Foundations and Such

Public school week, which started yesterday, is a good time to raphsodize editorially on the schools as the foundation of democracy, the hope of the future, and all that sort of thing.

It all sounds real pretty and is probably true, but most people can't see it that way. Can't see the forest for the trees, to coin a phrase.

Everybody—school student, college student, parent, or just plain citizen—is too close to the school to see clearly its ideological functions.

To most people, the school house is right around the corner, and whether its shaped like yesterday's barn or tomorrow's flying saucer, it is as much a part of their neighborhood as the fireplug on the corner.

It affects everything in their lives, and families with school-age children are liable to find their lives geared around it.

Parents casually send their children to a public school for 12 or more years, trusting the school to take care of them for six hours a day and to teach them the "right" things.

The children accept the school with equal casualness; they complain about parts of it, and enjoy other parts.

This is probably the highest tribute that can be paid our schools: they exert an immeasurable influence on the lives of everyone in the nation, but they are accepted as commonplace.

Now for the moralistic part — granted that the schools are one of the foundations of democracy, and granted that the citizen with his vote is an equally important part of the same foundation, the two should get together more.

The schools are using this public school week dodge as an excuse to hold open houses and similar festivities, in an effort to get the people out to see what the schools do all day.

The least the people can do is to take them up on it.

Four Hours . . .

The Student Senate last week made a recommendation that, if approved by the college, could possibly save a student's life some day.

The senate requested that the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter holidays start at noon instead of at 5 p.m., giving the students a chance to get home before dark.

This will involve no great loss on the part of the college—one afternoon of classes. But it might prevent some student from pushing his driving luck too far into the night.

The coming Easter holidays would be a good time to start.

What's Cooking

TUESDAY

7:00—Milam county club, YMCA, discuss plans for Aggieland.

7:15—Rural Sociology club, 410 Agriculture building, speaker: Jack Springer, about Chamber of Commerce work.

7:30—Ag Eco club, room 2A MSC, Dr. W. W. McIlroy will show slides on FDA work in India, selection of Cotton Ball duchess and set time for Aggieland picture.

Geological society, lecture room Geology building, informal discussion on the exploration activities of an oil company, speaker: Morgan Davis, vice-president, exploration, Humble Oil and Refining Co.

Pre-Med, Pre-Dent club, 107 Biology building, discuss banquet.

Spanish club, 123 Academic, organizational meeting, election of officers, J. J. Woolket, head of modern language department, will preside.

Pre-Law society, room 3B MSC, two movies about court cases and proceedings.

AIChE, Petroleum engineering building, speaker: Morrow of the Humble Oil Co. on "Modern Fuels for Modern Motors."

Business society, 107 Biology building, speaker: Amando Cavazos, secertary of H. B. Zachary Construction Co., San Antonio, "Interesting Phases of my Job."

Today Is Last Day

Today is the last day that members of the Pre-Medical, Pre-Dental club can purchase tickets for the annual banquet to be held March 12 in Maggie Parker's dining hall at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be bought from members of the club.

Golf, Tennis Teams Win Openers With SFA Easily

With Jerry Durbin shooting a low of 69, A&M's varsity golfers thumped Stephen F. Austin here 5½-½ Saturday in the Aggies' first match of the year.

Bobby Nichols sparked the Aggie freshmen to a 6-0 triumph over the SFA frosh by tying the competitive course record at A&M with a 66.

Bobby Briggs and Durbin downed Jim McDonnell and Bitsy Anger in the first varsity foursome. Bill Franklin of A&M halved with Robert Baker, and Tommy Cox won over Stewart Bell in the second foursome.

Coach W. M. Dowell's Aggie tennis team completely dominated Stephen F. Austin here Saturday and swept to a 7-0 win.

A&M won easily in the singles matches. Don Dixon defeated

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'Mural Highlights

A transportation corps won over A signal corps yesterday, 2-0, in freshmen intramural volleyball.

In other games, B anti-aircraft artillery beat A engineers, 2-0; B engineers downed C anti-aircraft artillery, 2-0; squadron 1 won over B field artillery, 2-0; squadron 13 sank squadron 22, 2-0; A chemical corps beat A field artillery, 2-1; A ordnance won over A quartermaster corps, 2-0; and Mitchell hall beat Walton hall, 2-1.

Five PE Majors Teaching at CHS

Five A&M physical education majors are practice teaching at A&M Consolidated junior high and high school this semester.

The students are Billy Pickard, G. O. Meyers, Elwood Kettler, B. H. Menard, K. L. Fry and Bob Easley.

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C. H. Ransdell
Acting Dean, Basic Division 73t2

Vacancies still exist for physics laboratory student assistantships Wednesdays 10-12 A. M., Physics 202, and Wednedays 2-4 p.m. in Physics 204. Men who have completed sophomore physics courses with superior records are invited to apply at the office of the department at their earliest convenience. The scale of compensation is .80 per hour for new assistants and .90 per hour for experienced assistants.

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Letters to the Editors

To Fish Wachel '58

I read your letter to the Batt about the "Soldier Boys" of the Corps and I would like to defend the letters that were previously written on the subject of non-regs. I am not ridiculing you for not joining the corps; that's your perogative and you may have your **good** reasons for not joining. What I do object to is your calling the Corps "Soldier Boys." I don't believe that in any of the letters before yours has there been any "name calling" by the Corps. We teach the Corps freshmen that they are men the minute they enter A&M and I don't believe that they, your own class buddies, would appreciate your calling them "Soldier Boys," when in my opinion, it takes much more of a man to take the C.Q.'s, drills, bull-rings, mess-hall bull, etc. at a "non-coed college" than it does to merely go here and come and go as you please, sit on your dead——when you meet a man, and wear your hat in the M.S.C.

I hope, Fish Wachel, when old Uncle Sugar drafts you, that one of those Class of '58 "Soldier Boys" is your C. O. and he really puts you through it.

Bill "Red" Swann
Class of '56

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To Whom It May Concorn,
Through Editors,—The Battalion:

We, as "soldier boys" in the Corps at A&M, have found that to be qualified to speak of spirit, it is imperative that one must have first participated in the traditions of our school. We have found many discrepancies in the arguments presented in the recent letters to The Battalion by several non-reg students — freshman in particular. It is our firm belief that there has not been any "mud slinging" at those non-regs who have never been in the Corps. Certainly one would not expect a veteran who has already served his country well or a physically handicapped student to participate in the Corps activities—unless they so desire. Nor do we feel that Pre-Meds or men who have had to drop out of the corps at the end of two years of military training should be included unless they so desire. But we feel that if we are to look at any present situation from the non-reg view point it is imperative that those persons who never have participated in the Corps also consider our feelings. How many times have the non-reg authors of the recent letters been to yell practice, stood at attention during Silver Taps, gone to support our team on Corps Trips, or even felt the spirit that they believe they know so much about. It is you, those who were able to join the Corps of Cadets and who didn't, and you, those who did join and quit because you did not have the "guts" to stick it out, whom we are refering to.

It is a proven fact that many of you, instead of joinging in with the Corps, have turned your back on our traditions by such things as going home on football weekends, or playing poker while we paid a final tribute to a deceased fellow Aggie. . . .Yes, Army, they played poker. These men, and we use the term loosely, are the ones we have objection to.

At present our school is faced with a serious problem. The actions of the above mentioned nonconformists are the ones whom we feel are, in part, directly responsible for starting A&M on the road to coeducation. Only by cooperation on the part of the school administration and the students, both military and non-reg, can we keep A&M an all male college. If the above mentioned desire to con-

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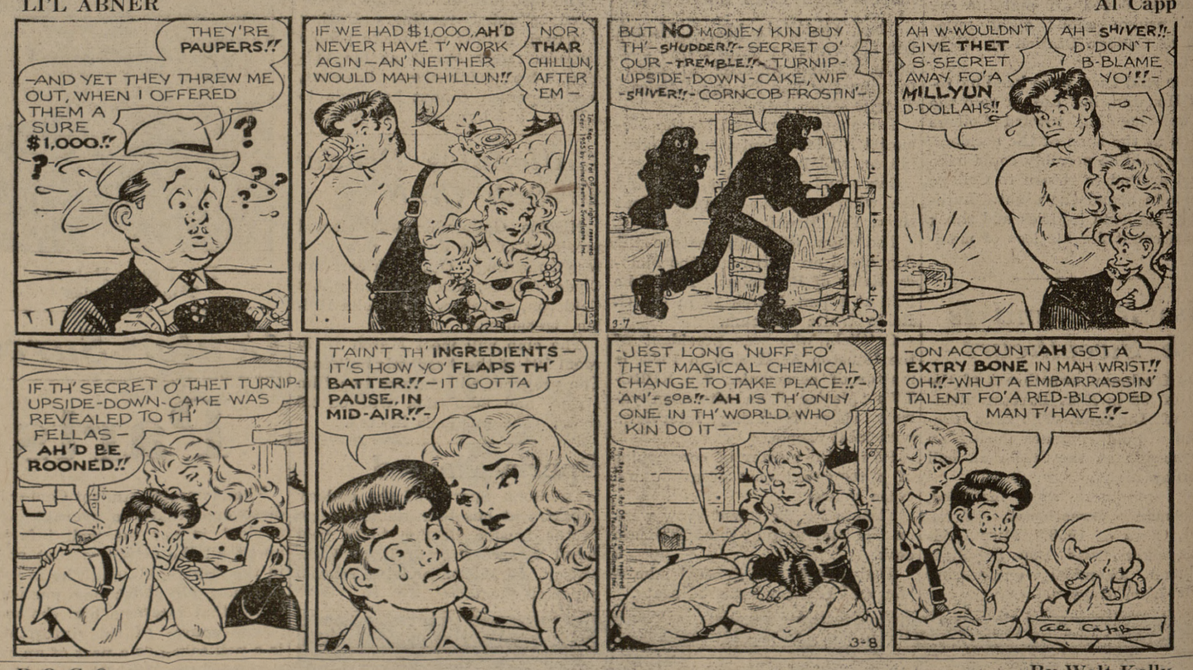

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