

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Corps Code

Foretells Future

Congratulations to the committee responsible for The Standard—the Corps of Cadets new guidebook.

A replacement for The Cadence, The Aggie Code of Honor, Social Customs, The Cadet Code of Conduct and the Articles of the Cadet Corps, the new cadet bible is a praiseworthy step forward from the chaos of custom.

Tradition is an honorable feature of any organization. But the Corps is a mobile, growing body with many facets. What is tradition with one man is not with another, and what is tradition with one outfit is not with another.

A code for the future—not the past—is now in the hands of the Corps. It not only spells out each man's responsibility to his class and his unit, but for the first time it tells why.

How these new standards—imposed by the Corps itself—are accepted will spell the future of A&M military training.

K. K. Konfusion

Psychologists say normal people don't try to put round pegs into square holes.

It would be interesting to receive their opinions on campus parking conditions. Campus Security has graduated beyond the square peg lesson and gone a step further—putting too many cars in not enough space.

Students living in the old dorm area need not consult Sherlock Holmes to discover too many parking permits were issued for the dorm lot—the number of "complementary" parking tickets given yesterday is proof enough.

But the solution is a puzzle. Unless more space is provided or some cars moved, students will have to play musical chairs with the limited number of parking spaces with the loser taking a parking ticket.

Bulletin Board

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| <p>WEDNESDAY</p> <p>The Brazos County A&M Club will see a film on football highlights of 1963 at their monthly meeting at the clubhouse on Ehlinger Drive. Meeting starts at 6 p.m. with refreshments served at 7 p.m.</p> <p>The Judo Club will meet at 5 p.m. at G. Rollie White Coliseum. All old members have been asked to report for practice today while new members should report Sept. 23.</p> <p>The Aggies Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.</p> <p>Athletic officers from competing organizations have been asked to report to the YMCA Building at 5 p.m.</p> <p>The Duplicate Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Room of the Memorial Student Center. Students, faculty and the public have been asked to compete.</p> | <p>THURSDAY</p> <p>San Angelo West Texas Home-town Club will meet in the Art Room of the MSC at 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>The Soil and Crop Science Student Wives Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 302 of the Plant Science Building to discuss a welcoming tea for new members.</p> <p>Graduate Student Council begins operations for the fall semester with a noon meeting in the MSC. All graduate students have been invited.</p> <p>FRIDAY</p> <p>The Freshmen Agricultural Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Lecture Room of the Animal Industries Building. Officers will be elected.</p> <p>The A&M Women's Social Club will meet at 2:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the MSC. A children's fashion show will be held.</p> |
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... "I didn't think so either, but th' guy who sold them to me said I'd need 'em!"

Civilian—Air Force Plan For Retirement Lauded

ABILENE (AP) — Sources sponsoring the retirement of military men in the Abilene area say their program has met a good response.

Lt. Col. M. M. Stallings, Dyess Air Force Base information officer, said, "We haven't heard of any other type of retirement plan between an air base and a community being promulgated anywhere in the United States."

He added, "If this thing gets rolling, we'll undoubtedly get Air Force-wide notice because it is a unique plan."

The program aims to direct the retiring military man into a ready-made civilian niche.

Two committees have been set up. One already is preparing a brochure and planning advertisements in military publications.

Another committee will secure and pass on information about jobs for servicemen about to retire.

Between 10 and 20 men retire each month at Dyess, but the program also aims to reach other bases and services.

Chamber of Commerce President C. E. Bentley says that Abilene in this manner will be attracting persons in their 40s "who

have before them many years of constructive civilian activities. The plan makes available a vast reservoir of talent that will be needed."

One inducement would be that the medical, base and commissary privileges at Dyess will be available.

Col. Stallings said, "There is a vast pool of military people who can step into civilian life and manage technically trained people. We have police personnel, plumbers, teachers, road and ground maintenance operators, heavy equipment operators, doctors — in short, the whole gamut of society."

The manpower reservoir could be used as an inducement for industry to move to Abilene.

The colonel said most retired persons are particularly interested in information on jobs, and Abilene plans to provide that.

The idea for the military-civilian retirement plan came from Col. Robert Halbouty of 819th Medical Group at the air base, who wrote a letter outlining the plan when the Chamber of Commerce asked for suggestions to make Abilene grow.

The sponsors also hope to bring towns within 50 miles of Abilene into the program.

Health Care For Aged Bill Suffers Set-Back

WASHINGTON (AP) — The administration's program of health care for the elderly suffered a possible fatal setback Tuesday in the House.

Without even a token fight, its supporters permitted the Senate-passed legislation to go to a Senate-House conference for almost certain death, unless President Johnson can find a formula to keep it breathing.

Of the 12 men who will decide the fate of the measure in the joint conference, eight are known opponents and only four are avowed supporters.

Their recommendations must be acted on by both the Senate and the House.

What is popularly known as the medicare provision was added by the Senate to a House bill to broaden the Social Security program and increase monthly payments to persons on the Social Security pension roles. The Senate vote on the amendment, one of more than 60 changes made by that body, was 49 to 44.

Health care backers in the House, led by Rep. Cecil R. King, D-Calif., made no effort to disguise their pessimism. King told newsmen he has only "a faint hope" that the program could be revived this year.

The maneuver that all but swept the program off the congressional calendar, and put it on the political campaign agenda, came as a surprise. It followed a huddle by administration House leaders as they surveyed prospects for an initial test vote originally scheduled for Thursday.

"We surrendered to the realities," one of the leaders said privately. "We just didn't have the votes for a good showing this week, and we probably won't have them later."

Thursday's test was to have come on procedure to direct the five House conferees to insist on retention of the health care pro-

vision. It would not have been a direct test of health care sentiment in the House, since many other matters are involved in the omnibus bill.

"We didn't want to lose on a technicality," King said, explaining why neither he nor any other backers of the plan objected to sending the measure to conference. A single objection could have blocked the procedure.

Since proponents had widely advertised that there would be an objection, the Rules Committee called a meeting to approve the alternate procedure. It was in session when the bill's backers decided to delay the show-down.

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