

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Rev II Is Dead But She Will Be Remembered

"Miss Reveille, Ma'am," the Grand Old Lady of the Corps, quietly joined her predecessor, Reveille I, in sleep Tuesday. She will be buried near the original "Rev" in September.

For all her 15 years, Rev was the Aggie's leading lady, whether at football games, yell practices or walking around the campus with her keepers from Company E-2.

To say she will be missed is just to say that a deeply engrained part of Aggieland is missing.

She was beautiful; she was faithful; she was everything a mascot should be. She had many mascot visitors from other schools over the years, but never strayed to other campuses.

She seemed at her best charging out onto the gridiron in front of the yell leaders, but even when she was sick with the disease that finally took her, she looked proud and strong standing by the sidelines, watching the beginning of a new era in Aggieland.

Reveille II passes on but she will be remembered forever by Aggies who attended this institution over the last 15 years.

Reveille III is waiting for the new year, one that will be started with the final good-bye to the "Grand Old Lady" of Aggieland.

Don't Take A Chance: Take Polio Vaccine

Have you kept up your immunity against polio?

The Texas Medical Association cautions: Don't take a chance on polio—take polio vaccine. Many have been lulled into a false sense of security in controlling this paralyzing disease because of the overwhelming success of Salk and Sabin vaccine. These vaccines, however, have not eradicated the viruses which cause polio. Rather, like all vaccines, they trigger the body's defenses to build up antibodies which can combat the viruses if they should gain entry into the body.

Texas has reported 40 cases of paralytic polio thus far this year. None of the cases reported had been completely immunized. All are infants and pre-schoolers.

All persons who have not been properly immunized against polio are still vulnerable to attack. This includes the majority of pre-school children, who have not received full protection.

Three viruses which cause polio have been identified. The newest vaccine is in an oral form and of the "trivalent" type. That is, it protects against all three types of polio. It is given in two doses, at least eight weeks apart, either as a liquid or absorbed on bread, cake or on a cube of sugar.

The vaccine may be given to infants at a very early age. All expectant mothers should be vaccinated, as they are particularly susceptible to polio. Although polio is primarily a childhood disease, it also can strike adults. Even persons who have had polio from one type of virus remain susceptible to additional attacks from the other two viruses.

Massive polio immunization programs conducted by county medical societies several years ago immunized the majority of Texas residents. Many persons, however, took only the first dose, and do not have full protection from the dread disease. It is especially important that pre-school children receive the oral polio vaccine.

County medical societies in affected areas, primarily in South Texas, are taking the lead in stepped up immunization programs. The vaccine may, of course, be administered on an individual basis in a physician's office.

Highlights And Sidelights

ELECTION SYSTEM UPHOLD—Seventh Court of Civil Appeals at Amarillo upheld the Texas "closed primary" election system, holding that members of one party cannot vote in the primary of another.

Court reversed the district court ruling that would have permitted to stand 71 votes of Republicans in the second Democratic primary for a Pampa judge.

State Democratic Executive Committee had filed a brief urging the court to uphold the closed primary system.

FUTURE PARKS — State Parks and Wildlife Commission next month will officially review proposals to purchase more than 100,000 acres of land by the year 2000.

Preference reportedly would be shown to parks connected with water recreation, those near big city areas, and sites of statewide significance, including historic sites.

Gov. John Connally has given his strong backing to a massive parks-acquisition program. At one time, he indicated he was thinking in terms of recommending a \$25-\$50,000,000 expenditure.

Plan evolving undoubtedly will be the largest in history—to provide more room to romp for recreation-minded Texans.

SHORT SNORTS
Governor Connally approved applications for \$893,881 in grants under Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 for pilot programs relating to supplementary learning centers for talented elementary and secondary pupils.

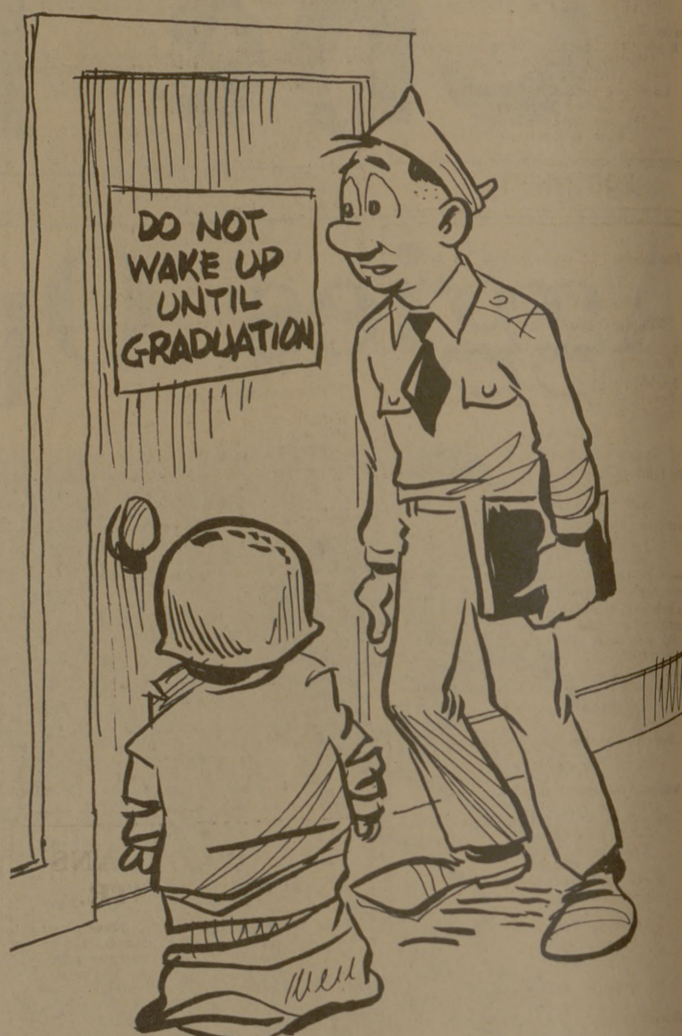
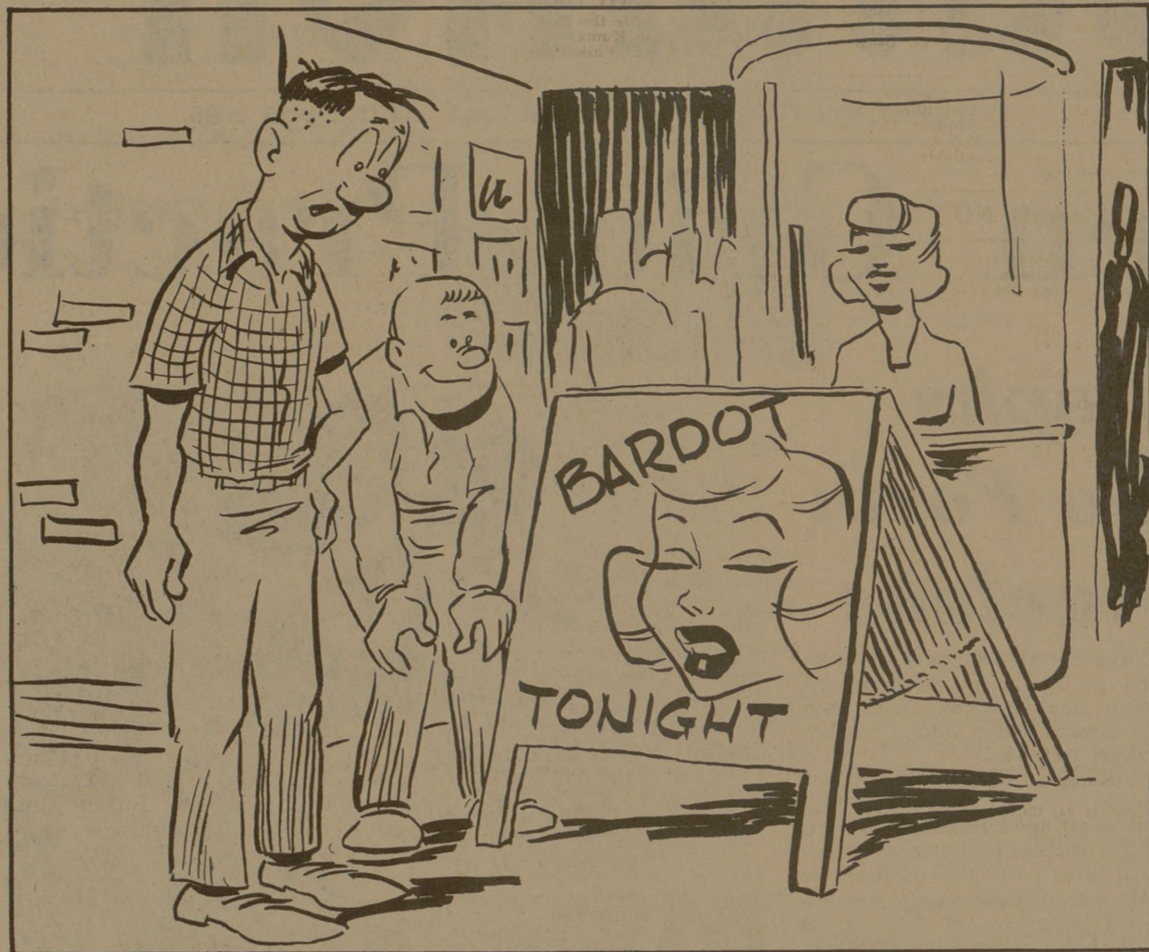
A three-year U. S. Public Health Service grant of \$267,734 has been presented to the Texas Department of Health for the control of leprosy — which is on the increase in the state.

Governor Connally announced more than \$2,000,000 in Neighborhood Youth Corps grants for San Saba, Cherokee, Harris, Limestone, Taylor and Eastland Counties; Burk Burnett and San Angelo; Southwest Texas State College and West Texas State University.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has announced that Garner State Park is back in operation, despite record high water from the Frio River that damaged a few shelters.

Forty-one cases of paralytic polio among pre-school and infant children (none of whom were fully immunized) have been reported to the Department of Health to date.

Governor Connally appointed John L. Paxton of Fort Worth as chairman of the state United Nations Day, to be observed on October 24.



"You're right! Maybe a movie would relax me so I won't be nervous in that final in th' morning!"

"I get th' feeling these graduating seniors are rubbing it in!"

Grad Departs Into Cold, Cruel World

By HERKY KILLINGSWORTH

Well, it's that time of the year when the end of the semester rolls around for most of you students. For me and a few others, it's the end period. Yes, after — years of continuous study at A&M, I find myself on the graduating senior list and ready to depart into the cold, cruel world away from "home."

Needless to say, it's been a fun — years. I can remember back to when I was a freshman (that's all former-students can do—remember) when I was in the "last old army class." Bald-headed, scared, and naive as only an Aggie fish can be, I awaited those — years until I became a former student. I had been called a farmer many times since my entry into A&M, but only now do I not mind.

I can remember my sophomore year too, my junior year too. I watched the passing of the all-male school and took the picture of the first coed. My senior year saw the passing of the corps, and my other — years saw similar changes.

With a background such as this, I was surprised that no-one came to watch me drive away that final time—on that trip in which there is no return—the mark of a past era. How soon the youth of A&M forget their elders, not that it matters now.

I am thankful that I'm an Aggie and will not simply fade away now. My friends will remember me, I'm sure, as they resize my uniform, sell my old quizzes, and take over my parking space. But me, I'll never again see Sully, the Academic Bldg., or the Batt office—not until football season that is.

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