

BATTALION EDITORIALS

A Welcome To Journalists, Athletes

Texas A&M will be playing host to well over a thousand students of high school age and under during the next week and a half.

Their presence here is the result of athletic ability on the one hand and journalistic interest on the other. The annual High School Journalism Workshop begins Sunday, the day after the three-day Jaycee Sports Spectacular concludes.

To the hundreds of young visitors who will be on the campus during the next few days we extend a sincere welcome and a wish that each of you enjoys your stay here.

Some of the finest journalistic potential in the state will be in evidence during the workshop, and the week's work here could provide the incentive for a rewarding and brilliant career in the communications field. The workshopers will compile a yearbook and a tabloid newspaper here during their visit, and will tour campus publications facilities and hear several noted authorities speak.

The emphasis will be on the physical during this week, however, as at least a thousand young athletes pit their skills against their counterparts in golf, tennis and track. To the winners will go a berth in the national meet later in the summer while the satisfaction and enjoyment of honest competition belong to the rest of the group.

All of the contestants will have the opportunity to hear Glenn Cunningham, one of the world's all-time great athletes, speak in Kyle Field Thursday evening.

And during the actual competition, a future Ben Hogan, Pancho Gonzales or Randy Matson may step forth and brand himself for the first time as a rising star on the sports horizon.

The opportunities available in these two fine events can be valuable ones if the participants take advantage of them. The success or failure of the program will not depend on the total number of participants or upon the amount of local interest they attract.

Rather, the success or failure must be measured in its value to each individual. These programs have been set up to motivate and encourage a certain portion of the youth of Texas, and comprise two of the many events which frequently bring young visitors to the campus.

Once again, we offer a warm welcome to these students—part of the large majority of teenagers who stay out of the sordid headlines dealing with juvenile delinquency—and hope that your memories of this experience will be fond ones. And if in the future you choose A&M as the school to further your education, we will welcome you back for another and this time longer excursion into the realm of self-improvement.

Noon Classes

Bear Investigation

This summer session, like its predecessors, is proving at least one thing.

The noon hour can be taken up (at least partially) with classes without any drastic consequences for the university routine.

During the regular term, the twelve o'clock whistle signals the start of a daily traffic jam which everyone has grown to consider a normal part of the day.

Within the space of only a handful of minutes, 8,000 students, several hundred faculty members, and a large number of staff employees all turn out for lunch. And by 1:00 p.m. everyone is back on the job again.

The impact of this many people engaged in an exodus to their respective dining places—whether it be cafeteria, home or restaurant—throws the area into a sort of controlled frenzy which is bad for the nerves and worse for the digestion.

Most of the local restaurants are packed at this time and the streets are reminiscent of the Hollywood Freeway.

What has just been described is not a situation peculiar to A&M, of course. The lunch hour has become a frantic institution in most parts of the country. The picture here is similar to that of many other areas, but the fact remains that the noon congestion is a serious annoyance for those who leave the campus to eat, and creates a hazardous traffic situation as well.

At least a partial alleviation of the pressure could be provided if 12 o'clock classes were scheduled during the regular session. Students with noon classes would either eat lunch earlier or later than the majority and thus help spread out the traffic.

The objection to this, however, is the dining arrangement of the Corps and it is a valid one. Care would have to be taken to insure that the courses scheduled at noon would not be ones possibly required by a Corps member which he could obtain at no other time. Within this limitation there are still a great number of courses which could be offered at noon.

This suggestion may not provide the complete solution but it is one which could bear serious study and consideration.

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CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"I have the feeling we're being watched!"

Highlights And Slights From Your Capitol

By VERN SANFORD

Texas Press Association AUSTIN — State government will begin the new fiscal biennium with a surplus of nearly \$100,000,000. But it will wind up with a balance of only \$4,200,000, according to estimates of the Governor's budget office.

In a recap of legislative spending, Gov. John Connally's staff totalled all appropriations at \$3,700,000,000, of which \$622,900,000 will come from general revenue. (Votes by the governor of \$2,600,000 from the spending bills are deducted.)

Figures put state cost of the average \$553 teacher pay raise at \$70,600,000,000 for the two-year period beginning September 1.

Total new revenue provided by the 59th Legislature will come to \$82,500,000, according to revised figures. Biggest portion of this comes from the three-cents-a-pack increase in the cigarette tax. HOSPITAL TRANSITION UNDER WAY:

Texas' vast system for treating the mentally ill, mentally retarded and victims of tuberculosis is entering a vital transition period.

On September 1, realignment and reorientation of these facilities and services, as enacted by the 59th Legislature, will go into effect: Separation of the tuberculosis

Texas In Wash

By TEX EASLEY Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rep. Henry Gonzalez, D-Tex., San Antonio, let his colleagues know that many immigrants came to this country by other routes than the one which led through Ellis Island in New York harbor.

In a recent House speech Gonzalez, noting a move is underway to have the now-abandoned island made a memorial to those who first touched American soil there, said:

"I herewith serve notice I shall initiate action to . . . call attention to the equally great contribution made by those steady and noble incursions of immigrants from across our 'southern bounds'."

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Ex-Air Force Academy Cadet Explains Cheating

NEW YORK — A former Air Force Academy cadet, writing in an article in the current issue of SAGA magazine titled "The Air Force Academy Made Us Steal," charges that the Academy was at fault in the recent cheating scandal.

"The conflict between a family upbringing that stresses loyalty to one's companions as the American way of life, and a code of honor that requires one to inform on his companions must lead inevitably to what is termed 'cheating,'" contends the former cadet.

Using the pseudonym Nino Baldachi, famed legendary phantom of the Academy, the ex-cadet asserts that many more than just the 109 cadets dismissed for "cheating" were actually guilty of violation of the honor code at the Academy.

"At least 600 of the 2,567-man cadet wing knew of specific instances of cheating," says the author, "and under the Honor Code, they are equally guilty."

"However, of the 109 cadets who were dismissed, two-thirds of them were guilty of nothing more than having knowledge that cheating did exist," he continues.

"I personally know of one cadet who ordered another cadet out of his room when the visitor began discussing an exam with his roommate. Still, he had tolerated cheating in not reporting the incident and was forced to resign."

The Honor Code states: "We will not lie, cheat or tolerate those who do."

Under its provisions, "cheaters," or those who fail to report in cheaters and liars, are guilty of a breach of the Code, those who do the deeds.

"The Academy can't, on one hand, have an honor code that we must not tolerate cheaters and must inform on others, and on the other hand teach that we must stick to our buddies not rat on them, and have a proper class spirit," concludes ex-cadet.

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