

GOOD IMPRESSION

Dallas got a good impression of the cadet corps of A. & M. during the last weekend.

In keeping with the attitude they had when they went to Waco recently, Aggies made every effort at the S. M. U. game to show their school to be one of the best, from the standpoints of sportsmanship, good conduct, and spirit.

Recognizing the fact that the boys from A. & M., the girls from T. S. C. W., and the student of S. M. U. had all done their part in having a good time without tramping on others' rights, The Dallas News carried a feature story in its Sunday edition with the headline, "Joe College Parades Self As Gentleman."

Part of the story follows: "Football and college played a twin tattoo on Dallas, heart Saturday which continued far into the night.

"It was fresh, colorful, exciting and, despite all this, as orderly a large crowd as hotel men and police have ever seen here.

"Not a single drunk was put out of the Mustang-Aggie football game at Owenby Stadium, police charted no disturbances or wrecks traceable to the infiltration of college students, hotels were packed but with sober, polite visitors.

"Yet, from the time the Texas A. & M. Cadet Corps stepped briskly up Main Street Saturday morning until the final whistle blew at the S. M. U. bowl, there was a general quickening of pulse in the entire city.

"It spread from the jolly crowd of cadets and girl students of the Texas State College for Women at Denton downtown, to the home-coming festivities on the Southern Methodist campus, hung there during the game, then came back to make the bright lights brighter.

"Other football crowds have made hotel managers wary, but this one comprised preponderantly of students, set an example of propriety for alumni."

Student Forum: UNION BUILDING

TO THE BATTALION: It is a very deplorable fact that a college the size of A. & M. should be without a Union Building, and it seems as though some definite progress toward obtaining a Union Building should have been made long before now.

The need of such a building is quite obvious. Each week end, visitors may be seen sitting in their cars, or waiting their turn to sit on one of the benches on the campus to visit with one of the students. There should be a place on the campus where a student could take his parents or friends to sit and talk with them.

Another use of a union building would be for the dances given by the college. It should not be necessary for organizations to have to pay to have the tables and chairs removed from the mess hall for the dances, nor should the mess hall staff be put to this inconvenience. Instead, there should be a dance floor in the union building at least large enough for organization dances, and then if necessary, use the mess hall for the bigger dances.

Where the money would come from for such a building I will admit is a problem, and if the state could not appropriate the necessary amount, it may be possible for the ex-students association to do a big part in raising funds—as the ex-students of Texas University did in giving the university one of the finest union buildings in the southwest, also, the various A. & M. mothers clubs throughout Texas might unite and work for this one project.

I am writing this with the hope that it may cause someone, or some group, directly or indirectly connected with A. & M. to do something to give this college a building which is a necessary part of any college this size.

AN AGGIE.

CHECK UP, AGGIES

Now is the time to sit down and check up on all those resolutions that were made at the beginning of the term concerning the grade that each student hoped to make this year. School has been going on for a little over seven weeks. "A" quizzes are practically all over and the "B" quizzes have started.

On Dec. 1, all grades will be turned in to the Registrar's office and the different Deans' offices. And these will be used as a rigid checkup on all students in school. In fact, they will mean whether some students will remain in school or not.

Football, which surely deserves the name of "the greatest American sport" is still in the air. At this time a minimum amount of studying is done. But classroom schedules and quizzes, some of which now can't be forgotten, still go on. They cannot wait on the season or the student.

There is still time enough left to bring these grades up. With a lot of effort and a great amount of interest each student should be able to pass any subject he is taking. And with this should come an easier state of mind for the student who knows that not only is he doing the best thing for himself but he is living up to the expectations of his family. Buckle down, Aggies, and let's get those studies down "pat."

DR. MAYO'S COLUMN

X. JOHN DEWEY: Experience Is the Best Guide.

This generation of ours, John Dewey says, has been the first to realize that there are no fixed and unchanging principles. It's no good, he goes on (in "Living Philosophies") trying to shape our lives according to some ancient standard or ideal. What we should do, he thinks, is to meet experience with an open mind; learn from it what is desirable and what is bad; and then use our brains and our will power to give to later experience such a shape as to make life more livable and satisfying.

Here is an illustration, I think, of what he means: A long time ago it was decided by the wise that a chaperone ought to accompany any boy and girl who went out together after dark. Our generation, finding that the chaperone was frequently a joy-killer, has tested out by experience the possibility of dispensing with her without harmful results. Exit the chaperone, to the considerable relief of the young fry.

In our time dozens of more important matters than this have likewise been tested out by experience, with the result that many boring and cramping customs and beliefs, sanctified only by tradition, have been discarded. Life, I believe, has accordingly become freer and richer in this generation. But many more ancient "ideals" are still badly in need of being tested—in the same crucible of experience.

For example: It is still widely taken for granted in certain parts of the country that a man who accumulates a fortune is automatically benefitting the nation thereby. High tariffs help the men who are accumulating fortunes. Therefore high tariffs benefit the country. Surely this sort of ancient economic "ideal" needs a little testing out.

The New Deal, whether one approves of its policies or not, has certainly been a great tester by experience of traditional political and economic ideals. This is why so many conservatives yell bloody murder in the daily press.

Science, which has influenced us more than any other generation, is nothing but an organized and systematic testing out of ancient beliefs and a formulation of new ones by means of controlled experience, known as "experiment." We have about fauched the stage of trusting the results of scientific experiment in physical matters like diet and medicine. We are gradually moving toward the shaping of ideals for human conduct and institutions by the same scientific method of experiments fairly and coolly conducted and impersonally studied for their findings.

Of course, as John Dewey points out, we still have a long way to go before we learn to trust experience sufficiently to throw away all the useless and harmful beliefs and ideals we still respect simply because they are ancient. But at least we are on our way.

John Dewey's views have probably influenced more "modern" people than those of any other living American. For one thing, he made his attack on the public mind twenty years ago. Tens of thousands of young school teachers have imbibed Dewey's ideas in Teachers' Colleges and Education Departments. Millions of students who perhaps have never heard of John Dewey himself have nevertheless reviewed his philosophy of experience through their teachers.

If the "modern" man is more likely than his ancestors to trust experience and to disregard mere tradition, he owes this trait more largely to John Dewey than to any other American.

We can't tell you just who started all this business of naming colleges after animals, but whoever and whatever it was, he should have set up some rules for the new pastime. He had little consideration for the sports page readers, for twenty-two teams have the title of "Tigers." That's the most for any one animal, but a close second is "Bulldogs," which has been adopted by 21 institutions. And right on down the line are Wildcats, 14; Panthers, 9; Eagles, 8; Bears, 7; Cardinals, 6; Blue-jays, 2; Duck, 1. Some even go down to the insect family, for there are nine "yellow-jacket" teams and one rhabdus.

"If you trust a girl, she will respond to that trust."

That is what Mrs. Mabel Cooper believes. And Mrs. Cooper should know, for she is celebrating her eighteenth anniversary as housemother at the Kappa Alpha Theta chapter house at the University of Pittsburgh.

"American college girls have changed considerably in the last eighteen years," Mrs. Cooper says. "Eighteen years ago girls were a little more thoughtful and more deliberate. Now they do most things on impulse, but they have pretty fair judgment."

Mrs. Cooper contends that the behavior of Pitt girls in the last five years shows a marked improvement over the "jazz age" group. Coeds today take college work more seriously, she says.

A. & M. Still Has A Guard Room Though "Tain't What It Used To Be"

No, the Guard Room is not what it used to be. Although it plays an important role in connection with the Commandant's office, few students, especially freshmen, have ever heard of it or know where it is located.

However, prior to 1936 the guard room was very well known to all students. At that time it was located in Pfeuffer Hall, the present Consolidated School building, and students who were habitual offenders of the College Regulations were sent there for punishment. These students had to live there until their time was up. They were subject to call at all times, and could leave only for meals and classes.

The guard room contained a complete set of files on the students of A. & M. Anyone wanting any information about any student could secure it by calling there.

However, in 1936 the guard room underwent a change. Students were no longer sent there for punishment; the Commandant's office employed several students to live there all the time. In 1937 the guard room was changed to the northeast corner room of Austin Hall, and has been there since.

Today the guard room is the only place that information about students can be secured after 5 p. m. Someone is always in the room except during meal time, football games at Kyle Field, and corps trips.

The telephone number is College 3, and anyone desiring information about any student can get it there.

Dr. Trotter Takes Leave To Do AAA Work

Dr. Ide P. Trotter, head of the agronomy department at Texas A. & M. College, has been granted a 30-day leave of absence from his departmental duties at the college to assume the post of head field officer, Southwestern Division, Agricultural Adjustment Administration, at Washington, D. C.

Dr. Trotter left for his temporary duties Nov. 1 and will return to his regular post Dec. 1.

While in Washington he will act in an advisory capacity on the AAA program insofar as it relates to the field of agronomy. Part of his work will be to criticize proposed program and assist in coordinating the plans for the entire country.

"Spirit of Aggeland" History as Told By Aggie Bandmaster

"Our attention has been invited to recent journalistic comment upon the school song, 'The Spirit of Aggeland', and I respectively submit the following for the information of the Cadet Corps in general.

"The words of the song were written by Mr. Marvin H. Mimms, Class of '26, during the summer of 1925, and the music was composed for voice and piano and arranged for band by the writer of this letter. The song was submitted to the Corps and played the first time on College Night, 1925, and was at once acclaimed and adopted as one of our college songs. It must be recalled that in 1927 the A. & M. football team won the Southwest Conference Championship, and we felt that the song did not retard them in any way, but to the contrary, contributed some inspiration to the team and to the famous 'twelfth man', the Aggie Corps.

"As first published, the time indicated on the musical score was Allegro Marcia (fast march time) and for several years the piece was played in that mode. In fact, the Cadet Corps marched the mess hall many, many times to the strains of 'The Spirit of Aggeland'.

"During the year 1932, the Yell Staff and the Corps decided that the song would be more impressive if played somewhat slower so we rewrote the music in 'four-four' or common time and marked the tempo 'Maestoso' (majestic), and it seemed to meet with the approval of all concerned. About this time we invented and submitted the 'Yell' on the second chorus which was also accepted.

"It has been the constant effort of the A. & M. Band to 'GIVE THE CADET CORPS WHAT THEY WANT'. If the Corps wants the song played faster, the Band will comply with such instructions from 'THE CHIEF YELL LEADER', but if they desire it played slowly, it will be so played, 'OUTSIDERS NOTWITHSTANDING'.

"In conclusion, we invite any members of the student body to submit words for new songs, or original melodies and we assure you that we will devote time to 'dressing them up' for suitable use. The University of Illinois has about twelve school songs; however, it still retains its old Alma Mater."

Richard J. Dunn, Lieut. Col., GSST, Bandmaster.

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New Chairs Added In Mess Hall Annex

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LEAVES FOR CONTESTS

The Debate Team will leave Thursday morning for Dallas and Ft. Worth to take part in a number of debating contests. Thursday night they are scheduled to be at T. C. U. Friday morning the team will debate at Trinity University, and Friday night they will be at S. M. U.

Only four men will make the trip. These four will be picked tonight in the finals of a series of debates that has been conducted by the English Department. Professor R. M. Weaver, of the English Department, will accompany the team on the trip.

AT 7:30 THURSDAY NIGHT the Architectural Department will again show the motion pictures of Mexican Scenes that were made on the Departmental trip to Mexico this past summer. These pictures were shown last Tuesday night at the open house sponsored by the Department in conjunction with the exhibit of paintings and sketches of Mexican Life that is now being held. Many people were unable to see them Tuesday night, however, and in compliance with their request, another showing will be held.

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