

BATTALION EDITORIALS

A Self-Appraisal Needed By SCONA

SCONA X is now history.

The annual Student Conference on National Affairs has joined its nine predecessors as an example of superb planning, coordination and energy in the production of a public affairs forum.

SCONA is no longer a child though, and with its advancing age must come criticism—or better, suggestions—if it is to hold its lead in the field of student conferences.

The Battalion has followed SCONA closely during its birth and growing pains, both as an "insider" and as an observer, and feels as qualified as anyone to leap into the breach and provide the first comments.

FIRST: The whole purpose of SCONA should be reviewed. Is Texas A&M furnishing the time, money and its campus solely for the benefit of visiting delegates? Obviously the 24 A&M delegates gain from SCONA, but its worth during the past few years to the remainder of the student body is questionable.

SECOND: The method of screening of speakers should be relaxed to allow better-known personalities to address SCONA. The present method allows the conference to ask dignitaries from the President on down, but too often controversial speakers are vetoed. SCONA has not had a real "name" speaker address the conference since Vice President Johnson spoke to SCONA VIII.

THIRD: Each year several prominent members of the faculty are asked to serve as advisors to help resolve internal conflicts and help steer the individual committee toward their goals.

But the mere fact that these men are connected with SCONA all during its planning stages discounts their value as critics. The closer their participation, the more likely they are to overlook needed changes as they become "inside" members.

This then leaves the remainder of the faculty and student body to sit as impartial judges. Many of the suggestions may be useless, and much of the criticism may be unfounded, but the conference could benefit greatly by such a review of its first decade of operation.

FOURTH: On the positive side of things, a host of congratulations are due to the entire staff of the Memorial Student Center and especially to the father of SCONA, MSC Director J. Wayne Stark, for the continued success of SCONA. Stark and his two secretaries, Mrs. Alyce M. Palmer and Mrs. Elsie Patranello have contributed immeasurably to 10 successful conferences.

Bulletin Board

THURSDAY

Bay Area Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 108 of the Academic Building.

El Paso Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Odessa Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the MSC.

Jackson County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the MSC.

San Angelo-West Texas Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Art Room of the MSC.

Fort Worth Hometown Club will meet at 7:15 p.m. in Room 105 of the Academic Building.

Mid-County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 206 of the Academic Building.

Laredo Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the MSC lounge.

Wichita Falls Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Lecture Room of the Biological Sciences Building.

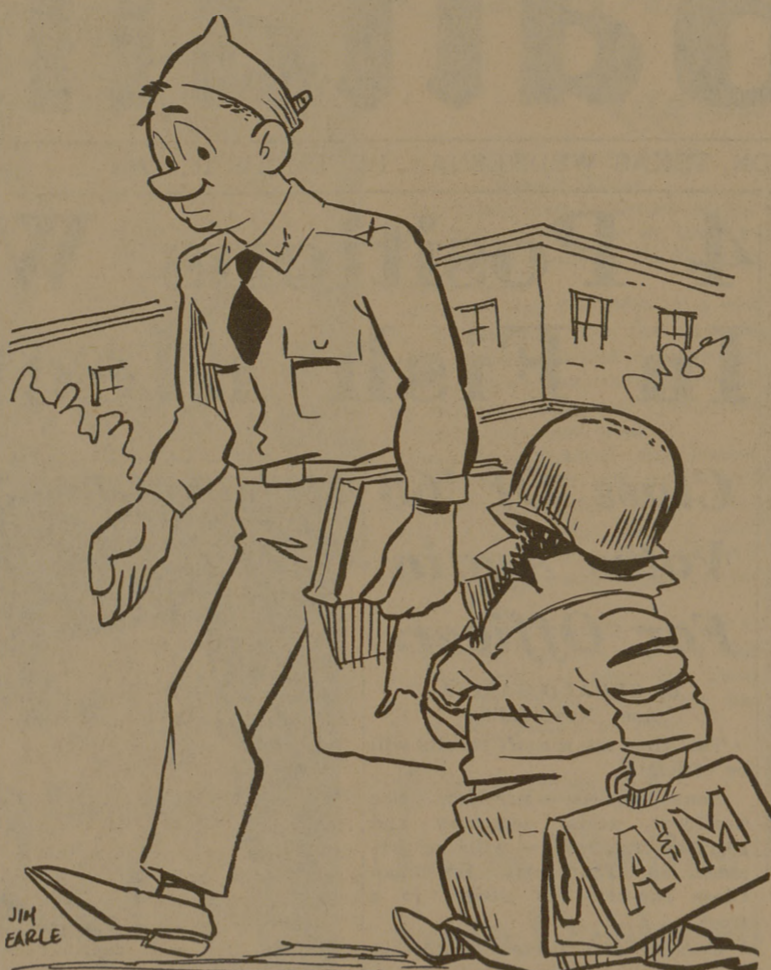
Dallas Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the YMCA Building.

Matagorda County Hometown Club will meet at 7 p.m. in the MSC lobby.

Aggieland pictures will be taken and the club sweetheart will be chosen.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"Naw, I'm not leavin' early. I carry it 'cause it helps my morale just knowing that it won't be long, now!"

— Sound Off —

Editor, The Battalion:

Members of the Class of '68: In the primary and run-off elections, you have supported me and my platform and I would like to express my deep appreciation for this. I also ask you to support me again Thursday in my bid for the presidency of our class. I will work hard to achieve our common goals and I will work especially close with the Student Senate. If elected, I will do my best to make our Fish Ball the greatest ever. Our attendance at the polls this far has been very good, and again I urge you to vote.

Please remember me Thursday as you vote for the president of the Fish Class.

Jack R. Coleman, '68

Editor, The Battalion:

I had the honor to attend SCONA X as a delegate, and it was very well handled on the whole.

My only complaint concerns Mr. Tisdale's handling of the question by a Latin A&M delegate to Mr. Dubois. Certainly such a

lengthy question can not be translated into five words. Granting that time was short, Mr. Tisdale cut him off with an arbitrariness that in a few seconds transformed the conference from a device of use in education to a game played by children. The children subsequently dismiss the purpose and objectives, and the game's results are forgotten in the next moment.

I would like very much for you to print this letter to show that not everyone agrees with the handling of the matter.

Britt Jarvis, '65

Editor, The Battalion:

The A&M University students will soon be leaving the campus for the Christmas Holidays and I would like to take this means of thanking each one of them who has so graciously donated to the TB Christmas Seal campaign before they go, even though our campaign is not officially over. I appreciate the enthusiastic support and the many kind wishes for the success of the campaign which I have received from the Aggies this year. So many students have written wishing they had more to give to the Seal drive.

I also wish to thank Ronnie Fann, editor of The Battalion, for all the fine publicity given the campaign this year. It has been a big factor in the success of the drive and I appreciate this help. Thank you all and best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Mrs. D. W. Williams, Chairman, Christmas Seal Campaign

Intellects Work Alone Study Says

By Intercollegiate Press
New York, N. Y. — Nearly seven out of ten persons with high intellectual capability take jobs which give them freedom to work alone or power to lead and dominate others, a Columbia University study has revealed. They tend not to be the type who enjoy being team members in the Organization.

These are the findings published recently in a book titled "Talent and Performance": "Undergraduate performance is a poor criterion of later achievement." Doing well in college doesn't necessarily mean you'll do well later in your work. "The most successful tend to marry early (while) those who had difficulty launching their careers tended to marry late. Single men were not conspicuous among those in the top achievement level."

Those who did the best in their work found time to engage in activities outside their work.

These talented persons found far more satisfaction in their work than a look at their salaries would indicate.

Economics Professor Eli Ginzberg, chairman of the President's Manpower Advisory Committee, collaborated with John L. Herma, a psychologist and member of the University's Conservation of Human Resources Project, and five other Columbia researchers in the survey.

Other survey findings: Those in the higher achievement levels had the following characteristics:

1. Outstanding grades in graduate school.
2. Resolution of occupational choice by junior year in college.
3. Early completion of education, including early doctorate.
4. Quick start and progression in careers.
5. Successful assumption of adult responsibilities, including military service, marriage, and family formation.

Conclusions:

"No individual who has the capacity and desire to proceed with his education should be blocked by lack of funds.

"It would be highly desirable to explore the possibility of collapsing the time required to earn a doctorate. There has been a marked tendency toward the 'infantilization' of American youth which contributes to the unnecessary prolongation with corresponding excessive costs of higher education."

LARRY GREENHAW, '64
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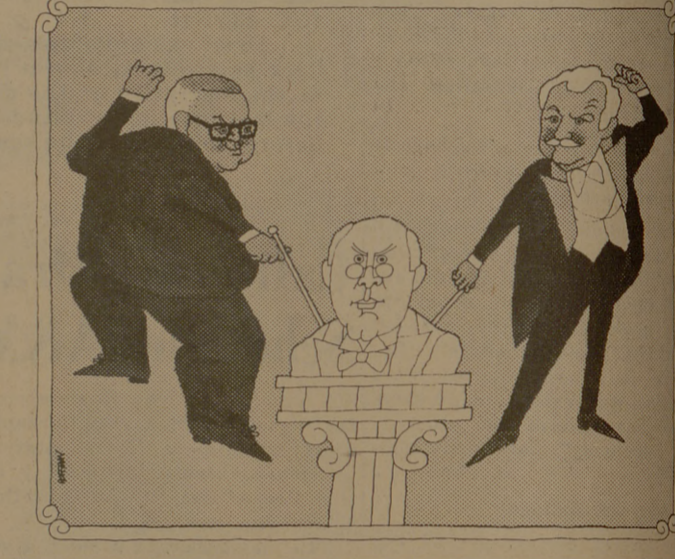
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Dave Baker, Section Editor
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