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Rival Defends Rival...Texas u. Upholds A&M

Although A. & M. and Texas university are traditional rivals, especially on Thanksgiving Day, the Daily Texan quickly came to the defense of the Aggies concerning Horace H. Shelton's letter.

Certainly A. & M. appreciates this. To Texas university A. & M. says thanks for the following editorial:

"Texas Aggies and University students have a statewide reputation of rivalry, but even rivals are not blind to each other's good points.

A recent letter written to the Dallas Morning News from a Horace H. Shelton in Austin criticizing the Aggies in their Thanksgiving Day parade down Congress Avenue, has raised a howl of protest from A. & M. students—a justifiable howl of protest.

"Mr. Shelton wrote:

"To me, it seems particularly out of place that these young men, clothed in the uniform of their country, are parading to a football game instead of to the battlefronts, when eleven million other young men are fighting gloriously for their country.

"The press here reported many fist fights Wednesday and Thursday nights between students of A. & M. and The University of Texas, but do not report any volunteers for overseas duty."

"The Aggies were quick to supply answers to the queries of Mr. Shelton.

"They pointed out that of the 1,993 students enrolled, 1,056 are not even within the draft age. 'If Mr. Shelton had tried to volunteer for overseas duty lately, he would discover that it can't be done. One doesn't need to volunteer for overseas duty. The Armed Forces have a peculiar habit of sending their men when and where they need them,' one Aggie replied.

"Others pointed out that A. & M. has furnished more officers and men to the Armed Forces than any other military school, that boys have been requested to stay in school as long as possible, that Aggies wear uniforms because they receive scholastic training in military preparation for their entrance into the armed services, that underclassmen's ages range from 15 up to 19, most seniors are discharged veterans, and those above 18 leave school daily for the Armed Forces.

"Such a record hardly merits the petty insinuations that have been charged. The Aggies and University students usually indulge in a bit of tradition when in this city. The parade of well-trained, able Aggies is more something to take pride in than criticize.

"As guests of the city and the school the Aggies deserve to be treated with as much courtesy as would be shown a convention of out-of-uniform civilians.

"There is a line that can sometimes be drawn between a slacker and a patriot, but it seems, some fail to find the correct place to draw that line."

Seven Weeks of Class ... Graduation

February 3 seems a long way off but a bit of reflection will show that there are only seven weeks of school left for underclassmen and only a few more days than six weeks left for graduating seniors.

Seniors who are making plans for jobs after graduation are in one of the most critical periods of their college careers. It is very easy to lose sight of the immediate goal, graduation, when thinking of the long range goal of a lifetime of work at the chosen job. This mistake is easily fallen into and unless carefully guarded against can postpone graduation for another semester or maybe permanently.

It is not too late now to make those last few grade points that will raise the college average a few notches higher and possibly mean extra dollars in the graduate's pocket when he does begin looking for that job. It can be disastrous to overlook the importance of these last few weeks on the permanent record.

Undergraduate students have other semesters ahead of them but they too cannot afford to cease working because for them there still is the chance to get all the knowledge that so many seniors have missed. Do each day's job completely and thoroughly and the accumulation will take care of itself.

Magazines Disappear ... Esquire Too

Colleges and Universities provide primarily four things which when combined provide cultural, technological benefits for the national society. These 4 things are: Students, teachers, research, and libraries. Only in combination can either or all of these function properly.

Perhaps the last mentioned, libraries, is the most important for there all the information, knowledge, and learning is written down, chronicled, and catalogued in a manner so that it is easily accessible to those seeking information.

Libraries contain many types of publications not the least of which are magazines and periodicals. In these is the latest information about new discoveries and new developments in every field of learning and human activity.

Cushing Memorial Library of Texas A. & M. is not the largest library in the world nor is it the most complete but despite its shortcomings it is and can be of invaluable aid to the scholar. Many assignments require work in the library and very few assignments are there that would not benefit from library preparation.

Cushing Library receives every issue of hundreds of periodicals and places them in the Periodical room within easy access to anyone desiring to use them. Because of the shortage of paper the library is unable to obtain more than one copy of each issue.

Each of the magazines received by the library is bound after it is taken from the Periodical Room and placed on permanent file. These bound volumes are of inestimable value to the library in successfully serving its patrons.

Recently the library has lost some issues of magazines which they cannot replace because of the shortage of paper. The periodicals have very little value to the average user after he has read them but to the library they retain their value and become more valuable as time passes. Magazines that disappear, as they cannot be replaced, leave a gap in the bound volumes that may be just the place where some Aggie will be looking for information to complete his assignment.

BACKWASH

By Renyard W. Canis

Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence.—Webster.

Football season is gone again. This year wasn't the most successful of all Aggie years as far as the win and loss column stacks up, but it has been an outstanding social season.

Usually there are more home games and more corps balls in Sbis but who can kick about that this year. Always an Aggie would rather go out of town and have the pick of the place rather than be tied down with one girl in Aggie land all weekend.

Remember the trip to San Antonio for the Texas Tech game? That was where the Aggies had the trouble at mid-night yell practice for blocking the street and causing one of the flighty boys to miss something or the other a couple of blocks down the street.

Then there was the Aggie Dance given by the San Antonio A. & M. Club and the early morning trips by starlight out to the only place that was open for a late snack of chili and tochas.

The next big trip was to Dallas for the S. M. U. victory and the Aggie Sweetheart presentation. Sweet Vicki Moran was given two dozen red sweetheart roses and then every Aggie got an idea. Why not have a sweetheart of his own? They all had them Saturday night. Many is the toe that is still sore from the tromping out on Greenville Avenue as the Aggies celebrated.

In quick order came the jaunt down across the rice fields to Houston and the owl plucking. The feathers flew, the wind blew, then the rains came. Blind date after blind date and they were all too tall. For instance the big blonde. Long lissome and lovely.

Nothing could have been more fun than the Aggie gathering in the dark way out on Main Street. People are still wondering if the lights went out or some amorous Aggie swiped the fuses. No candles either. A guy could always say that he couldn't find his way back to the table after dancing off with some other guy's date. Bird dogging was prime.

Then came the trip to teahound land. The less said the better.

Summing It Up

Two hundred dollars short, 25 grade points gone, 2 good sheets hardly slept on at all, 1 pair badly battered senior boots, 1 handsome bag under each eye, a worn out suitcase, a bloody thumb, a few black eyes, blondes and brunettes and a few red heads in several towns (How can an Aggie see them all often enough to convince each that he loves her and only her?), a good time.

Warning! Aggies

Sunday night a big bunch (some big and some small) of sail-

ors came breezing in from Huntsville and Sam Houston school almost for girls. Those guys were happy with the light in their eyes. A. & M. can't afford to let that happen.

Huntsville honies, the Aggies love you dearly. Don't be lonely. Don't be blue. We'll be over in force to chase away the blue.

Spooks and Things

Frank Gerlach and his spook have been going around and round. Since Frank's roommate left school to join the navy, Frank swears that a spook has been sleeping or something in the lower bunk.

Window shades have been falling, water faucets turn themselves on, closet doors swing and squeak even if there is no breeze, his door locks itself, drawers are left open, and a few other things happen concerning unmentionables.

Frank isn't worried however. He calls the spook Grover and is calmly waiting for him to flunk out of school.

Of Dove Hunting

And we don't mean turtle doves although one turtle did loose his head.

This isn't particularly about dove hunting but about some of the Brazos County country over along the Navasota River. (Old residents pronounce it Navasot, the sot pronounced as in drunkard. A further corruption is "Nasty-sot)."

If Texans think that the swampy land is confined to Louisiana they are slightly mistaken. Not over 10 or 15 miles from College Station there are places full of trees and water where the grass ought to be. Moss hangs from trees or maybe the moss props the trees up. It's impossible to tell.

It's lonely there too. Ask Harlan Bullock how it feels to spend the night sitting on the base of a tree surrounded by water all because his buddies couldn't find him.

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Aggie Fashions

Fish stripes on the left cuff of first year cadets . . . The bewildered expressions on faces of same . . . Boys from the west that wear cowboy boots constantly . . . Boys that wear cowboy boots until their feet give out . . . Casanova who wears senior boots constantly . . . Juniors afraid to take off dark green shirts . . . Daily non-regs . . . Those who go to the North Gate for coffee in pajamas . . . The pool shark spotted with cue chalk . . . Non-shavers (Ed. note—It has been too cold lately to shave) . . . Bareheaded Johnnies with caps in their hands.

:: As The World Turns ::

By Dr. Al B. Nelson

The United States now has \$25,000,000,000 (billions) of currency in circulation which is some five times as much as in the highly prosperous period around 1929.

At that time the paper money of the United States was backed by gold and was worth its face value, now the money is backed only by the promise of a government which is in debt more than nine times as much as in 1929.

Your dollar is now worth only as much as the credit of the government which places a tremendous responsibility upon the wisdom of our representatives in the executive and legislative branches of the government.

Albert B. Fall, sent to prison during the famous "Teapot Dome" oil scandals for accepting a \$100,000 bribe (though the man who bribed him was never convicted)

while he was Secretary of the Interior under President Harding, died in El Paso November 30, at the age of 83.

Errol Flynn, movie actor, pays his ex-wife \$18,000 a year alimony, and the court just ruled that he must reimburse her for the \$11,000 in income taxes she paid on that amount in the last two years. A costly ex-wife.

March of Time film covering Texas, Brazil, Canada, and Portugal will be shown in the Physics Lecture Room Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. This film is brought to the campus by the Department of History, Dr. S. R. Gammon, Department Head.

The Russians are in the outskirts of Budapest and are pushing on toward the borders of old Austria. They are spending their time and energies cleaning up the Baltic States and the Balkans for their own private benefit which allows the Germans to concentrate their strength against the American and British forces on the Western front.

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Thirty-two Missions Flown By Ex-Aggie

15TH AAF IN ITALY—1st. Lt. John A. Whitacre, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitacre, 695 West Washington St., Stephenville, Texas, pilot on a B-24 Liberator, recently flew on his 32nd combat mission.

Since arriving overseas last July, he has participated in attacks on such important objectives as rail yards, harbor installations, air fields, and industrial centers in Germany, France, Rumania, Hungary, and Austria.

The former football star of Stephenville high school, has been awarded the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight."

"When you get ready to take off on a mission, it's like waiting for the kick-off in a football game," is the way he puts it. "And when you see your bombs dropping on the target, it's like going over with the winning touchdown."

Lt. Whitacre entered the service in March 1943, and received his wings and commission at Ellington Field, Texas in January 1944. He is a graduate of Stephenville High School, class of 1940, and attended Texas A. & M. for two years prior to entering the Army. His wife, Mrs. Louise Whitacre, resides at the above address. He has one brother, James, also in the Air Corps, at Langley Field, Va.

Marine Artillery Officer Is Aggie

QUANTICO, VA.—Marine Second Lieutenant James Philip Miller, son of Edward D. Miller of 2003 W. Oak Street, Denton, Texas, has been graduated at the Reserve Officers Class, Marine Corps School here. He has since completed the artillery course and has been assigned to duty with a combat organization.

Second Lieutenant Miller attended Texas A. & M. and North Texas State Teachers College where he majored in Economics. He holds a B. A. degree.

Army Jeep Adaptable For Farm Purposes

Adaptability of the army jeep to Texas farming and ranching chores will be thoroughly explored during the coming year and reports on its efficiency for various tasks will be available to those who plan to use the little machine after the war, it was announced by A. B. Conner, director of the Texas A. & M. Agricultural Experiment Station.

A factory-reconditioned army jeep was delivered to the A. & M. College early this month by a factory representative of the Willys-Overland company, and turned over to H. P. Smith, agricultural engineering division head. The company will make periodic checks on the condition of the machine, and will supply all replacement parts necessitated by the strenuous testing program outlined for the sturdy little war-buggy.

Through an arrangement made by the United States Department of Agriculture various tests of the jeep will be made in the states of Texas, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, Mississippi, Arizona and Washington.

In Texas the tests will be concerned with what farm implements the jeep will pull successfully, operating costs in comparison with other sources of farm power and transportation; and its general all-around adaptability to use in the dry land and irrigated sections, principally in rice harvesting operations; and on the cattle and sheep ranches of the state, Mr. Smith announced.

"Glowing accounts of the performance ability of the jeep for wartime purposes have given the impression that it will solve all of the farmer's and rancher's problems in the postwar period," Mr. Smith declared. "We sincerely hope it will do all the things that are claimed for it, but we intend to find out for ourselves just how far it will solve the problem, and at what cost.

"We have outlined a pretty busy year for our jeep in Texas, and it will be used in different parts of the state in the course of our experiments. The manufacturer has agreed that in its rebuilt condition it will do the job of a new machine, and the company is as interested in its possibilities and its limitations of use as we could possibly be.

"As soon as we obtain sufficient gasoline for our tests, we will start the experiments. They will take us to West Texas where ranchers want to know what the jeep will do. It will be taken to the coastal rice fields, and to other sections of Texas to determine the jeep's adaptability to farm and ranch chores.

"When our experiments are completed we will have data available for anybody in Texas who wants to know just what the jeep will do, and how much it will cost to operate on the various tasks assigned to it."

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The Lowdown On

Campus Distractions

By Dick Osterholm

Showing on the bill at the Campus tonight and Wednesday is the gangster picture of all time. "Roger Toughy, Gangsters" with Preston Foster and Victor McLaglin. Here is the true to life story of the notorious "Toughy Gang" that terrorized the state of Illinois and surrounding territory. It has the unknown facts behind the case, the thrilling jail-break and the life of the gang when they were free.

The Lowdown: A pretty good picture and full of action. It proves that crime does not pay.

Thursday and Friday at the Campus gives us "Make Your Own Bed" with Jack Carson and Jane Wyman. One hilarious comedy with all the trimmings. Jack Carson, husband, finds himself in quite

a mess when wifey, Jane Wyman, sees him the victim of circumstances and we mean other women. There intimate situations and spies and everything to make a picture crazy.

The Lowdown: Just the thing to take away our troubles and your quizes. Try it if you have the time, it's good.

Tonight at the Guion theater is Robert Casadesus, in person. For the Wednesday and Thursday bill, "No Time for Love" with Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray. A girl photographer, smart set sophisticated, falls in love with a sandhog, who knows all about fisticuffs and femmes. Cupid takes a hand and things happen.

The Lowdown: It's a good show with good comedy and acting. Still showing at the Palace in Bryan is "Double Indemnity", a murder drama. Starting Wednesday and showing through Saturday, is the much talked of picture "Janie" with Joyce Reynolds and Robert Hutton with a fine supporting cast. This is the story of anyone's sister, at about that age. Janie gets soldier struck and turns her Dad's home into a small USO for the soldiers. There's fun a minute, laughs a minute and fine acting.

The Lowdown: Just the kind of picture about someone that will make you enjoy it. Could be you, that makes it a grand picture.

Former A&M Man Now Tail Gunner

15TH AAF IN ITALY—Sergeant James A. Gordon, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gordon, 1409 West Ave., Austin, Texas, has arrived overseas and has started combat flying as tail gunner on a B-24 bomber.

Among the missions that Gordon has participated in are those to Vienna, Graz and Linz, in Austria, where railyards, refineries and factories were blasted. His roughest sortie was over Graz, where his plane was punctured with 11 flak holes.

A graduate of the Gilmer High School, Gordon attended Texas A. & M. College. He was employed by the Sheffield Steel Corp., in Houston before enlisting in July 1942.

Ft. Worth Club Meets Wednesday To Make Christmas Party Plans

All Fort Worth Aggies are asked to be present at the Fort Worth Club meeting that is to be held Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in a room reserved in the Academic Bldg. It is necessary that the president of the club know in advance how many members will be present as plans will be made concerning the Christmas party. Present plans call for the party to be held in the Oak and Alamo rooms at the Texas Hotel on December 27th.

The primeval forests were our heritage. Will coming generations be proud of the forest heritage we are leaving them?

Campus

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FRIDAY and SATURDAY
Double Feature

"HOSTAGES"

Starring
LUISE ARTURO
Rainer - de Cordova
WILLIAM PAUL
Bendix - Lukas
with Katina Paxinou
Oscar Homolka
Directed by FRANK TUTTLE - Screen Play by Lester Cole
and Frank Butler - From the Novel by Stefan Heym

— and —
"There's Something About a Soldier"