"Why do you upperclassmen think of th' bonfire in terms of rain and bad weather? It's only a day off and th'

This is the first school that I have been en-

rolled for two semesters at a row, and I sin-

cerely think this is the hardest school I have

ever been. I studied in Sam Houston College,

New York University, and Columbia University

before I reached my junior year in Texas A&M,

and to my belief I am settled and confident now

that this is the school I really like, and going to

be a graduate of. I said Texas A&M is the hard-

est school in a sense that here the students are

treated like high school boys under the strict

shelter of the professors and other faculty members; and that's the way it should be. I believe

a person should not be given full privilege of

freedom and mastery of his own, till he reaches the

age of 25, which very few undergraduate students

country, halfway around the world. Before I

reached the state of Texas, the state I heard so

much about, the booms and bangs, I happen to

travel quite a few countries, but by golly there

is nothing like Texas, and the ambitious, over-

counter at least half-a-dozen times in the Univer-

sity campus is that, how come I became an Aggie.

There really is nothing much to say, that I heard

so much about the "Fighting Aggie" football team

and the school's high military achievements dur-

ing World War II. Still it is the largest military

school in the world. Also recently its academic

achievements in nuclear engineering and others

are soaring rocket high throughout the nation.

All these facts add up to one that I joined Texas

A&M. Well, in addition to these, as a matter of

fact, I made a short trip to A&M campus before

enrolling formally; and I was overwhelmingly

taken by friendly "Howdy" from Aggie buddies,

and blunt look from Ranger as a stranger, but I

bet he would have also said "Howdy" if he would

from the rest of the world, plunged into worship-

ping manliness, and education through hard work-

ing, all of which reflects to Renaissance period, or

preeminent Greek era of Athens and Troy. That's

why the glory of this school, like those coun-

I think Aggieland alone is a place isolated

have had the voice that I could understand.

The most outstanding question that I en-

Incidentally, I am a student from a different

weather's beautiful!"

The Battalion:

seem to possess.

confident Texans.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle

# Sound Off Town Hall Blackball Draws Blasts

Editor, The Battalion:

We, the undersigned, strongly object to the recent untimely and inappropriate action taken against Mr. Johnny Cash, and indirectly against the Memorial Student Center Council.

We object for the following

(1) We contend the authority of the MSC Council to approve and invite an entertainer to appear before the student body of this University has been effectively usurped by administrative decree with approval of the Executive Committee under their power of final approval delegated in University Regulations, Section II, Paragraph 48. The paragraph does not provide that approval once given can be re-

The MSC Council obtained the necessary approval to invite Mr. Johnny Cash to entertain here and and subsequently executed a binding contract with him. Thereafter, Mr. Cash was arrested in El Paso. The MSC Council met on Monday, Nov. 8. A motion was made by the Former Students Representative to the Council, Mr. Joe Buser, that Mr.

Kumas A. Mitra

Cash's invitation be rescinded. The motion did not receive a second from the floor. The Council evidently had not seen adequate cause to breach Mr. Cash's contract (the contract required notice of cancellation 30 days prior to the scheduled performance.)

On or about Nov. 12, a telegram was dispatched to Mr. Cash cancelling his engagement. The University took six weeks to revoke Mr. Cash's contract; the University could have taken three weeks and been within their rights of revocation specified in the contract.

(2) Texas A&M University is under legal and ethical obligation to perform its contracts unless it can demonstrate due cause for not so performing.

We, in our thoughful opinion, do not believe that the University has shown due cause for this breach of contract, and therefore, take grave exception to the unilateral action so taken.

Mr. Cash was arrested at the El Paso Airport on Oct. 4 for allegedly having in his possession 668 dexardrine tablets and 475 equanil tablets. A grand jury has not been convened to measure the strength of the evidence against Mr. Cash, and, of course, his trial has not been scheduled.

The judicial processes of this country require that a man is innocent until a court of law proves him guilty. Certain", . . unfavorable publicity originating from El Paso." (The Battalion, Nov. 16, 1965, 61, No. 233) does not generate the requisite proof of guilt within the framework of the law and American tradition. The University should not blemish its integrity through assessing Mr. Cash's guilt by a press. A jury trial with its concomitant requirements is the neecssary procedure; inferences from 'unfavorable publicity' are prejudicial, and therefore are in-

tee on petition for Johnny Cash. James Weatherby

> John Corns Lynn R. La Motte

The Battalion:

As a long time fan of Johnny Cash I was highly disappointed to see his show cancelled, to say the least. I regret that the University students and the resilents of the Bryan-College tion area have been deprived of hearing one of the greatest country and western singers of all times. Mr. Hannigan's defense of the administration's stand was, in my opinion, no defense at all. A quote, "Cash would have brought adverse publicity since the Longhorns started losto the University." If my memory serves me correctly, there have been several incidents in past years that have brought bad publicity to the University, such as the near riots in Austin during the A&M-TU basketball games. One of these received coverage in all of the major newspapers and magazines across the country. Yet the administration did little to prevent reoccurances. This is only one example, pages could be filled

Quoting again, "The administration didn't feel it was wise to present an entertainer with a cloud hanging over his head." This cloud was placed there by the administration itself. Nothing has been proven yet and in this country you are innocent till proven otherwise. The pills in question are non-narcotic and are in laymen's terms, the following: dexadrine-known as a pep pill and use for remaining alert for extended periods of quilizer used by millions of people in the U.S. every year.

alleged actions. I am merely stating that I feel the administration has made a mountain out of a molehill in this particular case. Of course this is only my opinion and I am sure many will be critical of it. However, an opinion is an opinion and I feel mine is as good as any that op-

George R. Coakley

Editor. The Battalion:

It is my understanding that the Johnny Cash Show has been cancelled because of recent bad publicity and because the University tries to create a Christian atmosphere for students.

This is the first time to my knowledge that the private life of an entertainer has been considered in the selection for Town

I fail to see any connection at all between the performer and the image cast by Texas A&M University. If the University tries to create a Christian atmosphere for students, which entertainers do they have in mind?

I have attended four Johnny Cash Shows in the past and Cash has presented at least one religious song at each performance. How many Town Hall performers in the past have devoted any time at all to religious thoughts?

As for bad publicity, that is the result of reading the views of the opposition. The Twelfth Man at A&M gets bad publicity every year. To please people we should cancel that. Most of

Cash that has reached me has originated at College Station. I once heard that a person is innocent until proven guilty. Should that be true: What case

does the Town Hall committee have against Cash? I think Johnny Cash would draw a record crowd for a Town Hall presentation and I would like to see the cancellation reconsidered. If not I will see The

Johnny Cash Show in Killeen, Texas, on Nov. 25. Charles Fausion '63

Editor, The Battalion:

John Henry Faulk recently warned an audience at the Memorial Student Center about judging a man before he can defend himself in a fair trial. The administration of Texas A&M University either did not hear or did not heed this advice before they cancelled the Town Hall contract of Johnny Cash. But worse than the prejudgement of Mr. Cash was the hypocritical justification offered for the cancellation. The administration maintains they are trying "to provide a clean, Christian atmosphere for the students." But what is clean or Christian, not to mention legal, about the administration's breaching a contract?

The example set by the administration also raises the question of student-faculty authority in inviting speakers or entertainers to the campus. If the administration reserves final ap-

then freedom of speech and public assembly can be denied to the least controversial of figures.

The administration is also setting an alarming precedent in its quest to provide the proper atmosphere. Is the door now open for the administration to censure the Aggie Players, campus mov ies, midnight yell practice, or

TV viewed on campus? It is my opinion that the only clean, Christian, Hebrew, Moslem, or Hindu thing to do is to renew Mr. Cash's contract.

J. B. Corns Graduate Student

#### ETV Broadcasts 13,000 Hours

In the first six weeks of service, the Department of Educational Television has done 13,00 student hours of programming, said Mel Chastain, program di-

Chastain said this will increase with the completion of a studio in Bagley Hall and with the use of a newly-built mobile television

### All Dorms Open **During Holidays**

All dormitories will remain open during the Thanksgiving holidays, Bennie A. Zinn, direct of student affairs, said Wednes

Zinn added that all students especially those living on th first floors, are encouraged t lock their doors and windows.

Lani Presswood

Movie Reviewer

## Mortimer's Notes

Checking through the Brazos County health reports we find 39 cases of flu last week, 35 cases of diarrhea, 14 of septic sore throat, 13 gonorrhea, 11 strept throat, four each of mononucleosis, measles, mumps and pneumonia, three chickenpox and two of syphilis . . .

Check ads in The Battalion each week for poll tax forms . . . A poll tax is required for voting in state and local elections

in Texas . Cost is \$1.75 . . .

You might have missed it, but News wrote his column Sunday

on tea-sips . . . . . An Austin woman wrote Tolbert: "I'm not chauvanistic about University of Texas football, although I took my bachelor's degree at Texas. However, ing football games, I've noticed that more and more people refer to the University of Texas students as 'tea-sippers'. This term is particularly popular with the Texas Aggies. I'm a little annoyed over this and I wonder who was the mischievous person who put the nickname of teasippers on Texas students?" . .. .

Well, Tolbert couldn't really find out, but his research did show that "tea-sipper" was a popplar term in the Texas Panhandle in the late 19th century for dandified Britishers . . . .

No matter where it came from, we all know the name really

Which reminds me of a joke, but I can't print it . . . . .

The Battalion editor said that in Los Angeles last week one of the favorite pasttimes of SDX convention delegates was telling Aggies jokes . . . . .

He said the Sips got the biggest kick out of the jokes . . . . . When he'd walk into a session, he'd hear: "Have you heard the one about the Aggie that . . . . " Only seven more days 'till Turkey Day . . . . See Ya 'Round-

Faithful readers of The Bat- viewed" my most recent movie talion, the time has come to at

last reveal a long-standing and carefully-guarded secret: Herky Killingsworth is for real. I know, I know. I've heard the rumors too. The rumors that say

H. Killingsworth is really a monstrous joke conceived by the Batt staff in one of their less rational moments. Or the rumor that says Mr. K is really a pet baboon who is let

out of his cage once a week for thirty minutes and given a typewriter to play with. With each succeeding Killings-

worth column, the latter rumor has been gaining support.

But after yesterday's journalistic miscarriage, the hour has arrived to spike these rumors once and for all to preserve the honor and integrity of the world's pet baboons. Yes, Virginia, there is a Herky

Killingsworth.

And despite his comments in print, he's really only moderately repulsive in person. Before you judge him too harshly, consider the difficulties under which he is laboring.

He spends 80 per cent of his waking hours in the cold, clammy subterranean world of the photographic darkroom, accompanied only by enlargers, film, lenses and chemicals.

Is it any wonder then that on the few occasions when he does emerge from his cave, he displays unmistakable signs of paranoia? And there's also the matter of

. but I hesitate to even bring it up. I was going to mention the stupor in which he usually writes but perhaps that's better left un-

Despite these handicaps, however, Mr. Killingsworth is still a guardian of the public trust, and when that trust is violated, my civic concern must come before all else.

With all the subtlety of a highspeed airhammer, Mr. K. "re-

Review Reviewed

By Movie Reviewer review. I'm not concerned with his vicious personal attack here because that will be taken care of

by my pending libel suit. However, knowing of the high esteem in which this great metro politan newspaper is held by its readers, I feel compelled to restore their confidence in its movie reviews.

Mr. K. makes the charge that I concentrate on "foreign films, commonly known as SEX movies." This reckless statement has absolutely no basis in fact Actually, I make a determine effort to review one non-set movie out of every ten.

He also accuses me of "bitter synicism," (spelling isn't one of Mr. K's strong points, either) and implies that a zero on a pop quit influenced my critical judgmen This is obviously a trumped-u charge. In high school a zer would have depressed me yes but that was before zeros on pop quizzes had become almost a part of my daily routine.

In reality, I take my reviews of the local cinema very serious ly. Because I realize that a hasti ly-written sentence or a careless phrase could determine the fate of an hour and a half of some earnest college student's life.

The responsibility is a grave one. Many is the night I've lair awake, wondering if I've led some trusting, unsuspecting Ag gie astray and kept him from more serious pursuits - such as bull sessions, domino games, of mattress testing.

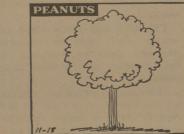
For this reason I deemed it necessary to dignify Mr. K's exercise in illogic with a reply.

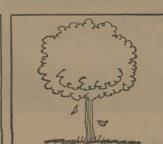
And yet I feel a pang of regret for having to publicly refute Mr. K because he had been making such fine mental progress

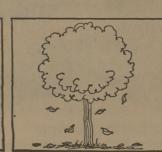
recently. If he continues his rapid de-

velopment, one of these days we may even let him try to go from

class to class by himself. By Charles M. Schuk









tries, established firm stand in World Olympics. In summer I travel as far as Toronto, Canada, in mere despiration to find myself back like a

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EDITOR ..... GLENN DROMGOOLE

— Sound Off boomerang to Texas A&M at the beginning of fall. If you all ask the reason of it, yes I have

the answer. "Once an Aggie Always an Aggie."

The Battalion: I have read with much interest the many thoughts regarding Reveille and Ranger, but none touched me quite as deeply as the letter written

by Bill Peoples, '66. Since a mascot is supposed to be symbolic, Reveille fills every requirement as the Spirit of Aggieland. She is crippled but her head is still held high — her flesh is weak but her heart is strong with enthusiastic loyalty. She definitely deserves the title of "Miss Reveille" because she is a lady in her proud support of the unmatched spirit at A&M. One of my proudest possessions is a picture we took of her last Mothers' Day. Since my son was in the same dorm with her, after the review I was waiting outside and a boy came back with Reveille in his arms. I had been worried

about her health so I asked him if she was sick and he told me, "No, ma'am, she's just tired." Her courage is unquestionable — her loyalty to the school proves that the Aggie Spirit is a bright, living, almost tangible reality. And the greatest and most fitting tribute that could be given her in what seems to be her last year is to back up her defiance for that stupid bovine character and

beat Texas for Miss Reveille. Mrs. Dorothy DeLomel, President Corpus Christi A&M Mothers Club

The Battalion: Your aticle on the "Background of India and Pakistan Feud of Kashmir" dated Nov. 5 is a topic of discussion among Indian as well as other foreign and American students on this campus. Some of the important facts about the feud of Kashmir appear to be missing.

The ignorance exhibited in the latter part of the letter that appeared in The Battalion dated Nov. 10 is deplorable. The question that somes to one's mind is whether Pakistan has any right over Kashmir. Observable facts started in 1963, when Pakistan handed over a portion of Kashmir in the occupation to Communist China, in order to get boundary settlement. Was that done with the consent of the people of Kashmir, in their own term "plebiscite"? Pakistan repeatedly claims that India backed our plebiscite. But the condition number one before the plebiscite could be held was that Pakistan should vacate the territory occupied, not

kept the door closed for any plebiscite. Pramod Desai

## Viet Nam Buildup To Reach 200,000

WASHINGTON (A) - An increase in U. S. forces in South Viet Nam beyond the 200,000-man level is anticipated over the next six months, it was time; equanil—a common tranlearned Wednesday.

The expected buildup to perhaps 225,000 or 250,000 men is an outgrowth of a new concept in the employment of American forces in situations where the 560,000-man South Vietnamese army

aggressive action against the Viet Cong. In such cases U. S. combat forces are being used to push into Viet Cong base areas. In these jungle bases the Communist guerrillas have had the ability in the past to recoup their losses and strike again.

does not have the strength or ability to carry out

The present thinking here is that the Viet Cong can afford to retreat for a period of time, but eventually they will have to stand and fight or retire from the scene. Such actions have led to the fierce fighting at Plei Me and in the Ia Drang Valley, near the Cambodian border.

# the recent publicity on Johnny

valid and not credible.

The Graduate Student Commit-

James F. Crook

Editor,

with others. India. Pakistan never vacated that area, and thus

At this point I must make it clear that I am not defending Mr.

Cash nor do I approve of his Mortimer . . . . PEANUTS