BATTALION EDITORIALS

Time To Change

Poor Exam Slate

slow. Conservatism is the byword and the old tried-and-proven methods reign as law. Therefore it is not unusual

for comparatively minor changes in curriculua or operating

procedures to bring cries of revolution.

In 1961 the University of Pennsylvania pioneered a

change in its normal operating calendar, and The Battalion would like to see A&M join the "revolt." Simply stated, the school stream-lined its semesters and fitted

them to a more functional time table. Fall semesters

begin three weeks earlier to allow final exams to fall before

the Christmas recess, thereby eliminating the rather awkard

Pennsylvania has not been alone. Beginning with the 1965-66 school year Clemson University will begin opera-

tion under its new calendar that opens the fall semester

earlier and concludes the college year two weeks earlier

will be on August 20 and the commencement on May 14.

By comparison, the current school year began September

According to the school's dean of instruction, "The new calendar is being established in the interest of improved first semester scholarship. We believe students

will do better work when they no longer have a two-week

The change would not be a difficult one for A&M. The present calendar calls for a 16-day Christmas holiday, to

be followed by 10 more days of instruction before final exams. If the Fall Semester could begin three weeks in advance exams could be concluded before the recess and

are now the only two universities in the South to adopt the new plan. A&M should be number three.

The University of Kentucky and Člemson University

break in the midst of a study routine," the dean said.

the spring semester would follow nicely behind.

For Clemson, the matriculation-registration process

Changes in educational institutions are traditionally

New Mexican Cabinet Considered U.S. Friend

MEXICO CITY (AP) - The cabinet of newly inaugurated Mexican President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz is composed largely of seasoned politicians and technicians with a man regarded as a close friend of the United States

Heading the Foreign Ministry is Antonio Carillo Flores, an affable, 55 year-old lawyer who for the past six years has been Mexico's ambassador in Washington.

in the key post of foreign mini-

Carillo Flores' post and that of Interior Minister Luis Echeverria form the crux of the cabinet. Echeverria, 42, takes over a post which many times has been a stepping stone to the presidency. Diaz Ordaz served there under the president he succeeded, Adolfo Lopez Mateos. Echeverria was second in command to Diaz Ordaz.

The mild-mannered attorney has been active in affairs of the Institutional Revolutionary Party PRI, Mexico's dominant political force, since 1946, a year after he graduated from the National University.

to Diaz Ordaz in 1958 and became acting minister when Diaz Ordaz resigned to accept the presidential candidacy of PRI in the past summer's elections.

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Bulletin Board

WEDNESDAY Hillel Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the foundation building. The Rev. George Becker will speak on "How Protestants See American Jewry."

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He rose through various party and government posts to become assistant minister of the interior

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my office as you, as responsible

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agement means a successful

Remember, fish Melcher, pre-

paratory medicine, Squadron 17

from San Antonio — "A tiger

Edward F. Melcher, '68

Sound Off

The Battalion:

ate your vote

Editor,

The Battalion:

break in instruction.

in the spring.

9 and ends May 29.

My name is Kay Goldman and Fish Class.

The duties of Social Secretary are primarily concerned with the planning and functions of the Fish Ball which is scheduled for February 20. I have had experience in planning large dances of this kind, and I am willing to work hard to make this year's dance the best ever for Aggies and their dates.

Because I am a girl there may be those who think my aims are those of purely trying to upset the all male tradition at A&M, but my only wish is to serve my class in the best way I know and to actively participate in University functions.

I also want to thank those cadet C.O.'s McBrearty, Gilson, Trainer, Halloway, Cattrell and exec's Santas and Gray who allowed me time to speak to the fish in their respective outfits, Mrs. Kay Goldman, '68

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ident of the Freshman Class. I am not inexperienced in holding executive offices. I have been I am asking your support in elect- an officer and worked on importing me Social Secretary of the ant committees in church and high school. If I am elected, I will do my best to further the interests of the Freshman Class. Gig

> Thomas Nierdieck, '68 * * *

Editor, The Battalion:

I'm writing this letter in order to let my fish buddies know of the class of 1968's election Thursday the 3rd of December.

I urge each and every one of my fish buddies to get out and vote in this, our class election. Voting is one of our privileges, and I'm sorry to say that it isn't one that is used as it should be.

In case you haven't already made up your mind as to who you are voting for, I'd really appreciate your vote. I'm running for fish president and need your votes to get it.

I may not have as long a list of qualifications as some of my opponents, but I do have a lot of determination and would like to see this class become the best

Philip Spencer, '68

the best of my ability. I have served on the student government in high school as vice president and have been active in other organizations also, such as the annual staff. I feel that I am qualified and both need and desire your vote.

Being a candidate for the Stu-

dent Senate from the Freshman

Class, I would greatly appreci-

If elected, I will serve you to

Ben Jones, '68 * * *

Editor. The Battalion:

This letter is directed to all the fighting fish on campus. Because I feel that I am qualified for the office of Student Senate, I would greatly appreciate your vote in the elections of December

If elected I will do my utmost to see that the wish of the majority is carried out. I will also do my best to see what the majority wants. I will try to obtain the best campus activities possible for this school.

Be sure and vote in the election on December 3, and make the best choice possible. I hope that your choice will be for fish

Gerald Becker, '68 * * *

Editor. The Battalion:

"Put a tiger in your bank!" Election time is here, and it is important to pay heed to my slogan! As your candidate for secretary-treasurer of the Freshman Class, I have enthusiasm and past experience needed for this



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