that in the last six months North Vietnamese support of the Communist Viet Cong has increased," he said.

McNAMARA TERMED the situation in Viet Nam as grave, but declined to discuss suggestions advanced in some quarters that the South Vietnamese, and possibly their American supporters, should carry the war to Communist North Viet Nam.

Champ Gets Boost

Project Champ received a real shot in the arm Thursday when four campus leaders pledged their full support to the campaign to raise funds with which to buy Coach Shelby Metcalf a new car.

Corps Commander Paul Dresser, Head Yell Leader Mike Marlow, Student Body President Harlan Roberts and Civilian Student Council President Richard Moore said they approved of the project and hoped all Aggies would back the drive 100 per cent.

Sound Off

These are my views with regards to Silver Taps. To me, Silver Taps is a solemn and beautiful ceremony, but undoubtedly of military origin, traditionally dating back to when A&M was an all military college. However, we must face the fact that A&M is no longer an all military college now. In fact, I am told that at present the civilian students outnumber the members of the Corps, the former including about 400 to 500 foreign students. In spite of this, under present administration policy, if any student, whether a member of the Corps or a civilian (including a foreign student who may never have held a gun in his whole life) dies, Silver Taps are performed for him. Under these circumstances I can think of Silver Taps only as a traditionally Aggie memorial service for a departed Aggie, which should be performed irrespective of sex. A female student is as much an Aggie as any male student on this campus.

On the other hand, if one considers Silver Taps purely as a military service for military personnel, then what could be more ridiculous than to perform it for civilians and in particular for foreign students who for the most do not care for it anyway, and who quite conceivably, if ever a war breaks out, may even fight American soldiers, perhaps even graduates from the Corps?

When I think of these points, I cannot help but feel outraged at a statement made by someone, who has to be a responsible person, in the audience at the meeting.

He was apparently one of the Silver Taps buglers, and he said something to the effect that if a female student died, he would refuse to blow the bugle, and that the coed should probably bring her own buglers along.

Traditions are very good and healthy things to have, but at the same time one should not always live entirely in the past. It should be remembered that some traditions, like Silver Taps for example, were started when Texas A&M was an all military college. But great and import-

ant changes have taken place at Aggieland. First civilian male students were admitted. Now what amounts to a gigantic break with tradition has taken place in that coeds have been admitted. Granted there are only about 150 female students at present, but this number will grow into an enormous proportion in the next two to three years. With such changes being made, it becomes impossible to maintain all of the old traditions. With new policies new traditions also have to be started. Here is a glorious chance for the present student body at A&M to actually participate in the changes made for the betterment and excellence of their Alma Mater.

In conclusion, Sir, as regards to Silver Taps, I would like to propose the following two alternatives to the entire Student body: 1) Silver Taps should be made entirely a military ceremony for all members of the Corps, transfer students from another military college, and any other student with a military background. It should not include any civilian students, either male or female. 2) Silver Taps should be thought of as a solemn, traditional Aggie memorial service for a fellow departed Aggie, and as such should be performed for all Aggies irrespective of their sex.

Cyrus J. Kapadia (Graduate Student)

CAMPUS

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Robert Mitchum

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