

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Two Wheels Big Deal

Students in eastern colleges may have come up with the solution to A&M's parking and traffic problems—bicycles. A recent survey at the University of Michigan estimates that between 6,000 and 7,000 bikes are used on its campus every day. The school reports a jump from 3,750 bikes on campus in 1960 to over 4,700 in 1963.

The University of California at Davis is planning 15 acres of parking facilities to accommodate its two-wheel traffic. There are so many bicycles at the University of Illinois that cyclists now have their own paths especially designated with their own road signs.

A&M is far from being Ivy League-minded but the use of bicycles for campus transportation is a tradition—a necessity—students may well have to adopt. Anyone trying to leave by the traffic circle during the noon rush can confirm the need for fewer autos on campus.

The transition to this two wheel transportation may not be in the distant future. Five years ago any student using an umbrella on campus was told to pack his shower shoes and get back to Austin. Now they are an accepted rainy-day necessity.

And so for the bicycle, too. It is now primarily used by freshmen who don't want to whip-out on the way to classes, but greater distances between classes and over-time profs are increasing its need.

Seniors will have to learn to keep their spurs out of the spokes though.

Discretion Needed For Who's Who

Applications for Who's Who are due tomorrow and unless a greater interest is taken in this national honor by the Senior class it may become a "Who's That?"

Too often self pride prohibits noted student leaders from nominating themselves while false pride spurs others to fill the vacancies.

The requirements reflect the honors necessary for nomination:

- (a) Be at least an academically classified senior (95 hours) and be expected to receive a degree not later than June, 1965. Veterinary medicine students under the trimester plan are eligible if they will become seniors by February, 1965 and graduate before September, 1965
- (b) Have an overall grade point ratio of 1.5 or better.
- (c) Be active in campus activities.
- (d) Show qualities of leadership as indicated by positions held in student organizations.
- (e) Be respected for accomplishments by students.
- (f) A student may be elected to the Who's Who roll one year only.

The academic requirements can be easily met by many. Leadership requirements are stiffer and it is up to those doing the nominating to remember leadership—not popularity—is the criteria.

Bulletin Board

WEDNESDAY

The Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

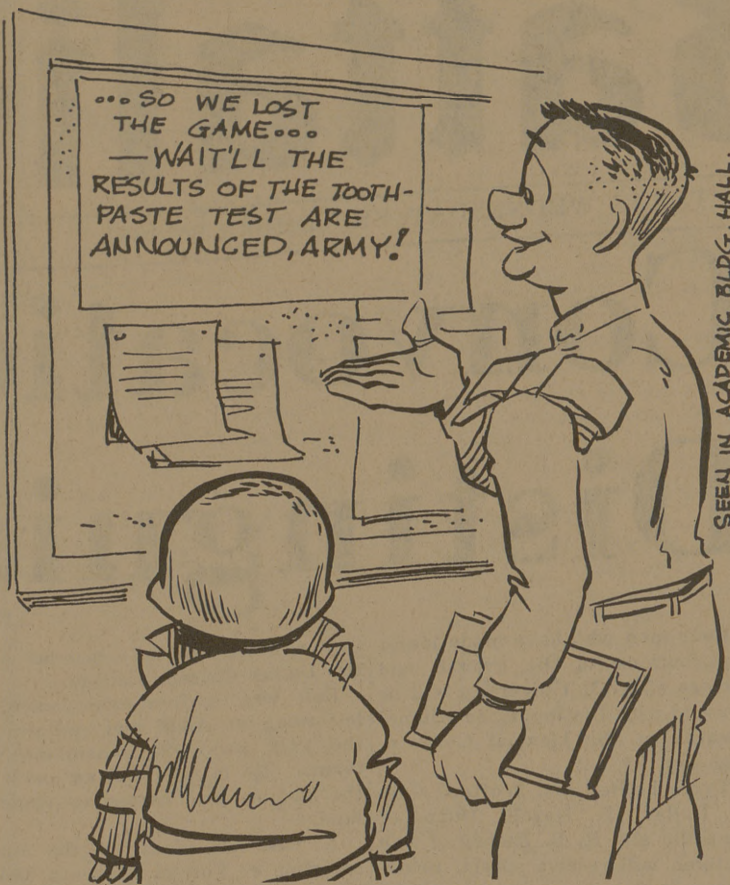
The Election Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3-D of the MSC. All members have been urged to attend.

The Hillel Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Hillel Foundation Building. A program on the summer institute will be presented.

The Duplicate Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Room of the MSC.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"We're favored by at least 20% fewer cavities!"

Red China Nears As Atom Power

WASHINGTON (AP) — Communist China may explode its first nuclear test bomb in the near future, Secretary of State Dean Rusk said Tuesday.

"If it does occur, we shall know about it and will make the information public," Rusk declared in a statement.

While cautiously worded, his statement was one of the strongest made recently on the possibility that Red China may be on the verge of becoming the fifth power in the "nuclear club." The United States, Britain, Soviet Union and France are the nuclear powers, France being the newest developer of atomic weapons.

"For some time it has been known," Rusk said, "that the Chinese Communists were approaching the point where they might be able to detonate a first nuclear device. Such an explosion might occur in the near future."

His emphasis on the near future and issuance of the statement Tuesday suggested the possibility that the U. S. government might have new intelligence information through diplomatic or other channels that the Chinese Communists would hold a test atomic explosion in the next few days.

It was understood, however, that the element of timing was in part speculative so far as Washington is concerned and is related to two other impending vents. One is the Red Chinese anniversary celebration Oct. 1. The other is a meeting in Cairo

Oct. 5 of about 50 non aligned countries.

Speculation in official quarters here is that the Red Chinese might wish to announce a successful atomic explosion in connection with the anniversary or as a means of impressing the Cairo conference with Chinese progress in nuclear science.

CORPS FRESHMEN YEARBOOK PORTRAIT SCHEDULE

FRESHMEN IN THE CORPS will have their portrait made for the "Aggieland '65" according to the following schedule. Portraits will be made at the AGGIELAND STUDIO, ONE BLOCK NORTH OF THE intersection at North Gate, between the hours of 0800 and 1700 on the days scheduled.

Uniform will be winter blouse. BLOUSES AND BRASS WILL BE FURNISHED AT THE STUDIO. EACH MAN MUST BRING HIS OWN SHIRT AND TIE. Annual portraits are without cap. GH cap may be worn for optional personal portraits.

- September 28-29 C3 & D3
  - 29-30 E3, F3, & G3
  - 30-Oct 1 H3 & I3
  - October 1-2 Squadrons 1-3
  - 5-6 Squadrons 4-6
  - 6-7 Squadrons 7-9
  - 7-8 Squadrons 10-12
  - 8-9 Squadrons 13-15
  - 12-13 Squadrons 16-18
  - 14-15 Maroon Band
- PLEASE NOTE: The studio will have NO BAND BRASS. Band members are requested to bring their OWN BLOUSE WITH BRASS.
- 15-16 White Band

SAYS SOVIET AFFAIRS EXPERT

U.S. Should Promote Rift Between Russia - China

"It is the American duty to keep the Sino-Soviet rift going as long as possible because it will help the United States get a strong hold on the Russians and create an image for us abroad," commented Leon Volkov, Soviet Affairs editor for Newsweek magazine.

Volkov, top Soviet affairs expert in this country, spoke Tuesday night to a capacity crowd in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom in the first 1964-65 Great Issues Series.

After he defected to the West during World War II, he was granted permission to enter the U. S.

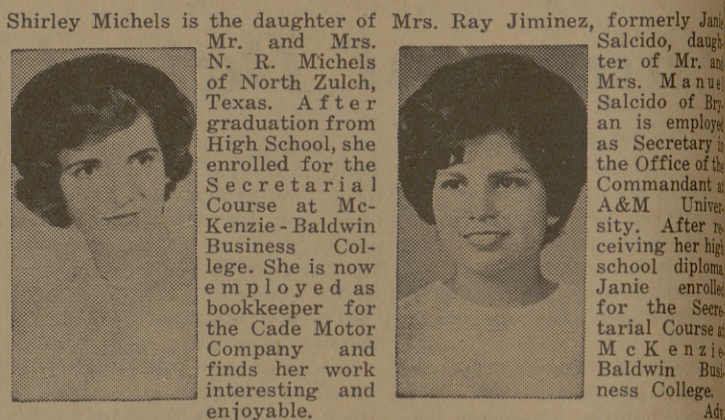
"I believe that we kept the pressure on the Russians during the Kennedy administration when Kennedy turned the Russians from Cuba and when the Soviet Union had to ask for wheat from the Canadians and us," Volkov said.

"This showed not only the Russian people, but also all of the countries connected with the USSR that they were not as powerful as they think," he noted.

"The wheat deal exposed the bad agriculture problem in Russia and proved to the government that they were stressing too much on trying to show the world that they were a mighty military nation and were not paying any attention to their domestic problems," Volkov said.

Concerning the Sino-Soviet

do not have the materials to do this. This Red China threat is pushing Russia more to the East. "What the Russians need more than anything now is to obtain a long-term loan from somebody



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**PEANUTS**

By Charles M. Schulz

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