

Mess Hall Food Not Lost Cause

"Everybody talks about the weather," Mark Twain is reputed to have remarked, "but nobody does anything about it." Well, cloud-seeding methods have put that sentiment out of date, but Aggies have found another topic for idle griping that probably would have elicited an even pithier aphorism from the master of the Mississippi.

It's the mess hall. Ask any Aggie what he thinks of Club Duncan. You'll probably hear the standard criticism—poor service, unimaginative food, and darkly ominous half-truths about foreign matter in the Chicken Tetrazzini. They're the same sort of lines Johnny Carson has used on the Tonight Show about the NBC commissary—except that they make up in vehemence what they lack in wit.

The point is, we don't have to be content with "talking about the weather." Corps and civilian leaders are meeting regularly with Food Services Director Fred Dollar and his staff to air student criticisms and work toward solutions. The accomplishments of their latest meeting are reported in this issue. Maybe they don't constitute a Glorious New Era of Epicurean Ecstasy quite yet, but they're a start. And the meetings themselves represent an important step toward active student participation in what goes on here.

So talk to one of your representatives—they're listed in that report—the next time you feel a gripe coming on. They can't do much without you.

JWF

Supreme Soviet Approves Drafting Of 16-Year-Olds

By JOHN WEYLAND
Associated Press Writer
MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Parliament Supreme Soviet unanimously passed Thursday a new draft law starting military training at 16 after Defense Minister Andrei A. Grechke charged the United States is "stepping up military preparations" against this country.

The new law also reduces the regular draft age from 19 to 18 and cuts the length of service for ordinary draftees from 3 to 2 years.

Marshal Grechke said the shorter length of service made it necessary to give boys still in school two years of part-time military training. The Soviet Union had not previously involved schoolboys in its defense program since World War II.

Parliament passed the draft law at the end of a three-day session during which it also approved a 15 per cent increase in the published defense budget. That will be \$18.56 billion in 1968.

The marshal described to parliament a world in which the United States and other "imperialist powers" are threatening communism and risking the outbreak of another world war.

He accused the United States of using a "screen of talk on peace and cooperation" while in fact "creating dangerous hotbeds in various parts of the world."

N. Vietnam Claims 2 U. S. Jet Kills

TOKYO (AP)—Hanoi's official Vietnam News Agency claimed two U.S. jet planes were shot down in Haiphong by ground fire today.

The downed American aircraft, "raided a number of populated areas inside the city and in its suburbs," a broadcast dispatch said.

There was no confirmation from American authorities.

Senate Votes To Supplement Debate Club

The Student Senate voted unanimously Thursday night to supplement the amount of money received by the Debate Club from the Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate by \$816.

Debate Club President David Maddox appeared before the Senate to ask for the aid. The Debate Club, from which the Texas A&M Debate Team gets its funds for competition trips, turned in a proposed budget of \$2,056 but has been told it will only be allocated \$1,240, the same sum it received last year.

The amount of money given to student clubs has been decreased in order to start building a fund which will be used for a new Exchange Store.

Senate Vice President Bill Carter explained that the Debate Club was different from other clubs because it had no way to obtain the funds not given to it by the MSC Council.

With a membership of approximately 25 students, the Debate Club is too small for money-making projects and time that other clubs can spend on such projects must be spent in researching debate topics.

Maddox said that the Debate Team did not have sufficient funds to go to the All-Texas Tournament last year where the Texas champions are chosen. He also said the team competed in only nine of the 18 tournaments it had requested to be allowed to compete in.

The Senate was unanimous in its support of the request.

Group Nominates Council Leaders

John R. Hensley, Bridge Committee and Frederick J. Becht, Recreation Committee, were new chairmen recommended by the Memorial Student Center Nominating Committee Thursday night for the approval of the MSC Council.

Hensley, a junior physics major with a 2.86 grade point ratio, plans to hold beginner's bridge classes every Tuesday night in the MSC ballroom. Duplicate bridge matches, to be held the same evening, are open to students and their wives. Hensley said that committee dues will probably be set at \$1.50 per member per semester.

Becht has maintained a 2.00 GPR, majoring in aerospace engineering. A member of the inter-collegiate bowling team, he plans to expand the Recreation Committee's participation in numerous college tournaments.

The MSC Council will vote on the Nominating Committee's recommendations Monday night.

Tessies To Host TCU Trip Dance

The annual Gold Rush Dance, sponsored by Texas Woman's University, has been scheduled in Denton in conjunction with the coming Corps Trip to Texas Christian University.

The dance is a part of Gold Rush Carnival running Oct. 19 and 20 which is used to raise funds to aid students.

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"These are great days for th' short man with hemlines where they are!"

Bulletin Board

TUESDAY
The Agricultural Economics Club will meet next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Plant Sciences Building. The Southwestern Conference football highlights of 1966 will be shown.

The Business Administration Wives Club will meet next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the dining room of the Bert Mullins Restaurant in the Sunnyland Shopping Center on Texas Ave. The program will be presented by the Figure Salon and dress will be casual.

The Veterinarians Wives Club will meet next Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the south solarium of the YMCA. Dean Price will give the program.

The speaker for next Tuesday's meeting of the Industrial Education Society will be Ben Gillis of Foley's Department Store in Houston.

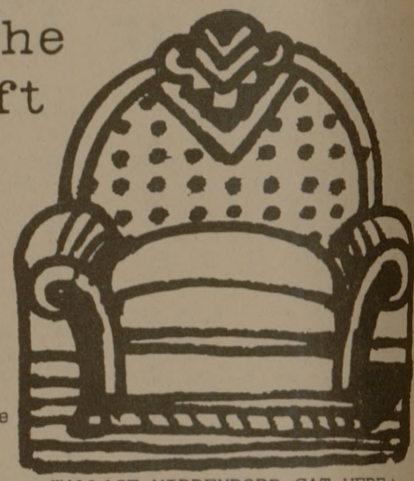
Smith To Attend Butane Meeting
Henry D. Smith, Firemen's Training Division chief for Texas A&M's Engineering Extension Service, will participate in the Texas Butane Dealers Association annual meeting Oct. 26-28 in Dallas.

Smith will give a report of the Texas Firemen's Training School conducted each summer at A&M. The Texas Butane Dealers Association is a sponsor of the training.

READ BATTALION CLASSIFIEDS

A Good Place For Steaks
WILLOW GROVE CAFE
3801 Hwy. 6, N. Towards Hearne 823-4515

Don't just sit there, Wallace Middendorp. Make a noise. Or drink Sprite, the noisy soft drink.



WALLACE MIDDENDORP SAT HERE

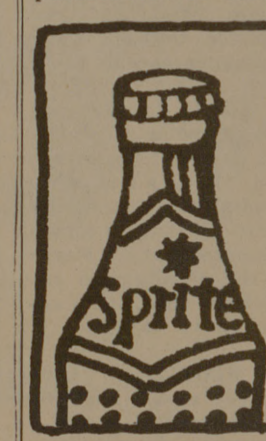
What did you do when Joe (Boxcar) Brkczpuluj was kicked off the football team just because he flunked six out of four of his majors? What did you do, Wallace Middendorp?

And when the school newspaper's editors resigned in protest because The Chancellor wouldn't allow the publication of certain salacious portions of "Night In a Girl's Dormitory" you just sat, didn't you?

You've made a mockery of your life, Wallace Middendorp! You're a vegetable. Protest, Wallace Middendorp. Take a stand. Make a noise! Or drink Sprite, the noisy soft drink.

Open a bottle of Sprite at the next campus speake-out. Let it fizz and bubble to the masses. Let its lusty carbonation echo through the halls of ivy. Let its tart, tingling exuberance infect the crowd with excitement.

Do these things, Wallace Middendorp. Do these things, and what big corporation is going to hire you?



SPRITE. SO TART AND TINGLING. WE JUST COULDN'T KEEP IT QUIET.

SYMBOL DEPLETION

We've almost lost a good word, and we hate to see it go.

The movie industry may feel the same way about words such as colossal, gigantic, sensational and history-making. They're good words—good symbols. But they've been overused, and we tend to pay them little heed. Their effectiveness as symbols is being depleted.

One of our own problems is with the word "opportunity." It's suffering symbol depletion, too. It's passed over with scant notice in an advertisement. It's been used too much and too loosely.

This bothers us because we still like to talk about opportunity. A position at Collins holds great potential. Potential for involvement in designing and producing some of the most important communication systems in the world. Potential for progressive advancement in responsibility and income. Unsurpassed potential for pride-in-product.

That's opportunity.

And we wish we could use the word more often.

Collins representatives will visit your campus this year. Contact your College Placement Office for details.

an equal opportunity employer

COMMUNICATION / COMPUTATION / CONTROL

COLLINS

COLLINS RADIO COMPANY / DALLAS, TEXAS • CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA • NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA • TORONTO, ONTARIO
Bangkok • Frankfurt • Hong Kong • Kuala Lumpur • Los Angeles • London • Melbourne • Mexico City • New York • Paris • Rome • Washington • Wellington

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

THE BATTALION

Opinions expressed in The Battalion are those of the student writers only. The Battalion is a non tax-supported non-profit, self-supporting educational enterprise edited and operated by students at a university and community newspaper.

Members of the Student Publications Board are: Jim Lindsey, chairman; Dr. David Bowers, College of Liberal Arts; F. S. White, College of Engineering; Dr. Robert S. Titus, College of Veterinary Medicine; and Hal Taylor, College of Agriculture.

The Battalion, a student newspaper at Texas A&M is published in College Station, Texas daily except Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, and holiday periods, September through May, and once a week during summer school.

Represented nationally by National Educational Advertising Services, Inc., New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

EDITOR: CHARLES ROWTON
Managing Editor: John Fuller
News Editor: Gus De La Garza
Sports Editor: Gary Sherer
Assistant Sports Editor: Jerry Grisham

Get Acquainted Offer

BENNETT'S SINCLAIR

601 Univ. Dr. — North Gate — 846-2350

Save — 25c — Save

Bring this ad to BENNETT'S SINCLAIR for a twenty-five discount on lubrication, was, oil change, or fill-up of 7 gals. or more.

— WIN \$2500 —
Play Dino Dollars

Drive With Care — and Buy Sinclair

W
By Assoc
MERIE
Klux Kla
court ju
Klan set

Mus
A&I
James C
eral mans
Associati
the Supr
vision st
versty's
Service.
W. B. I
tor of th
ment Divi
invaluable
and condi
ing acti
groups di
TSA.
Prior to
ty Associ
years for
of Public
time he
chief of t
Musick
Stephen J
and taugl
schools c
going into
is a memb
ty Council
and state

Washing m
Automatic, 3
stings, 3 w
excellent conc
46-4809.

47 BSA H
excellent conc
after 4 p. m.

EXER-GEN
my Tueda
Street above
formation cal

Feed lot b
housenr.
22-1317.

C
Chiu care
RUMPTY
R. 3400 S
12-4624, V15

TR
REPAIR
Comp
L
HAMIL
118 S. B

I
RA
SAI
KEN'S
303 W.
GM I
With N
OI
Sellstr
2780 Texa
822-1333

OTIS
Typewrite
calators
Sale
Norel
429 South J

A T
JANUA
You m
graduat
2, 1967.
9-12, 1-
At The
Memori
DEAD

FRE
• Br
• He
• Of
• Pl
All dama
ctivity 1
C &
32nd &

TY
Ret
D
R
A
TY
909 S.