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## NEW LETTER MEN GIVE A BANQUET

OYSTER SUPPER SUBSTITUTED  
FOR OLD MEANS OF  
INITIATION.

### GARITTY ELECTED CAPTAIN

The new "T" and "T-AMC" men entertained the old letter men with an oyster supper last Friday night in the mess hall. The banquet took the place of the old initiation ceremonies. When the banquet was proposed a number of the old "T" men were rather dubious of this innovation, but the eats finally got the best of their good right arm and they voted for the banquet, reserving the right, however, to resort to the old system if the eats were not up to specifications.

The feed turned out to be an oyster supper which more than fulfilled the expectations of the old "T" men. Four courses of oysters were served, ending with fried oysters. Everybody ate oysters by the dozen. When it was all over comments could be heard here and there to the effect that they had never seen so many oysters before and that they had seen and eaten enough of them to last a lifetime.

After the banquet the football "T" men were called aside by Coach Moran to elect a football captain for the season of 1915. Johnnie Garrity was unanimously elected captain. When the results were announced Johnnie was the happiest Irishman in the world. He tried to get up and say something, but he was so happy he couldn't talk. All he could say was that he would furnish all the "T" men another banquet if he got "right" during the holidays.

Johnnie will undoubtedly make one of the best football captains A. & M. has ever had. He is not only a star player, being picked by a number of coaches as all-State end, but he is also one of the greatest "pep" instillers that ever came to College. Johnnie is one of the hardest fighters on the team and he has that gift of leadership that will make every man on the team follow him into the fight. When we play Varsity next year the "Wild Irishman" can be counted on not only to put up the game of his life, but to lead the whole team on and to keep them fighting all the time.

### INVITATION TO CHRISTMAS DANCE.

The members of the Waco Club of the Texas A. and M. College cordially extend an invitation to all cadets, alumni and campus people to attend the Waco Club dance to be held at K. C. Hall, Waco, Texas, on the night of December 30, 1914, at 8:30 o'clock.  
C. F. WARREN,  
President of Waco Club.

A new definition for economics: A miser's guide book.—C. H. Gunn.

## COACH CHARLIE MORAN TENDERS RESIGNATION

MAN WHO PUT A. & M. IN FOOTBALL HAS RESIGNED—PLAYER  
WHO KNOWS HIM BEST WRITES APPRECIATION OF HIM.

Charlie Moran is to leave us. This was the news that flashed over the campus Friday, casting gloom and regret among those who had learned to admire and love him, apprehension among those who are most interested in our athletic future, but joy among those who fear him most. The dean of Southwestern coaches passes. The alumni, supporters of the college and those of the public in general who are fond of winning athletics, must join with the student body in mourning the loss of Mr. Moran as their director of athletics.

It is needless to narrate the many benefits the college has derived thru the untiring efforts of Moran. Every student is fully aware of the advantage he has been to us in things material: the athletic field he has constructed, the gymnasium he gave us, the athletes he has developed and the championships this college has enjoyed under his tutorage. But it remains for those who have been associated with him the more closely—the athletes—to fully realize and appreciate what such daily association has meant to them individually. As one of these I write this article.

I came to the college as a freshman with Moran. During the six intervening years I have seen him give championship after championship to a college to whom previously even victories were seldom known. Practically unassisted, other than by his own determination, I have seen him take a smattering of green material, instill into them a fighting spirit, coach them into a finished football team, place them on a gridiron where they in return would reward him by being lauded as champions. No football coach could boast of a better record than he. Facing the same lack of material, equipment and support, I feel no hesitancy in expressing the belief that no other coach who has ever been South would have been equal to such a task as his. And in the height of the glory accredited an undisputed victor, it was but natural that he, his team and his team's record should be assailed with unjust and unsportsmanlike slander. But not an unbecoming reply did he make—he took consolation from the knowledge that such criticism was not just-

### BATTALIONS, ATTENTION!

Every human who has a kodak, bring it back with you when you return after Christmas. There are four Long Horns to be given away

for kodak pictures and you still have a chance to win. Come back after Christmas and see how many pictures you can get in the Long Horn. You have until February 28.

fied, that his friends knew so, and that his team had clearly demonstrated their superiority. During the very few times it came his way, he took defeat in the same admirable manner—he never made excuses or belittled his opponents' victory—he cast about in his own team for the fault, and finding it, took immediate steps toward its elimination. It is such things as these that have endeared him to the heart of A. & M. It is of no wonder that when the class of 1912 found themselves confronted by the problem as to whom their annual should be dedicated, the greatest honor a class can bestow, they felt no hesitancy in selecting their man as follows: "This year we feel that we have found a man who pre-eminently fulfils every necessary qualification and a man who richly deserves this, the greatest honor the senior class can bestow upon him—our beloved coach, Charles B. Moran."

No other man associated with a college has the opportunity of a coach to become intimate with the students, to receive their confidences, and thus to exert an influence over them.

Moran has realized the possibilities of his position—his control has always been exerted in a wholesome way; he has urged the men to apply themselves to their work, to improve their standing in their classes, and during the whole of our association, I have never known him to counsel or advise anyone under his leadership to conduct themselves in any but a clean, gentlemanly and sportsmanlike manner, either on or off the athletic field. We who have known him appreciate his special fitness for the position which he held. What Walter Camp has been to Yale, what Stagg means to Chicago, just so Charlie Moran is valued at A. & M. We have admired him as a coach and as a man; and as our valued friend his departure means a sad loss.

Wherever Fortune may guide him, we wish him every success, and we trust that he may always profit by the assurance that the good will and friendship of this student body follows. For he was the man who made athletics at A. & M.

TYREE BELL.

## GIFT PRESENTED TO "T" SECRETARY

DR. BIZZELL SURPRISES MR.  
STEGER WITH GIFT FROM  
CORPS AND CAMPUS.

### CADETS DISCUSS EXPENSES

A well prepared program consisting of a discussion of college expenses was given at the Y. M. C. A. meeting Sunday night before an audience of about 100, who had come out in spite of the cold. The question of the best use to make of one's funds while in college was discussed from many angles by student speakers, principally Seniors.

In conclusion, when the secretary was about to dismiss the audience, Dr. Bizzell took charge of affairs and began a talk which he soon turned into graceful eulogy of Mr. Steger and the work he has been doing here for the past five years. At length he stated that he had a Christmas present from the entire corps and teaching force for Mr. Steger in appreciation of his splendid and untiring work of the past. Thereupon he presented the secretary with the gift, a handsome black hand satchel, and stated that, having received more money than he had expected, he still had a sum left which he would present Mr. Steger on the following day in the form of a check.

### WACO WON'T GET TEXAS-A. & M. GAME

Offer of San Antonio Far Exceeds the  
One From Waco.

All agitation as to the probability of the game with A. & M. being changed from San Antonio to Waco was finally settled last night in a statement given out by the athletic department of the University. The authorities said that the game had been settled, and that it would be played in San Antonio. The Waco alumni have been very active the past few days, hoping to secure the game.

San Antonio has a larger contingent to draw from, and the best park in the State at the most reasonable cost, and it was on this account, and the close proximity to Austin, that the contention of the two cities was finally settled.—Daily Texan.

### MAGAZINE IS PUBLISHED IN HONOR OF COACH.

Material is now being gathered for a single-issue magazine which is to be published in honor of Coach Moran. R. R. Allen seems to be the head knocker of the enterprise. The magazine will appear but once.

### NOTICE!

The saw that was used in fixing the goal posts that were put up on the drill field has been misplaced. Anyone knowing anything about its whereabouts will please let same be known to No. 7 Foster immediately.