

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Changes In 'Spirit': Hasty, Impractical

Many changes have occurred at A&M since it was officially designated a full-fledged university two years ago. The transition was a smooth one in most cases, and when the "college" went out and the "university" came in, the majority of those associated with A&M considered it a progressive, practical change.

As in the cases of all major changes though, some elements of the old were removed only to find that replacements were unpractical or unacceptable. The alteration of the "Spirit of Aggieland" is both.

Motives of those who thought the verse changes were necessary are beyond question.

But the student body has rejected the new verses.

"For we are the Aggies—the Aggies are we, We're from Texas A.M.C."

to "For we are the Aggies—the Aggies so true, We're from Texas A.M.U."

and A-G-G-I-E, Texas Texas A.M.C. Gig'em Aggies! 1! 2! 3!

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definitely have not been accepted by the student body.

The reasons are obvious if the rest of the yells are considered. "Old Army" also refers to the school as T.A.M.C., while the "War Hymn," the "Spirit," "Farmer's Fight" and "Military" refer to such out-of-date names as "Farmers" for the Aggies and "Varsity" for the University of Texas.

Since it is impractical to change all the yells and traditional names for A&M, it is also impractical to change the alma mater.

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"I had no idea that there was so much interest in national affairs at A&M!"

FURTHER DISCUSSIONS NECESSARY LBJ, Wilson Consider Nuclear Defense Reshuffle

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson and Prime Minister Harold Wilson of Britain searched Tuesday for a satisfactory way to bring about a major reshuffling of the Western world's nuclear defenses, but wound up saying that further discussions are necessary.

The President and the Prime Minister concluded two days of conferences, and then said, in a joint communique, that they agreed that the objective, with respect to nuclear defense, is: "To cooperate in finding the arrangements which best meet the legitimate interests of all members of the Atlantic Alliance, while maintaining existing safeguards on the use of nuclear weapons, and preventing their further proliferation."

They added that, while a number of elements of this problem were considered, in what they termed an initial exchange of views, this was "a preliminary to further discussions among interested members of the Alliance."

Johnson and Wilson called for increased initiatives to promote on a worldwide basis efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons to nations not now possessing them.

They also "reaffirmed their determination to continue to contribute to the maintenance of peace and stability in the Middle East and the Far West."

"In this connection," Johnson and Wilson said they recognized "the particular importance of the military effort which both their countries are making in support of legitimate governments in Southeast Asia, particularly in Malaysia and South Viet Nam, which seek to maintain their independence and to resist subversion."

The communique was written in general terms. In keeping with this, the President and prime minister said they agreed their meeting "was only the first stage in their consultation in which the matters that they had discussed would need to be examined in greater detail."

This apparent prelude to further meetings gave no clues as to

when or where the next one might be held.

There has been speculation that Johnson is likely to start traveling abroad not too long after his inauguration next month.

The two men describe their exchange of views, spread through two sessions Monday and two Tuesday, as wide-ranging.

Some of the points in the communique:

They voiced again a determination to support United Nations peacekeeping operations, and to strengthen systems of regional alliance in Europe, the Middle East, and the Far East.

They spoke of an urgency for progress on arms control and disarmament. This was in the wake of Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko's call, in the

United Nations, for a summit conference on disarmament, and a day in advance of a Johnson-Gromyko meeting at the White House.

They noted that a national defense policy must be based on a sound economy, but expressed a "conviction that the burden of defense should be shared equitably among the countries of the free world."

They agreed on a need for improvement in the balance of payments, and in the production and competitive position of nations, so as to bolster economic strength, which they said is vital to fulfilling heavy international responsibilities. In this connection, they decided to explore possibilities for closer cooperation in weapons production, and in defense research and development.

— Sound Off —

Editor, The Battalion:

Members of the Class of '68. Having had previous experience in student government and having held several offices of responsibility in high school, I feel that I have a good working knowledge of what it takes to be a good student leader.

I feel that one of my best qualifications is that I want to be president of the fish class very much, and if elected, I will not let you down. I will uphold my duties as your president to the best of my ability and also I will provide a strong voice for you in the Student / Senata, if elected. I sincerely appreciate your support this far, and I again ask you to vote for me tomorrow, December 10.

Jack R. Coleman, '68
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Editor, The Battalion:

I am running for social secretary of the fish class and would appreciate your vote in the run-off election this Thursday. Be-

ing interested in serving our class, I served as a fish yell leader earlier this year and would take much pride in serving as social-secretary of our class. I have had experience in this type of work. My senior year at Corpus Christi Ray, I was chairman of the committee that planned both the Favorites Dance and the Senior Prom.

I want to thank everyone who worked or voted for me in the primary. I'd particularly like to thank the fish in my outfit for their help in my campaign.

As social secretary, planning the Fish Ball would be my principal task. I can promise that if elected I will combine my past experience with hard work to make the dance one of the highlights of our freshman year. I'll devote all the time necessary to fulfill the obligations of this position.

John Daly, '68
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Editor, The Battalion:

Vote Fish Melcher for secretary-treasurer of the Class of '68!

Thanks to all my fish buddies for putting me in the run-off election, and now is the time for everyone to cast his vote again. I want to fill this post, and I am prepared to meet the responsibilities that this office requires.

Our class has only four short years to make its impression on A&M University; hence, it is very essential that we set up our goals so that we may have a strong foundation for the future. The Class of '68 has made several accomplishments; however there is much more to be done the next three years. Therefore, elect fish Melcher as your secretary-treasurer, and together we will promote beneficial goals.

Remember, one way the enthusiasm of the class can be measured is by the percentage that go to the polls. Tomorrow is very important not only because we are going to elect the officers that will represent our class this year, but also it will be a chance for

the Freshman Class to express its interest in the welfare of Texas A&M University. Let's all get out and vote!

Edward F. Melcher, '68
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Editor, The Battalion:

The Aggies have let us down. For years the students at Texas A&M and, in particular, the members of the Corps have been among the most eager and friendly groups of students in the entire Texas-Oklahoma area. They have all treated the military information teams visiting the school with the utmost respect and consideration.

However, the loss of certain articles from the Naval Aviation display table does not seem in keeping with the usual integrity and honesty of the average A&M student. The missing items will, no doubt, give much pleasure and enjoyment to the pranksters who borrowed them.

I am sure that the misappropriation of government property can be overlooked when it is committed in a humorous, childish manner.

Lt. Commander Weir Aviation Information Office, U. S. Naval Air Station, Dallas

Bulletin Board

WEDNESDAY
Midland Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 207 of the Academic Building.
South Louisiana Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 116 of the Academic Building.

AGGIELAND '65 CORPS SENIORS

A make up schedule for all seniors to have their picture taken for the AGGIELAND '65 will be from December 1 to December 11. All seniors are urged to have their pictures taken so it will appear in the AGGIELAND. Portraits will be made at the Aggieland Studio in Class 'A' winter uniforms. Let's make this the best AGGIELAND ever by having a picture of all the seniors in it.

ATTENTION

All civilian dorm counselors and officers
The civilian section of the Aggieland staff announces that the last date for scheduling group pictures (dorms) for the '65 Aggieland 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

— Job Calls —

THURSDAY

Hughes Tool Company — civil engineering, mechanical engineering, petroleum engineering.

The Dow Chemical Company — agricultural economics, agricultural education, agricultural engineering, agricultural journalism, agronomy, animal science, animal husbandry, dairy science, entomology, floriculture, horticulture.

ATTENTION ALL HOMETOWN AND PROFESSIONAL CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

The hometown club and professional club section of the "Aggieland" staff has announced that the last date for scheduling club pictures for the "Aggieland" 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 Rasbury

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