

Commandos seize Battalion

By JAMES BREEDLOVE
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THE SCENE: Eight shadowy figures are gathered about a secluded table in the back of a dark, smoke-filled bar somewhere in the Northgate area. Of the eight, one who appears to be the leader is leaning

across the table as he talks to the others. They appear spellbound as their chieftain slowly turns his head—looking deep into the eyes of each as he speaks.

LEADER: "This campus has suffered from bad journalism in the form of The Battalion long enough. I tell you the time to act is now! We'll dispose of their long-haired, liberal

staff and give A&M the kind of campus newspaper it has so long deserved. No more will we have to suffer with too much front page AP news. No longer will the MSC, Corps and other student organizations have to take the abuse of the power-mad Moses and his conies."
(His speech is punctuated by violent pounding on the table. The

others nod their heads in unison. Several appear to be foaming at the mouth.)

LEADER: "It'll be easy. My spies tell me that the regular staff is usually drunk by seven o'clock and most of them pass out shortly after that. We'll strike as soon as LaTonya Perrin is down. Moses, Speer, Bruton, Anderson, Killingsworth and the

others will be easy, but the Perrin woman is apparently the ringleader and someone to be reckoned with."

(The leader rambles on for several more minutes. His speech is inaudible, but the hatred in his tone is unmistakable. Suddenly he appears to pause. He draws a deep breath and glances quickly at each of his henchmen. The tone of his voice

changes as he begins to speak again.)

LEADER: "All right now, everyone has their assignment. Remember, Rife will handle Speer, Pierce will take out Anderson and Breedlove will dispose of the Perrin woman. Carstens and Utterback will do away with the news editors, Richards will handle the photo editor and McGrath will take out Bruton, their sports editor. Then, when we've finished with these, I, David Kaspar, will personally slit the throat of that dog, Moses." (His voice suddenly calms again. He continues.) "And now comrades, the time has come to pledge an oath to our cause."

(Each of the eight extends their right hand to the middle of the table and places it on top of the person's next to him. All eyes are affixed on the leader's who, with clenched teeth, utters the oath.)

LEADER: "Death to the Battalion; hail the new regime."

(The others repeat the oath in unison, then, slowly remove their hands from the table and depart from different exits.)

END OF PART ONE

THE SCENE: Our eight darkly clad commandos are gathered in the side entrance to the old Chemistry Building across the street from the Reed McDonald Building which houses the offices of The Battalion. Closer inspection reveals that their faces are blackened. They appear to be hiding weapons beneath their clothing. Kaspar, their leader, is talking to them.

LEADER: "Good friends and comrades in arms. Now the time has come to fulfill our destiny. Move silently but swiftly, and remember,

if any of you are apprehended and brought before the Student Publications Board you must never reveal the identities of any of the others. Now, follow me."

(They crouch low and dash across the street to gather behind the wall in front of the East entrance to the Reed McDonald building. Then, without speaking they move through the doors, up the stairs and into the main office of The Battalion.)

LEADER: "Hands up schmuck! This is a take over!"

(A scream is heard from a corner as the only one in the office, a cleaning woman, faints in a heap. Other members of the commando squad gather behind their leader, lower their weapons and look about in amazement.)

LEADER: "What the hell? There's nobody here. The pigeons have flown the proverbial coop."

(The commandos begin looking around the office for a clue to the mysterious disappearance of The Battalion staff.)

COMMANDO: (In the editor's office): "Wait a minute, here's a note." (He rushes out to show the others.)

LEADER (Reading the note given him by the commando): "Well I'll be d---ed! Listen to this, gang." (He turns to the others and begins reading.) "To whom it may concern: We decided to take a little trip to New Orleans this weekend and forgot to tell anyone. If anyone is interested, in putting out the paper while we're away, have at it. Signed, Greg Moses, Battalion Editor."

Tomorrow, the exciting conclusion to our tale of treachery and deceit.

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State funds sought for marine college

By GREG MOSES
Interim Cub Reporter

TAMU System President Jack K. Williams told the Texas Senate Finance Committee Wednesday that the Galveston campus deserves to be treated like other new campuses in Texas.

Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources was created after the state constitution was drafted and was not specified as a recipient of the Permanent University Fund. Consequently, it is ineligible for PUF money. The college now operates from gifts.

"You cannot run a college on gifts," said Williams after the hearings. "It deserves to be treated like the Tyler (State College) campus or (University of Texas at) Permian Basin."

Legislative Budget Board recommended \$1.7 million for the Moody College in 1976 and \$1.6 million in 1977. TAMU System requested \$2.5 million in 1976 and

\$2.8 million in 1977.

Committee member A. R. (Babe) Schwartz, Galveston, said he will sponsor a bill to appropriate funds for the campus.

Williams also suggested a contingency fund which would provide money for growing schools while the legislature is out of session. The legislature meets every other year. Williams said the money could be allocated by an independent agency based on the twelfth class day enrollment, which is the official figure used by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

Other items for which Williams asked special consideration:

● **Radiological safety.** TAMU System requested \$129,437 for 1976 and \$142,306 for 1977. Legislative Budget Board recommended \$61,584 for 1976 and \$65,895 for 1977. Williams said the requested budget must be spent because it

was a "direct consequence of state and federal regulations." He said if the legislature did not fund the program fully, money would be taken out of other TAMU programs. "It would be a rob Peter to pay Paul situation," he said.

● **Sea Grant.** TAMU System requested \$465,000 for 1976 and \$520,000 for 1977. LBB recommended \$295,000 for 1976 and \$315,650 for 1977. Williams said money for this program could be matched two-to-one with federal money. "It's our last great frontier," he said.

● **Institute of Comparative Medicine.** TAMU System requested \$500,000 for 1976 and \$532,253 for 1977. LBB recommended \$118,000 for 1976 and \$126,000 for 1977. This program combines studies of veterinary medicine with studies of human medicine. Williams said the program "will return its investment to the taxpayer."

TVS Sports reneges, A&M-t.u. on tube

The TVS Sports Network reneged Wednesday on its choice of SWC games for the second game of Saturday's Collegiate doubleheader.

The network had chosen to broadcast the Tech-TCU match-up on Monday evening this weekend, but the Tech loss to Baylor put the spotlight on the Aggies, who became league leaders.

The Aggie-Texas game will be televised in place of the Lubbock meeting at 2 p.m. Saturday. G. Rollie White should fill to capacity to welcome the Ags back from a successful two-win road trip which saw them clinch at least a tie for the SWC title.

Grant provided by HUD

Seventy thousand goes to Brazos Valley Development Council

By STAN SISCO

The executive committee of the Brazos Valley Development Council met yesterday and approved the applications for federal funds of several locally proposed projects.

Included was the approval of a 100 per cent grant request to be made to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$70,000 for proposed projects in the city of College Station. The \$70 thousand would provide one year's

funding for a three year development plan.

Included in the one-year projects are street paving with curb and gutter drainage improvements, water line extensions, building code enforcements, clearance and demolition. This proposed project was found to be consistent with Brazos Valley Development Council Regional Planning. Also found consistent with local and regional planning was another 100 per cent grant

request for College Station. This is an \$88 thousand request to be made to HUD through the secretary's fund application for funds under the Community Development Act of 1974 and will be used for street and drainage improvements.

The City of Bryan also received approval for a federal fund request. If received, this \$206,000 request will be used for water, street, drainage improvements; park acquisition and development; day care and

neighborhood facilities; and a pilot housing program.

Other locally significant approvals at the meeting included a fund request to be made to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for public boat ramps on the Brazos River at SH21 and FM60 and on the Navasota River at SH21 and SH30. Also included was a Texas A&M University request for a federal grant for studies and plans of sewerage improvements.

SG President requests statutory limit on fees

Student Body President Steve Eberhard said Wednesday he would like to see a statutory limit on Building Use Fees.

Eberhard spoke before the Senate Finance Committee during hearings on the legislative budget for Texas A&M.

Beside the limit on Building Use Fees, Eberhard said, "I would seriously hope that the 64th legislature will seriously consider an expanded statewide student financial aid program—in particular, a broad-based grant program. . . . And most of all I would hope that the 64th legislature will not seriously consider an increase in resident-student tuition."

Eberhard mentioned statistics which showed Texas among the highest of the states in appropriations of state tax funds for operating expenses of higher education and among the lowest in tuition and fees for resident students.

"As a student, and speaking for the students of Texas A&M, and I believe for the students of all state-supported institutions of higher education in Texas, I wish to thank you, as members of the Legislature, for your continued support," said Eberhard. "This support has made, and will continue to make, available to the youth of Texas, the finest possible education at the lowest possible cost."

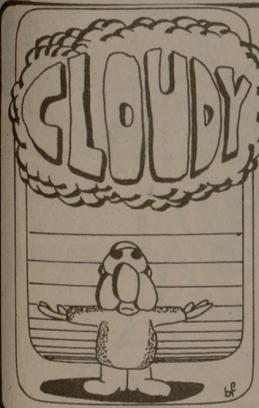
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Weather

Mostly cloudy Thursday and Friday becoming partly cloudy tomorrow afternoon. Continued warm. High today 68; low tonight 59; high Friday 71.



Dance Theatre of Harlem

A full house greeted the Harlem Dance Theatre as they presented a four dance program. OPAS brought the company as part of Black Awareness week. See story page 4.

Inquiring Battman

Yell Leader Vote, Were You Represented?

Photos by Jimmy Richards



Kenneth Rhodes, Senior, Horticulture
"Personally, I thought they were completely within their jurisdiction."



Dean Kocay, Junior, Pre-Med
"I think it's a good idea. I don't think it's an issue as to what the people wanted, but a legal matter—like discrimination."



Tim Thiele, Junior, Math
"I thought the majority didn't want it—a lot of girls didn't want it."



Marsha Monroe, Graduate, Political Science
"No I don't—I think it should have been put to a student vote. Male yell leaders are an established tradition at A&M, and if it should be changed, it should be up to the entire student body."



Jerry Nickerson, Senior, Geography
"No, I don't think they did. If it was left up to the students, I don't think it would have passed. I think the Senators should consult their constituents before voting."



Cinda Beth Heffernan
"Yes, I think they did. Personally I want male yell leaders, but I'm glad they took it out. I don't think they'll have any (female yell leaders) in the near future."



David Hicks, Senior, Management
"It depends on what college they represented, however they should have made an attempt to check the attitudes of the students."