

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Student Spirit Is Help, Hindrance

The A&M student body showed Saturday night that the desire to win is still very much evident on this campus. The vocal support given the Aggie gridmen against Arkansas was a tangible exhibition of its continued devotion to A&M athletic endeavors.

Also heartening was the enthusiasm displayed by the Aggie partisans not in the student section. They showed that even in an unsuccessful season, the former students and area residents still have an interest in the team.

This is all fine and good. However, there are still three games left on the schedule this season and "talking it up" will surely be in evidence again at those contests. In order to obtain the maximum benefit from this ageless tradition, Aggies should re-examine it and consider its effect as it is now used. The yelling presently begins when the opposing team breaks from their huddle and doesn't end until the play is over. There is a hidden pitfall in this and The Battalion believes that it is important to reveal it to the student body before the next game.

Intelligent quarterbacks have been exploiting these yells for some time. Their trick is simple. They call a play in the huddle, line up in their formation, size up the Aggie defensive alignment, and then ask for a re-huddle on account of the noise if they want to call a different play. Through this maneuver, enemy quarterbacks are enabled to base their play selection on a foreknowledge of A&M's defensive line-up. Fred Marshall was doing it very effectively for Arkansas Saturday. He has not been alone. The most extreme example came last season in the Baylor game. Slick Don Trull, the Bruin signal-caller, picked the Cadet defense apart with this advance information.

One solution which has been suggested would keep this from happening and would remove the danger of penalties, yet would not hinder the overall effect of the yells. Why not "talk it up" when the opposing team leaves their huddle but cut it short when the signals are being called? Then resume it as soon as the ball is snapped.

The Aggie roar is a powerful institution; one respected all over the conference. It can have a marked effect. But its effect will be even greater when it only helps one team on the field.

L. N. P.

Who Murdered The Political Protest?

Friday's protest against the University banning of campus political organizations was a flop. And not because "Two blondes in bathing suits could have attracted more attention."

The protest fizzled for the same reason that the Young Democrats and the Young Republicans were first expelled last spring—disunity. After a half hour speech on the un-constitutional motives of the administration by a "non-partisan but bi-parisan" leader of the demonstration, one member of the protestors had the audacity to sanction the rally but agree fully with the administration.

If he had wanted to kill the protest more effectively, a hand grenade would have been more subtle. And then to kick the prostrate image of unity when it was down, the Young Republicans immediately withdrew all support from the demonstration and absolved themselves for participation in any form. Et tu Brute!

The question of ethics in the administration's decision is academic. As far as the political clubs are concerned, the campus hierarchy is omnipotent and any decision they reach is law. If for this reason alone, demonstrations are childish and useless.

But to give up on what is certainly a valid conflict of opinions would be disgrace as well as defeat. Now that the election is over, the administration's fears of active political support on this campus can be quelled. If the clubs can put up some semblance of unity and approach those responsible often enough, with good enough arguments, some compromise must come.

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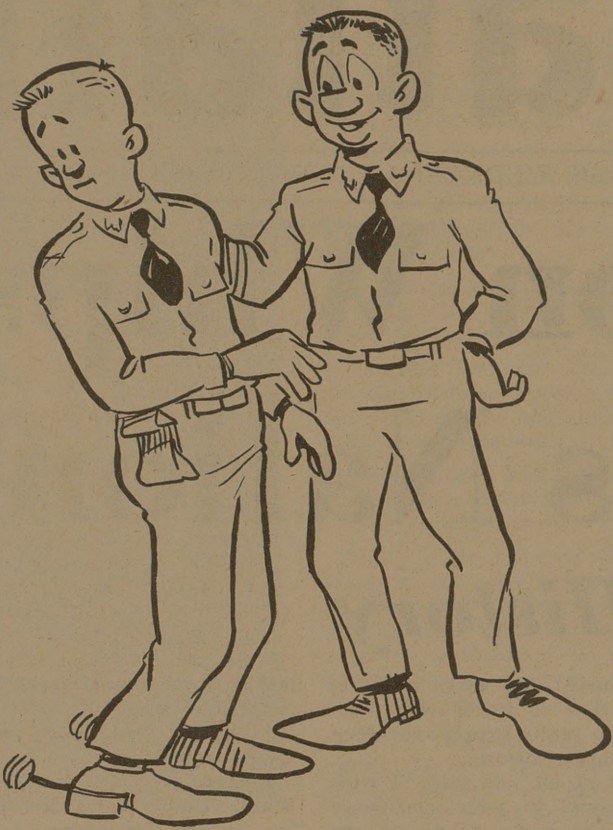
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CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"You'll feel differently about wearing spurs—when you're a sophomore!"

Bulletin Board

- WEDNESDAY Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.
- THURSDAY Yankee Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the YMCA Building.
- Rio Grande Valley Hometown Club will meet at 7:45 p.m. in Room 108 of the Academic Building.
- Shelby County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the YMCA Building. This will be an organizational meeting and all students from Nacogdoches, Panola County and San Augustine County have been invited to attend.
- Richardson Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Birch Room of the MSC.
- Brazos Valley Gun Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 146 of the Physics Building.
- Abilene Hometown Club will meet at 7:45 p.m. in Room 208 of the Academic Building. Club pictures will be taken.
- Mid-County Hometown Club will meet in Room 206 of the Academic Building after yell practice.
- Waco-McLennon County Hometown Club will meet in the YMCA Building after yell practice.
- Bay Area Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3-C of the MSC. Club sweetheart will be elected.
- Bellaire Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 206 of the Academic Building.

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Sound Off

Editor, The Battalion: My name is Tom Hargrove and I'm a candidate for the office of vice president of the Junior Class. I fully realize the duties and responsibilities of this office and if elected I believe I can do a good job. I've tried to talk to all the members of the Class of '66, but if I missed any of you, then I would like to urge you now to consider me when you go to cast your ballot. I feel that I am well qualified for this job. I am a member of the Corps of Cadets and I have been fairly active in school for the past two years, especially in the field of student publications. My activities include membership in Sigma Delta Chi, the journalistic society, and I am currently a candidate for Alpha Zeta, the agricultural honor fraternity.

Above all I'd like to urge you to be sure to vote on election day, whether for me or my opponents. Thank you for your time.

Tom Hargrove, '66

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Richard H. Zimmerman

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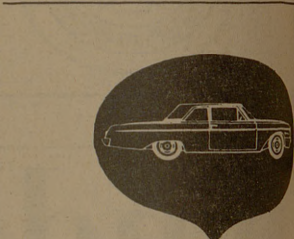
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