

Battalion letters policy

With this issue, The Battalion begins a new school year, and a new staff begins working. We thought now would be a good time to explain our letters policy.

All letters must be signed and contain the writer's address, classification and phone number. This is to help avoid past instances where letters were run, and then it turned out the writer did not exist. Since a letter also could be run under another student's name, it is important we have information to check out authors of letters. Names may be withheld by arrangement with the editor.

All letters must be typed on a 60-space line and double-spaced. This is not meant to discriminate against those who do not know how to type, but is intended as an aid to us in getting the paper out. It makes the letter

easier to read and correct, and aids us in telling how long a letter is.

All letters must be 300 words or less. Those longer will be cut to under 300 words. Shorter letters also may be cut if we feel such editing would improve the letter. We also reserve the right to edit letters to fit available space and to remove material that may exceed the limits of good taste or the law.

Not all letters sent in will be published. If we feel a letter has no merits, or enough letters on a particular subject have been run, we will, in effect, drop the subject unless something new develops.

We do not mean to discourage readers from writing letters to us, but we do wish to do the best job of putting out a newspaper we can, and the policies outlined, we think, will aid us in doing that.

Nation's students show community interest

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Students participating in campus demonstrations are far outnumbered by students taking part in volunteer activities aimed at improving conditions in the community around them, university reports indicate.

A recent survey of the 101 universities holding membership in the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) revealed that student commitment to projects of a social service nature will be at an all-time high on campus this fall.

Activities have expanded to the extent that many campuses have set up centralized offices to match up student volunteers with community needs. New courses, many of which call for community service as part of the course requirements, also are springing up.

One of the pioneers in the formation of a community service clearinghouse was Michigan State University, which last year had 10,000 students (one out of every four MSU students) working through its Volunteer Programs Office.

Clearing House Inc., begun at the University of Colorado five years ago, is another well-established coordinated undertaking. It has grown in size from 150 to 1,000 students. Last spring the Clearing House was one of the community service efforts surveyed by Mrs. Richard M. Nixon in her nationwide campus tour. This university now is planning a Community Action Center to house all community services for juveniles as well as other new programs.

The University of California at Santa Barbara also has impressive community service credentials, with 3,000 students donating approximately 160,000 hours in community service, under the guidance of the UCSB Community Affairs Board in 1969-70.

Rutgers University has appointed a community development specialist who will take over the coordination of student volunteers this fall. North Carolina A & T State University has

set up a similar position. At the University of Washington a special career counselor has been added to the staff to provide more career possibilities for students and graduates seeking alternatives to employment in big government or big business.

At the University of Tennessee, the Board of Trustees was recently reorganized to include an Urban Affairs and Service Committee to handle, among other things, student service to urban areas.

The variety of new courses centered on community problems solving that will be introduced on NASULGC campuses this fall further show the students' enthusiasm for providing constructive service. The University of Texas at Austin has added a course, "Community Involvement," focusing on university and student activity in the life of the community.

Operation Outreach, a new student work-study and volunteer service program, was started at the University of Florida last winter. Approximately 25 students were placed in jobs in low income areas. Student volunteers from the university's project SAMSON (Student Action Management for Socio-Economic Opportunity Network) also work on Outreach projects, designed to "take education out of ivory tower vacuums and into the community." Activities run the whole gamut of university public service efforts.

They include: tutoring indigent children; medical referral by medical and nursing students; legal referral by law students; consumer education and protection; college and university referral with and in selecting and applying to colleges; job clearing house and training; recreation and day care assistants, and community aides for environmental enrichment.

Predictably, environmental problems particularly interest the community-conscious. At the University of Virginia, a new presidential committee will explore such problems around the uni-

versity and at the University of Florida an environmental Action Group formed last year will continue as a state-wide clearing house for ecology problems.

Traditional areas of student community service—medical and legal aid, tutoring the disadvantaged, and fund raising—are being revitalized by eager workers with new ideas.

University of Maine students propose to recruit and train nutrition aides to assist senior citizens. University of California students at Davis are doing research on hunger in their county.

Aware of the effect of drug abuse on the community, the University of Montana is offering the public an expanded course on the subject, and North Dakota State conducts day-long Drug Problem Solving Workshops in eight communities.

"Rapping" is an increasingly popular service area. Students at Michigan State University, for instance, opened a 24-hour refuge center, "The Raft," where juvenile runaways can come for shelter or just to "rap." At the University of Colorado, a student agency has a rapline for people to call when they need help or just someone to listen.

In a more professional field, students and faculty work together in community planning. At Montana State, for example, architect students are helping Black Feet Indians plan their community buildings. MIT planners are at work on a proposed housing project of 1,500 dwellings for Cambridge's low income groups. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is assisting in the formation of a brand new community, "Soul City," in nearby Warren County.

Another example of community service efforts is a project planned by University of Connecticut students. They want to enrich the cultural lives of the inmates of correctional centers by taking performing artists and exhibits into the prisons. They hope to interest prisoners in vocational or avocational opportunities in the arts while they are behind bars or later.



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Fish Drill Team schedules tryouts

The Fish Drill Team will hold practice Tuesday at 5 p.m. on the drill field behind Duncan Dining Hall, according to Dick Hanes, drill team senior advisor.

"All interested fish should report at this time, in the uniform of the day," Hanes said.

Bulletin Board

University Women will meet at 7 p.m. in the MSC Social Room. The meeting will be a social hour for all women students at A&M.

Food Services gains new administrator

Paul G. Davis has joined the staff as administrative assistant in the Food Services Department.

Food Services Director Fred W. Dollar said Davis will work closely with students in seeking ways to improve service. He also will coordinate personnel training.

Davis, who received a business administration degree here in 1950, recently retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel.

Lawyer of acquitted Marine offers aid to 2 others in case

DA NANG, Vietnam (AP)—After winning the acquittal of a young Marine accused of murdering 16 Vietnamese civilians, an attorney pledged his help Sunday to two others convicted earlier in the same case.

Gene Stipe of McAlester, Okla., said that "if necessary," he would file friend of the court petitions to aid the appeals of the two, found guilty of the crimes of which his client, Pvt. Randell D. Herrod, 20, was cleared.

A 7-officer jury returned the verdict Sunday after deliberating three hours at the end of a 10-day trial.

The finding came as a surprise to most court observers, who had heard Herrod described in testimony through three previous trials as well as his own as the patrol leader who ordered his men to bring five Vietnamese women and 11 children out of their homes and to "kill them, kill them all."

In Calvin, Okla., Herrod's hometown, the verdict brought nearly all of the 350 residents into the streets in jubilation.

"It's wonderful," shouted W. V. Graham, former Calvin school superintendent. "Everybody in town has been 100 per cent behind Randy—words can't express the feeling we have."

Herrod himself had told news men Saturday that he expected to be convicted of premeditated murder and given the mandatory life sentence.

The immediate question raised by the acquittal was its probable effect on the pending appeals of the two Marines convicted earlier.

They are Pvt. Michael A. Schwarz, 21, Weirton, W. Va., who was convicted of premeditated murder and given life, and Pfc. Samuel G. Green, 18, of Cleveland, Ohio, found guilty of unpremeditated murder and sentenced to five years.

Both were convicted partly on the strength of similar testimony by some of the same witnesses called against Herrod.

A fourth Marine—Pfc. Thomas R. Boyd, 19, of Evansville, Ind., also was acquitted.

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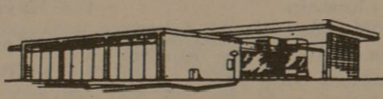
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