

BATTALION EDITORIALS

SCONA—An Opportunity But A Responsibility

One of the finest opportunities for A&M students to participate in a truly international foreign affairs forum will soon be here.

For the 10th consecutive year this campus will host students from approximately 80 major universities in the South, Southwest, Mexico and Canada for the Student Conference on National Affairs. The conference theme this year will be "Challenge to the Americas (Pan American Trends: Promise or Threat?)"

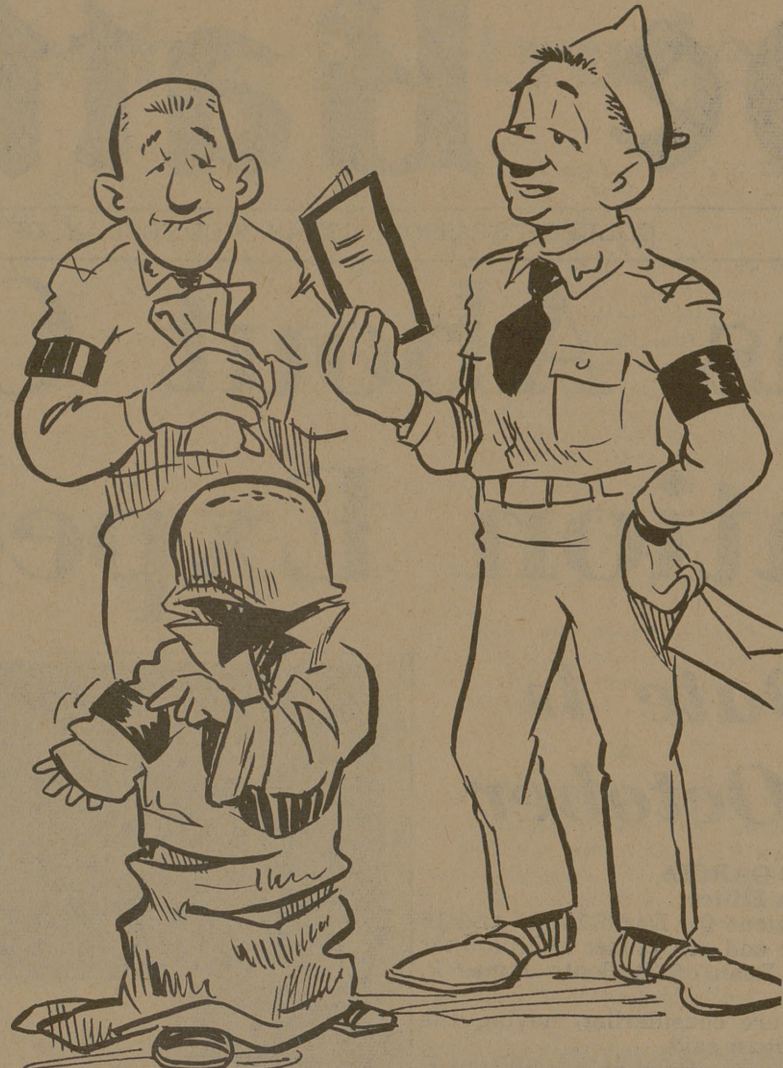
Openings for 24 A&M students are available to attend SCONA X with 16 student delegates selected from the student body at large and eight positions chosen from Aggie foreign students. Those who wish to be a student delegate to SCONA must be either a junior or senior with an overall grade point ratio of 1.5 or higher, a grade point ratio of 1.5 or higher for the last semester and must not be on conduct or academic probation.

Students who want to submit application forms may receive them at the Commandant's Office, the Student Affairs Office in the YMCA Building, and the main desk and Student Programs Office in the Memorial Student Center.

The nationally-known A&M conference has long been recognized as the best of its kind in the South and ranks second only to the United States Military Academy's Student Conference on United States Affairs.

Such notable speakers as President Lyndon Johnson; Senator Hubert Humphrey; His Excellency Gonzalo J. Facio, Costa Rican ambassador to the United States and former president of the Organization of American States, and Edwin P. Neilan, former president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, are included in SCONA's list of renowned guests.

The privilege and responsibility of A&M students to represent this school admirably rests in those who will take the time "to see how the other half lives."



"Just wearin' armbands isn't enough—we've got to send our sympathy and condolences to Austin so they'll know we're for them even if they never win another game!"

Editor, The Battalion:
Last Saturday, after the game, I was shocked and appalled to hear some talk—not by students—in College Station. This letter to "Sound-off" is the result.

I don't want to believe that some of our Aggies decided that they were not going to win the game and so stated. If this is so, they rightfully were not allowed to play.

My question to them is, "How can any individual Aggie do such a thing to the hundreds of Aggies who stand together throughout the games waiting for the Twelfth Man call—to the students who set alarms to get up to meet the team at the airport at 2 and 3 in the morning—win or lose?"

We are in our second year of Aggieism and it is a wonderful experience. We have seen and learned that an Aggie is a tradition not an individual. Aggies have a spirit that is beyond most people's comprehension. To see this as a mother is a tremendous thing to behold.

If some of you on the football team aren't satisfied—why can't you play in spite of it—play as a team—play for Aggies who give you more support than any other team in the nation gets?

Come on Aggies—play the game as a team—you can and will win if you do.

I'm proud to be an Aggie mother and will hold my head high when I say the team tried to win—can you look at your fellow students and do the same.

Mrs. Tom Phillips Galveston

Editor, The Battalion:

I have just seen a clipping from The Battalion which contained a letter from Melvin Cockrell, '67, concerning the Maggies on the A&M campus. To say the least I'm appalled at the asininity and childishness to which a student at A&M has descended. This is one Sully's "Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"?

Mr. Cockrell: By what right can you state the Aggie spirit exists only in the Corps? And by what right can you say that these Maggies know nothing of Aggie traditions? Speaking of the former first: most of these outsiders have been born and reared on Aggie spirit—many are native to College Station and have several years of Aggieism on you. Many of them were singing the "Spirit" and attending bonfires and yell-practice before Turkey Day before you were in knee-pants or even knew of A&M's existence.

And let me say something for the Civilian students—who at least match your number or outnumber you—where would the Corps be if they didn't have just

ATTENTION
All civilian dorm counselors and officers

The civilian section of the Aggie staff announces that the last date for scheduling group pictures (dorms) for the '65 Aggieism will be 1 December 1964. Pictures are to be scheduled at the Student Publication Office, Y. M. C. A. Bldg. The final day for having pictures made will be 1 March 1965, at which time all other items to go on pages and payment (\$55.00 full page, \$30.00 one half page) must be turned in. We will appreciate your cooperation and any ideas.

John Holladay, Section editor

as much spirit or cut just as many logs as you do?

You talk about wanting to improve your school. This can only be done with good professors and the money to attract them to A&M. To get the money a school needs students and A&M wasn't doing so well with just boys—or men as you call yourselves. Professors also need to feel pride in their school and their jobs. Do you think these educated men are proud of you for refusing to accept something which is here to stay? Is the problem the fact that these Maggies, most of whom are seriously interested in their education, are making you work a little harder to pull your grades by the curve? Are they making you sit up and realize that you are here for an education and not for the Corps?

The Corps is a fine part of A&M University and far be it from me to down grade it. Many of this nation's finest leaders came from A&M and have created an outstanding tradition to follow. But the Corps is not A&M University. You are paying for an education—not a pair of boots and a saber. They mean very little without that degree. I suggest that you take advantage of your opportunity to go to college and get what, I hope, you're paying for—a good education. Learning depends on what effort you put into it—not who you sit next to in class.

A final note: If the Corps ever fades from the A&M campus

it will be because the cadets & grade it to such an extent as to force it out of existence.

In case you decide to tell me that I know nothing about "Aggie Spirit"—try being born and reared in College Station and being a true A&M University supporter for 21 years.

Patricia Varvel, '65
TWU College of Nursing
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Editor, The Battalion:

Enclosed is an article from the October edition of The Battalion.

The reference of "lumberjacks" to the women of our student body is discourteous and unworthy of gentlemen. Regardless of our personal convictions concerning co-education at Texas A&M, we as Aggies, members of the finest men's school in the nation, cannot in keeping with the traditional image of "knightly gentlemen" resort to such rudeness.

The Battalion as the official media of the student body in the public must safeguard the image. This article appeared in a section of the paper that is usually filled with highly controversial issues; however, this article is simply a regular, common insult—an insult whose pettiness expended itself on those traditionally known as the weaker sex. I hope that in the future your staff will use every effort to avoid printing such abasements.

Andrew S. Kovich Jr.

Bulletin Board

Wednesday
Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.
Unitarian Forum will meet at 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Fellowship Building at 305 Highway 6 South.

Thursday
Bellaire Hometown Club will meet after yell practice in Room 206 of the Academic Building.
Valley Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 108 of the Academic Building.
Brazos County A&M Mothers Club will meet at 3 p.m. Thursday in the Social Room of the MSC.

ATTENTION ALL HOMETOWN AND PROFESSIONAL CLUB REPRESENTATIVES
The hometown club and professional club section of the "Aggieism" staff has announced that the last date for scheduling club pictures for the "Aggieism" will be 18 December, 1964. Pictures are to be scheduled at the Student Publication Office, Y. M. C. A. Bldg. The final day for having the pictures made will be 1 March, 1965. Please make arrangements to have your picture scheduled before the deadline.

Dave Baker, Section Editor
Mike Rosbury

— Job Calls —

Thursday
The Dow Chemical Company—chemical engineering, chemistry, civil engineering, electrical engineering, industrial engineering, mechanical engineering, business administration, agricultural economics, industrial distribution.
Atlantic Refining Company—chemical engineering, electrical engineering, petroleum engineering.
Pan American Petroleum Corporation—geological engineering, geophysics, physics, mathematics, electrical engineering.

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