

BATTALION EDITORIALS

New Space Center Reveals Modern Trends

The announcement of A&M's new million-dollar space center, coupled with the cyclotron construction program revealed recently will probably be the greatest step forward the university has taken in many years.

A&M is fast becoming a noted institution in the fascinating field of space travel and is already attracting internationally known scientists and technicians to lead research investigations in this truly space age field. Plaudits from such people as Werner Von Braun and Willey Ley are proof enough that A&M is coming into its own right as a space technology leader.

And yet the benefits are not the University's own. They will belong to Bryan-College Station and to the whole Brazos Valley, as well as the State of Texas.

The transition from a predominately agricultural school in a predominately agricultural area to a noted scientific institution specializing in everything from cattle genetics to lunar geology is somewhat of a paradox. The college that was founded "90 miles from nowhere," and the only state university that is not located in a major population center, may have that very fact to attribute to its fantastic new growth.

One of the major prerequisites to many of A&M's new programs is land. Good, flat relatively inexpensive Brazos Valley bottom land unhampered by the growth of large cities. Where else can you construct nuclear reactors and cyclotrons with such ease? What other school has the facilities, minds and that magic ingredient, land, to conduct the agricultural research necessary to make the United States the best fed nation in the world?

Those who were hasty to criticize the "cow college on the Brazos" are now eating those words as one project after another is captured by A&M. And the progressive minds of the University System who won't take no for an answer are furnishing the salt and pepper.

Mental, Physical Exams Taking Toll Of Draftees

(Special to The Battalion) Young men who fail are referred to the Texas Employment Commission for special testing, counseling, and placement service. If unemployed, they are referred to available jobs or to training or educational programs needed to fit them for jobs.

Last month, the first full month of the plan, more than 4,000 notices went to rejectees in Texas.

Early figures from TEC indicated that Texas rejectees who reported last month were unemployed in the ratio of 5-2 and that most of them were ready to accept help from the new program.

Sound Off CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle

Editor, The Battalion:
In the Tuesday issue of The Battalion (April 21) you printed an article concerning Silver Taps for John L. Cleaves, freshman swimmer. In the article you stated that the Louisiana State Police charged Henry Miller, driver of the Harrison car, with careless and reckless driving. We feel that if you had checked on the story before publishing the article you would have found out that this was incorrect. In any case we do feel that the true story should be told. Miller was absolved of all guilt by a coroner's inquest which charged that the driver of the other car was at fault. Charges are now being made against the driver of the other car on various counts.
The Aggie Swimming Team
See story, page 1.—ed.



"It's coming along great, but don't you think you're being selfish to work on it in my room? This should be shared with th' world—work on it outside in front of th' dorm!"

Editor, The Battalion:
Having just finished reading a recent article by Mike Reynolds entitled "Reynolds Rap," I slipped the knife from between my 17th and 18th vertebrae and sat down to write a letter in defense of myself.

First, I would like to compliment Mr. Reynolds on his column. I must say I enjoyed reading it; however I was very distressed at what I am sure was oversight on his part. If Mr. Reynolds had bothered to check my latest psychological tests, he would realize that I am not clever enough to issue forth with a quotable quote like the one he attributed to me. I only wish that I had been in possession of my faculties at the time so that I could have realized what a giant intellect I had.

Thank you very much, Mr. Reynolds, for giving me credit for wit which, I must admit, I do not possess.

Sandi Pratt
TWU

Antipoverty Plan Expects Changes In Legislature

WASHINGTON (AP) — The administration was advised Tuesday by Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, D-N. Y., to expect some changes in its antipoverty program as it goes through Congress.

Powell is chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, which wound up hearings on the \$962.5-million package. The group starts working out a bill Thursday.

"This bill is going to be changed," Powell told Sargent Shriver, named by President Johnson to direct the antipoverty campaign. Shriver was the concluding witness at the hearings, which began March 17.

Late Tuesday, Johnson sent to Congress a special \$228-million program for the 10-state Appalachian region, which he said had been bypassed by "the visible economic progress of the nation." This would be in addition to \$34 million for the area included in the anti-poverty bill before Powell's committee.

Filibuster Threatened

WASHINGTON (AP) — Notice was served on Southern senators Tuesday that a move will be made to cut off debate on a jury trial amendment to the civil rights bill unless they agree to vote on it by next Tuesday.

Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois said he and Sen. Mike Mansfield of Montana, the Democratic leader, agreed on this course.

Dirksen told newsmen he would not join with Mansfield to invoke the Senate's debate-limiting closure rule unless he felt they had the votes to put it over.

It takes a two-thirds majority of senators voting to choke off a filibuster. Such a move has never been successful against civil rights legislation.

Dirksen said the cloture petition, if filed, will be directed only to the jury trial amendment — not to the entire bill.

The proposed amendment would assure a jury trial to persons

charged with criminal contempt of court under injunction provisions of the bill if the proposed penalty were more than 30 days in jail or a fine of more than \$300.

Mansfield and Dirksen offered the amendment last week as a substitute for a Southern-sponsored proposal that would require a jury trial in all cases of criminal contempt — not just in civil rights cases — except when the alleged contempt was committed in court.

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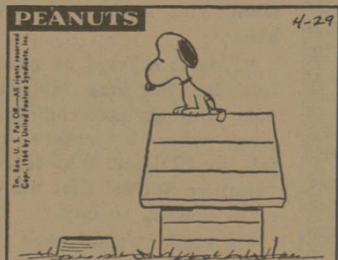
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