

— Sound Off —

Editor,
The Battalion:

The 1966 edition of the traditional Aggie Muster is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

This hallowed Aggie custom is usually carried out on the lawn of either the System Administration Building or the Memorial Student Center. The reason being given for moving it indoors this year is to allow the showing, as part of the ceremony, of a new recruiting film about A&M.

Several questions occur to me: First, does the showing of this propaganda movie really fit in with the intended significance of the Aggie Muster?

Second, isn't either the lawn of the MSC, a building dedicated to those Aggies who have died for their country, or the grand setting of the System Administration Building a more appropriate place than G. Rollie White Coliseum, a sports arena?

Finally, was this a change made to simply capitalize on the publicity of Aggie Muster?

Let's take a good look at the plans being laid for Aggie Muster. Is this year's ceremony being held during the year, to honor those who died in the service of their country and (as was the purpose of the original Muster) to honor those Texans who fought at San Jacinto? Or is this year's program being planned primarily as a setting for a movie premier?

Jerry C. Cooper, '63
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Editor,
The Battalion:

This year the Aggie Muster is going to be held in the university cacthall, G. Rollie White Coliseum. The setting in the past has been outside the Memorial Student Center, or the Systems Administration Building, at this time of year a far better setting than the inside of a basketball court.

This change, made by a member of the Staff of A&M not by any of the students in charge of Muster, was made to premiere a movie on Texas A&M, a propaganda film if you will.

Profs To Attend Arson Seminar

Instructors John R. Rauch and Paul R. Williams of the Engineering Extension Service will attend an arson seminar April 25-29 at the University of Maryland.

Both are on the Firemen's Training School staff.

Rauch will chair the April 29 session involving 300 arson investigators throughout the United States. He is a member of the board of directors and training committee chairman.

This, to me, is not in the proper spirit of the Muster.

The purpose of Muster is to honor those who fell at San Jacinto for Texas Independence, and our fellow Aggies who have died during the past year. The idea of using this ceremony to push a propaganda film is the same as showing home movies at the funeral of the man who took them. It is a time for solemn reflection not flag waving. If this does take place it will be a greater injustice than not having it at all.

One word to President Rudder, a man in favor of student government, or so he tells us. If he is so in favor of student government, why does he let a member of his staff tell the student in charge of Muster how it will be done?

I think that if you give this matter some thought you will agree with me that we will degrade Muster if this happens.

William S. Gross '68
Sincerely,

(Editor's Note: Dick Franklin, Senate Life Committee Chairman, says he officially made the change to G. Rollie White for Muster, but said administration pressure influenced his decision. The movie is not included in the official program, but will be shown afterwards. See editorial on this page.)

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Editor,
The Battalion:

We—Jack Pyburn, candidate for Pres., Richard Adams, candidate for Vice-Pres., and Larry Lee, candidate for Parliamentarian—would like to take this opportunity to state our platform for the coming year if elected to the Student Senate.

We propose, first of all, to revive the status of Religious Emphasis Week because we feel this event could have an outstanding bearing on campus life at Texas A&M.

Second, we plan to investigate the possibility of putting a phone in every room.

Third, since there has been some concern over the food issue, we feel it should be checked into.

Fourth, we plan to take careful and effective action on any issue that comes before the Student Senate.

We would appreciate any consideration for your vote and, if elected, will act in the students' best interests.

Respectfully yours,
Jack Pyburn, '67
Richard Adams, '68
Larry Lee, '67
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Editor,
The Battalion,

As present Chairman of the Student Life Committee of the

Student Senate, I would like to take this opportunity to endorse Terry Aglietti.

I have known Terry for as long as I have been on the campus, and I feel his qualifications and desire to work make him the man for the job. I feel he has a deep insight into the traditions which make the Spirit of A&M. Since this position makes its recipient Chairman of Muster, chairman of seating at home football games, and gives him the responsibility of choosing Aggie Mother of the Year, I feel this insight would be an invaluable asset to anyone who seeks this position.

Thank you for your consideration, and be sure to vote.

Richard H. Franklin,
Chairman, Student Life
Committee, Student Senate
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Editor,
The Battalion:

I would like to express appreciation for Mr. Jerden's most outstanding article on Christianity which appeared in the April 13, 1966 issue of the Battalion. It is my personal opinion that such articles add a great deal to the prestige of our campus newspaper and our University.

Sincerely,
Fred W. Dollar
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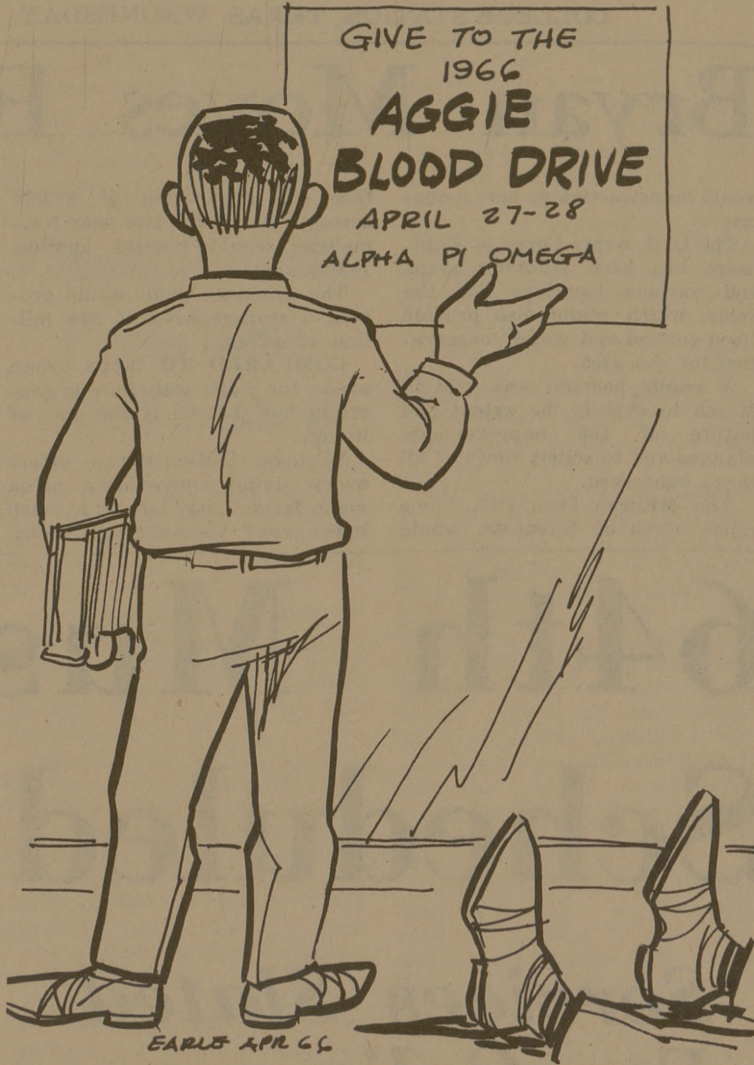
Editor,
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I wish to announce to the student body of Texas A&M my candidacy for the office of vice-president of the Student Senate. I have served the past year as Sophomore Engineering Representative on the Senate and have also been a member of the Issues Committee. I served on the YMCA Polaris Council my fish year and am presently a member of the Student Chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

I am running for this office on a platform of greater responsibility and action on the part of the Student Senate. Admittedly, "greater responsibility and action" is an old cliché, but it does apply quite well. If you see fit to elect me vice-president I will do all in my power to see that the Senate exhausts all possibilities of gaining recognition for political clubs on campus. I favor increased representation of the undergraduate students on the policy-making board of the Cushing Memorial Library. Progress has been made in these areas by the Senate this year, but I feel that much more can be done. I also promise to work to the limit of my ability to gain more student interest in the Senate. The Student Senate is your only voice in the matters of this university, and I believe that any matter

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"You may not believe this, but givin' blood makes some guys a little squeamish! But, really there's nothing to it, all they do is . . ."

that merits discussion and argument among students should be brought before the Senate. If elected I will work to achieve a greater voice for you in university affairs through strengthening the Student Senate. Vote for responsible government. Thank you very much.

Jack "Whitey" Whiteside

Muster Exploited For New Picture

Aggie Muster, one of the most sacred traditions of Aggieland, has been exploited this year to gain an audience for the premiere of a University Information recruiting film.

Dick Franklin, Chairman of the Student Senate Life Committee, revealed Tuesday afternoon that the film not actually on the agenda of the Muster, as previous releases from University Information had implied.

University Information released a quote earlier Tuesday in which they reported Franklin saying, "The movie from the out-of-door permits better viewing of the new color movie, to be premiered during the Muster."

Franklin told The Battalion Tuesday the final decision to move the Muster from in front of the System Administration Building to G. Rollie White Coliseum was his, but indicated it was made "under pressure."

He said that since University Information had already released information saying the film would be premiered at Muster, he felt compelled to give them the go-ahead to move it indoors.

Aggie Muster is not the kind of tradition that should be tampered with to better facilitate the viewing of a propaganda film after the official ceremony. It is a most hallowed ceremony.

It should be observed as such. Where does this exploitation fit alongside the Muster of the past held on Corregidor, in liberated Paris, conquered Berlin and Tokyo, embattled Korea, or the little strife-torn nation of Viet Nam?

The origin of Muster lies with a student body spontaneously rising up and persuading the college administrators to let them observe San Jacinto Day. Now it is being moved to an athletic arena so that a movie about the "new" A&M can be shown, and termed a success because of the large crowd in attendance.

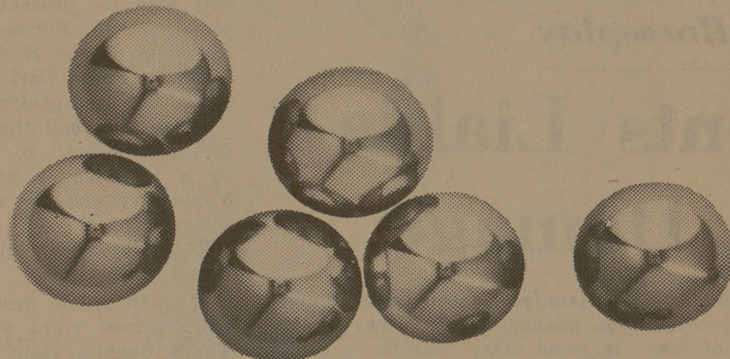
A&M is headed for the future, it is aimed at the future and is making great strides to that future. But Muster is one time, during the year when we pause to pay homage to those heroes that have gone before us.

It is a time of remembering that special breed of men—Aggies—who have given their all to make this school and this nation what it is today.

As deep as the meaning of Muster is, it is hard to justify those who would seek to exploit it for their own selfish purposes.

Let's keep Muster a tribute: To the Aggies that have died during the past year; to the gallant men who won Texas' independence at San Jacinto, and to the Aggies who have given their all to keep America free.

We set out to ruin some ball bearings and failed successfully



The Bell System has many small, automatic telephone offices around the country. The equipment in them could operate unattended for ten years or so, but for a problem.

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The only experiment that can really be said to "fail" is the one that is never tried.

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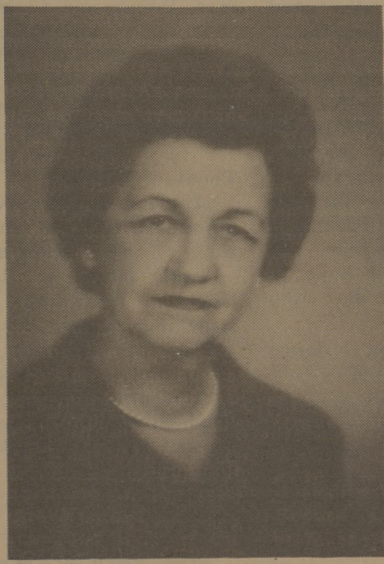
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