

News Briefs

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Penrose B. Metcalfe

ing to do any harm; besides, you can't fly in the face of modern

"I think A&M is improving all

the time, and the graduate school

is just an indication of that

growth and of school excellence in general. "The greatest im-

provement in the last few years

has been the tremendous upgrad-

ing of the instructional staff

"I see Texas A&M in a place

of its own in the future. Now

from top to bottom."

Features

CADET SLOUCH **Telephone System Too Long Overdue**

After several years of careful planning, and delay, Texas A&M's long-awaited and long overdue campus tele-

phone system may be a reality within the next two years. Recent action by the Board of Directors authorizes completion of installation of a \$50,000 Centrex phone setup by the fall of 1968.

A four-digit concept will permit students living in one dorm area to contact those living across campus, thus relieving a situation long a sore spot in campus communications.

A second advantage will permit easier accessibility to professors' offices. Each prof will have his own number and thus be reached by direct dialing, a simple technique that will bring tears of joy to the eyes of long-suffering

students who have had to endure secretaries and long min-utes of waiting while trying to flag down a prof. One area greatly affected by the system will be the Housing Office, which will be able to immediately reach a student's room instead of having a runner deliver a message. This will undoubtedly save considerable time in emergency situations as well as normal delivery operations. One drawback to students will be the absence of long

distance calls, which will be permitted only if the calls are collect or if the caller has a telephone credit card. There is no reason, however, for the university to assume the red tape involved in tabulating, billing and collecting for long distance calls.

The proposed cost of \$15 per semester is nominal and in the long run much cheaper than a monthly telephone service charge.

There is even an out for students who cannot or will not pay for telephone service. Leggett, Milner and Mitchell Halls will not be equipped with phones.

Many other schools have been using the "new" system for several years, and A&M has been somewhat negligent in allowing such a basic ingredient in student convenience to be overlooked for so long.

The system was originally scheduled to begin func-tioning in the spring of 1966, but space problems and assorted complications forced postponement.

Now the project is earmarked for completion in the fall of 1968, when the new library (whose basement will house phone system headquarters) will hopefully be finished. For all the delays, the convenience may well overshadow the long wait.



"Really, I hurt myself playin' touch football, but everyone thinks I'm th' hero of Splash Day!"

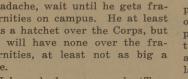
Sound Off

Editor, The Battalion:

I have heard that the Administration is thinking of starting some fraternities on the A&M campus. What next?

he thinks that the Corps is a headache, wait until he gets fraternities on campus. He at least has a hatchet over the Corps, but he will have none over the fraternities, at least not as big a

is the ring.



PARDNER The Showdown When You Get **Your Duds Done**

Muster Speaker Expounds On Variety Of Subjects

money."

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ideas

"I think A&M should set a ties. Anyway, it never got duction of agriculture in its r maximum enrollment, then build through," he noted. facilities to handle that number," says 1916 graduate Penrose B. Metcalfe.

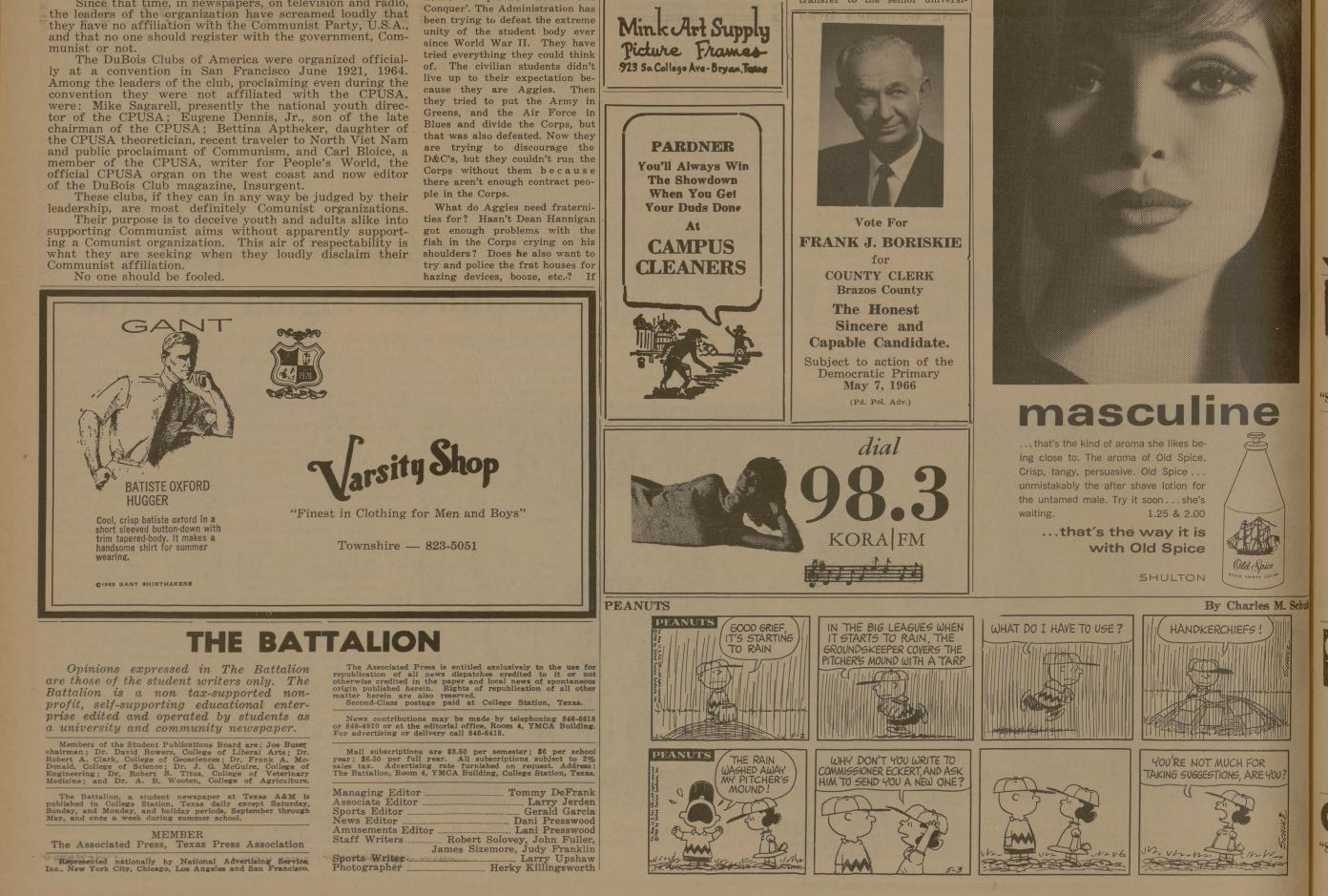
The recent Muster speaker dis-cussed the course of A&M and payer's money is involved. That's one thing I learned in my 16 higher education in Texas in an interview Monday, and remained true to form, speaking just what he thought, compromising with no one.

"A&M is going ahead, there's no question about that," the State Board of Education member said, "but I think we need to stress quality more, quantity less. I don't know exactly what maximum number should be set, but I'd say we're approaching it rapidly now. The Century Council set the goal of excellence, but they didn't but the bit about setting a top enrollment, though that's what I believed then and I still do.'

"I think the Coordinating Board is all right. I was in the House in 1933 and was one of three sponsors of a bill to do the same thing. But we couldn't get it out of the committee. We passed it, but couldn't get it onto the floor."

"What we wanted to do was place all the state schools under one board of directors. We proposed to do away with the first Read Battalion Classifieds "s two years at Texas and make it

transfer to the senior universi-



tive importance in instruct "But I still believe that you but in the next few years a culture in this country must have to coordinate. You have to better paid or it will be for limit some schools and coordinate to import foodstuffs and fibe

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them with others when the tax-"Agricultural costs have g one thing I learned in my 16 up out of proportion to what years in the legislature, you have farmer and rancher receives fi to be thrifty with the people's his efforts. The consumer lic has reaped the greatest b When asked about the question fit from all the research done of coeducation at A&M, Metcalfe this field. So far it has

enabled the farmer to stay business at the same static le "The Century Council, of which I was a member, first took the while costs have risen." stand of a strong Corps and very "But back to A&M changing, and it should, been America is built by progress. limited coeducation. We explored all the possibilities along that line, but later had to change it. are not going to stay in the da I don't think coeducation is goof the oxcart."

"I came to this campus years ago this fall, and when was a senior was a captain regimental staff. But what made this place great is standing together, the spirit' "I think that today's youth better than ever. Those beat and draft card burners are av minute part of the overall ture, but they make a lot noise. Minorities always mak lot of noise, but I keep my out on youth, and I feel tod

there is an overall trend of re- are the greatest."

