

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Commencement Displays Corps Dedication

The earning of a Reserve or Regular commission in the armed forces requires sacrifice, dedication and downright stamina.

The presence of the Corps at last Saturday's ceremonies added dignity and meaning to the occasion.

The commissioning also afforded the cadets an opportunity to hear sound advice from a military leader who has spent his adult life in uniform.

The graduating seniors who won commissions deserve the congratulations of the Corps.

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.

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.

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 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 Kansan.

It was for Texans an all-out display of homestate pride when native-son Johnson and Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota took the oaths of chief executive and vice president.

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 Wednesday's events: Dale Miller, over-all inaugural committee chairman, and Col. Howard Burris, head of the parade committee.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



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

Texas Legislature Adjourns To Watch TV

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas legislators 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

a teacher sick leave program, was introduced by Rep. Wayne Gibbens of Breckenridge.

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 subcommittee will begin Monday appropriations 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 ATHLETIC CLUBS

The Aggieband staff has announced that the last date for scheduling Athletic Club pictures for the 1965 Aggieband will be Feb. 10, 1965.

PICTURE SCHEDULE

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A College Drop-Out Study

By Intercollegiate Press Princeton, N. J. — Students withdraw from college for reasons ranging from disappointment with the faculty to psychological problems springing from family relationships, speakers reported at a recent conference at Princeton University.

The meeting, on the subject "The College Dropout and the Utilization of Talent," was attended by about seventy-five persons from the fields of education, business, and government.

The extent of dropout from colleges was charted by several of the speakers. Robert E. Ifelt of the United States Office of Education reported that for the period 1959-63, 55 per cent of those who entered college received their bachelor's or first professional degrees in four years.

Arthur B. Bronwell, Dean of Engineering at the University of Connecticut, said that only 40 or 45 per cent of the na-

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

Newspaper Brights We'd Like To See

By The Arizona Republic Sam Storm owns a powerful sedan. His wife, Sal, drives a sleek compact. Near their home is a blind intersection.

Yesterday Sam was returning home on Washington 102, and Sal was speeding eastward on Accelerator Lane. They missed one another by more than a half mile, and they didn't think anything about it.

The customers of Lily Liefgreen, who dressed in rags and sold flowers in the streets, always assumed she was virtually penniless.

Yesterday she died. Officers searched her humble apartment, and sure enough, she was penniless.

graduations could be increased by at least 50 per cent. This would be sufficient to meet most of the field's projected manpower needs, he indicated.

The data for individual schools varied widely. Speakers reported or quoted studies that showed dropout rates for recent classes of 20 per cent at Princeton, 30 per cent at Yale University, 40 per cent at Pennsylvania State University, and 50 per cent at the University of Illinois.

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

"The data strongly suggest," he concluded, "that deans and university counselors can feel free to consider dropping out as a potentially profitable experience in the education of some students."

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