by Jim Earle A College Drop-Out Study

BATTALION EDITORIALS **Commencement** Displays **Corps Dedication**

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The earning of a Reserve or Regular commission in the armed forces requires sacrifice, dedication and downright stamina. So it is only fitting and proper that the Corps of Cadets turn out en masse for the commissioning exercises at the end of each semester.

The presence of the Corps at last Saturday's ceremonies added dignity and meaning to the occasion. Genuine comradeship was reflected when under-classmen lined up to congratulate members of their respective units who became commissioned officers.

The commissioning also afforded the cadets an opportunity to hear sound advice from a military leader who has spent his adult life in uniform. Air Force Maj. Gen. Lucius D. Clay Jr., pointed out the rewards and requirements of a full military career. His words if heeded will result in greater service to the nation.

The graduating seniors who won commissions deserve the congratulations of the Corps. The time and place for commendation by fellow cadets is the commissioning ceremonies. The Corps itself should be congratulated for honoring the new officers at the hour when they assume their leadership roles. Such comradeship reflects credit to the Corps, A&M University and the individuals involved.

Chamber Of Commerce Needs Faculty Support

It's time again for faculty and staff members to stand up and be counted in an act of appreciation to the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce.

A&M University personnel should fall in line on two demands. First, tickets should be purchased immediately to the annual Membership Banquet in Ramada Inn January 26. Secondly, University support should join the membership campaign in February.

Banquet ticket sales indicate a lagging response from the campus. Ducats now have been placed in the University Information Office for the convenience of faculty, staff and others at A&M.

Dr. John H. Furbay of New York City, who heads TWA's Air World Education Program, will be the featured speaker at the chamber banquet. It is a compliment to the Chamber and the twin communities that a man of such stature accepted their invitation.

The Chamber never lets up in helping the University. The University family should express its gratitude by attendance at the annual banquet and acceptance of membership obligations.

Texas Takes Inaugural Spotlight

WASHINGTON (AP) - Texas president. basked in the limelight Wednesday as Lyndon B. Johnson took the oath of office as the 36th President of the United States.

Once before a native of the Lone Star State had become President, Dwight D. Eisenhower, but he had been reared a Wednesday's events: Dale Mill-Kansan.

It was for Texans an all-out chairman, and Col. Howard Burdisplay of homestate pride when native-son Johnson and Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota took the oaths of chief executive and vice family.

A highlight of the festivities was the parade down Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to the White House.

In the vanguard were two limousines bearing two Texans who had worked for months on er, over-all inaugural committee ris, head of the parade committee. Then came limousines bearing President Johnson and his



"I take it you're through with finals!"

Texas Legislature Adjourns To Watch TV

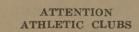
tors closed out the 59th session's second week Wednesday with brief morning meetings, quitting in time to watch televised portions of President Johnson's inauguration.

The 31-member Senate, slimmed to 15 members by senators in Washington, heard four more measures introduced before adjourning until 10:30 a.m. Monday.

While House members conducted routine business before adjourning until 11 a.m. Monday, Rep. George Hinson of Mineola garnered still more signatures of co-sponsors of his teacher pay raise bill.

Hinson reported more than half of the 150 representatives have signed the measure, which would increase minimum teacher pay from \$4,000 to \$4,400 annually

A companion bill, to establish



The Aggieland staff has announced that the last date for scheduling Athletic Club pictures for the 1965 Aggieland will be Feb. 10, 1965. Pictures are to be scheduled at the Stu-dent Publications Office. YMCA

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas legisla- a teacher sick leave program, was introduced by Rep. Wayne Gibbens of Breckenridge. Both measures also have been submitted in the Senate.

Sen. Franklin Spears of San Antonio introduced three measures, including a proposed constitutional amendment to ban the poll tax as a voting requirement and allow all armed services personnel to vote.

Other Spears measures are a proposed constitutional amendment to allow local taxing authorities to exempt improvements from taxation, and a revision of driver's license laws.

Sen. A. M. Aikin of Paris announced that his finance subhearings on the \$3.5 billion apcommittee will begin Monday propriations bill.

Legislative activity will pick up next week, when Gov. John Connally will deliver a speech outlining his program and House Speaker Ben Barnes will announce House committee appointments.

> ATTENTION Picture Schedule

Aggieland '65

By Intercollegiate Press Princeton, N. J. — Students withdraw from college for rea-

sons ranging from disappoint-ment with the faculty to psychological problems springing from family relationships, speakers reported at a recent con-

The meeting, on the subject "The College Dropout and the Utilization of Talent," was attended by about seventy-five per-A. Pervin, Willard Dalrymple, is a blind intersection. and Louis E. Reik of the Prince-

felt of the United States Office and they didn't think anything of Education reported that for about it. the period 1953-63, 55 per cent

of those who entered college received their bachelor's or first who dressed in rags and sold professional degrees in four flowers in the streets, always asyears.

sumed she was virtually penniless. Arthur B. Bronwell, Dean of Yesterday she died. Officers Engineering at the University searched her humble apartment, of Connecticut, said that only and sure enough, she was penni-40 or 45 per cent of the na- less

tion's freshmen in engineering would receive engineering degrees, though many more would gain degrees in other fields. If effective means could be found for grappling with the attrition problem, he said, engineering

ference at Princeton University. Newspaper Brights We'd Like To See

By The Arizona Republic sons from the fields of education, Sam Storm owns a powerful business, and government. It sedan. His wife, Sal, drives a was directed by Drs. Lawrence sleek compact. Near their home

Yesterday Sam was returning ton University Health Services. home on Washington 102, and Sal The extent of dropout from was speeding eastward on Accolleges was charted by several celerator Lane. They missed one of the speakers. Robert E. If- another by more than a half mile,

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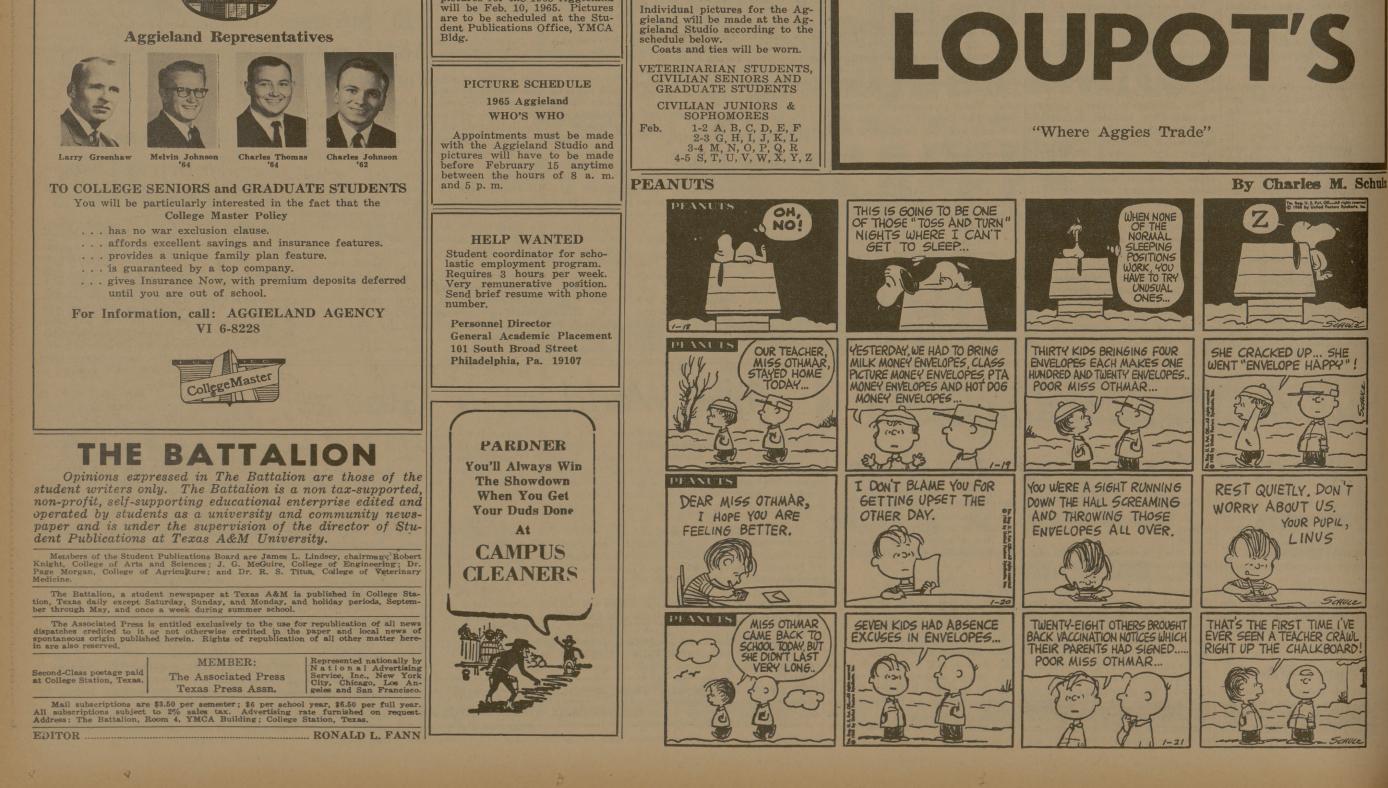
"The data strongly suggest he concluded, "that deans a university counselors can free to consider dropping out a potentially profitable exper ience in the education of so students.

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graduations could be increa by at least 50 per cent. would be sufficient to meet m of the field's projected manpow needs, he indicated.

The data for individual school varied widely. Speakers repo ed or quoted studies that show dropout rates for recent class of 20 per cent at Princeton, per cent at Yale University, per cent at Pennsylvania St University, and 50 per cent the University of Illinois.

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Dr. Pervin said that althout data for the Class of '60 two earlier ones indicated those who stayed earned n money than those who left, cannot easily be attributed to lack of degree on the part of dropouts." He also reported t dropouts "are increasingly porting immediate and long-to positive effects" from their