

Listen Up *the batt forum*

Editor,
The Battalion:
To adequately describe the Spirit of Aggieland, with its many ramifications and multiplicity of demonstrative activities, would be a formidable task even for the most accomplished journalist. But perhaps one segment of this great spirit can be communicated through the medium in this case. It was a cold, dark and windy night early in January, 1969. I had placed my briefcase, containing the usual indispensable

class notes and term papers, in the saddle basket of my bicycle. With the wind whistling past my ears I was unaware that the case had bounced out until I reached home. Heartsick, I drove the car back over the course I had just traveled by bicycle, but did not find the briefcase. When I returned home my wife told me someone had called. Yes, he had the briefcase. When I arrived at the man's dormitory room, received the briefcase (complete with contents), and offered a re-

ward for his honesty and return of the materials, I was confronted with: "No, I figured you were an Aggie too, and we help each other."
My sincere thanks to David Barr, a junior in Marketing and Finance and to his companion, Clay Harper, for a most impressive (at least to me) demonstration of one element of The Great Aggie Spirit.

W. Lloyd Gheen
Graduate Student
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Editor,
The Battalion:
Enclosed is a letter clipped from the Austin Statesman approximately two weeks before the Christmas holidays. Please explain to Mr. Rich (as only an Aggie can) that pageantry is not the purpose of the Aggie Band and that only those who do not understand military marching think that their performance is always the same. Thousands of patriotic Americans each year view the Aggie Band performances with tears in their eyes and a feeling of pride in their souls because they understand and respect what our boys in uniform represent.

As a close friend to several Aggie Band members of past years and as the mother of an Aggie Bandsman at the present (with another son entering the band next year), I can only say that those boys love the band, love the work they do for it, and, if there is a firing squad at sunrise, they must love that, too. At any rate they continue to produce exceptional halftime performances in a dignified manner—and all voluntarily, no scholarships, no remuneration, no course credit. Gig 'em!

Mrs. Watter Fischer
Rockdale, Texas
Mrs. Fischer enclosed a clipping of the letter from Rich, which asserted that the Aggie Band "performs essentially the same halftime show for a number of years," while the Longhorn Band "strives to vary its weekly pageants." He added that probable penalty for missing a single countermarch in the Aggie Band is a firing squad at dawn."
—Ed.

Nuclear Science Addition To Triple Existing Area

The \$80,000 addition currently under construction at Texas A&M University's Nuclear Science Center will more than triple the facility's existing laboratory space, according to Donald E. Feltz, center assistant director.

Building on the 3,200 square foot wing adjoining the center's reception lobby began in late December and should be completed and ready for operation in April.

Feltz said that the split-level brick structure will house seven laboratories, several administrative offices and a conference room.

"A key laboratory in the new addition will be the animal staging lab, where animals are prepared for experiments in radiation dosage," he said. "Hopefully, research done in this area will be valuable in determining the physical and mental limits a man can stand when exposed to varying doses of radioactivity."

Three laboratories will be used by university researchers for work in "activation analysis," the determination of substances in materials using radiation techniques.

Each lab will be equipped with a system of pneumatic tubes for transporting sample materials by cylinders to the reactor and back.

Other laboratories in the new addition includes a shop for assembling equipment and a low-level counting lab where radioactive samples with low radiation levels will be counted.

The new wing is the first major

building expansion of the seven-year-old center, located south of Easterwood Airport.

The million-dollar complex, administered by the Texas Engineering Experiment Station and headed by Dr. John D. Randall, is the largest university reactor facility in the Southwest.

AEC Awards Grant To Nuclear Center

Texas A&M's Nuclear Science Center has been awarded an \$11,000 grant from the Atomic Energy Commission, announced Dr. John D. Randall, center director.

"The grant has been used to order two new fuel elements for the radioactive core of the center's reactor," Dr. Randall explained.

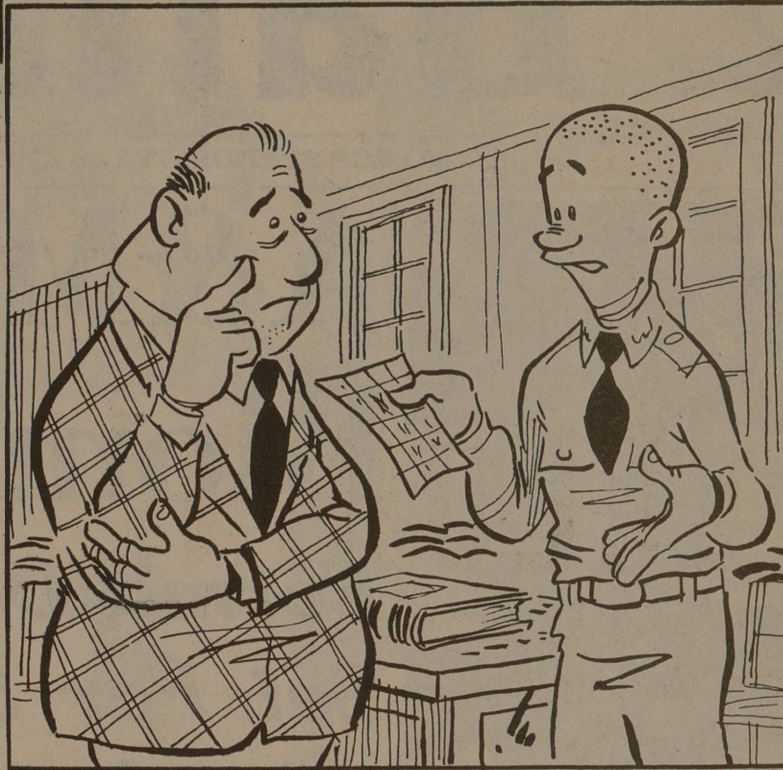
With the addition of the new fuel elements, scheduled for delivery this month, the reactor will be able to generate a megawatt (1,000 kilowatts) of power at any time, he noted.

"No longer will we have to give the reactor hours-long 'rest periods' after a scheduled shutdown," Randall said.

Each 35-pound fuel element contains only a third of a pound of the isotope uranium-235, the actual fuel of the reactor.

The million-dollar center, largest university reactor facility in the Southwest, is administered by the Texas Engineering Experiment Station.

CADET SLOUCH *by Jim Earle*



"... So then I dropped Trig so I could change sections in English and add History 105! When I did this my graphic lab had to be interchanged with Algebra... So what I want to know is — am I in the right class?"

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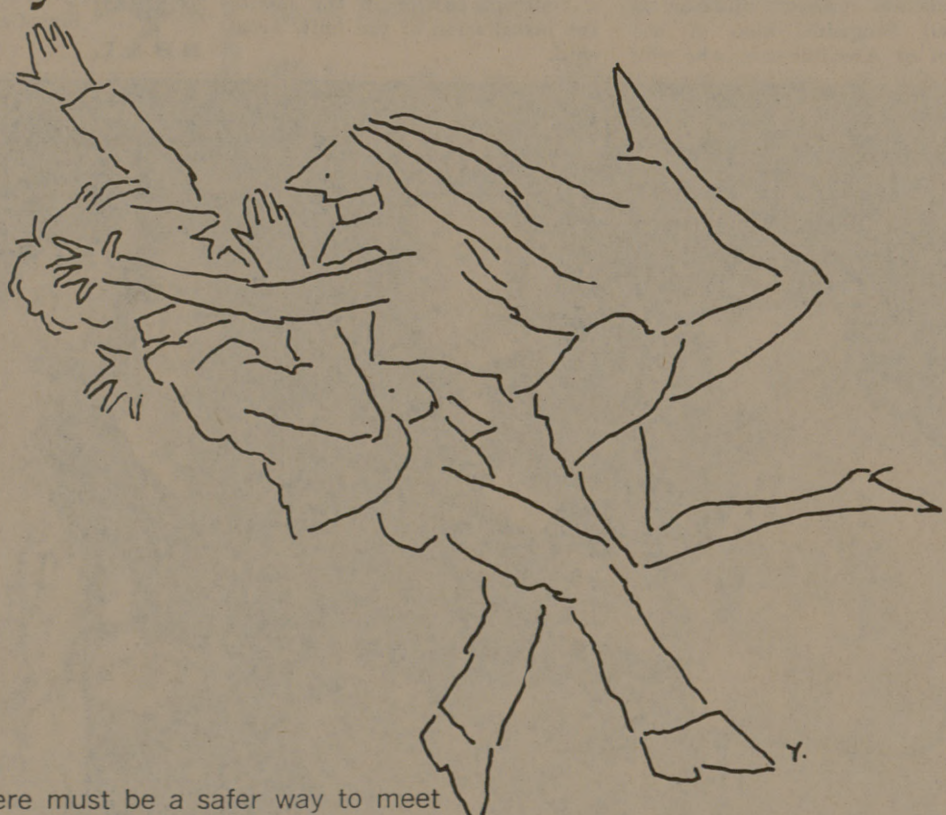
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