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Keep A. & M. Traditions

A. & M. is rich in traditions. Traditions have made this college more than a mere educational institution; they have greatly aided A. & M. in graduating men who are more fully capable of taking a man's place in this world.

Aggies of today must eternally be on the alert to see that some of these most vital traditions are not allowed to decay and fall into disuse. One Aggie tradition which many have felt was slipping by the wayside in the past few years should be revived to the fullest extent. This is the Aggie custom of speaking to everyone whom they meet on the campus.

One of the fundamental differences between an Aggie and any other college student is the spirit of friendliness which he shows in speaking to everyone. Many Aggies have had the occasion to walk across the campus of some other college or university in Texas and received a cold shoulder when they dared to speak to someone. The cadet corps can be thankful that at one time in the early days of A. & M. history some group of Aggies recognized the fact that the soundest basis of a unified corps could be based upon a few traditions such as this one.

The practice of speaking to everyone on the campus has grown to be part of Aggie-land. This tradition can not be allowed to die. Right now is the time to put forth the effort to see that A. & M. maintains this tradition.

This year a larger number of students than ever before are living in the dormitories; there is every reason to believe that present conditions will make the maintenance of this tradition an easier task. In order to more fully establish this tradition on a sounder basis, it must begin with the Freshman Class. They must be taught that there is a real and worthwhile meaning to this tradition. Upon the upperclassmen falls the major burden of preserving the tradition. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors must also take upon themselves this responsibility.

Put in a cheerful "howdy or hello" when you meet someone on the campus, and be thankful that when they return your greeting that you're going to A. & M. where this spirit still prevails.

There is a homely adage which runs: "Speak softly and carry a big stick; you will go far." If the American nation will speak softly and yet build and keep at a pitch of the highest training a thoroughly efficient navy, the Monroe Doctrine will go far.

—Theodore Roosevelt.

Watch Your Step

Sixty-five hundred Aggies attend class every day, and surprisingly enough, none of them are killed in the process. That statement doesn't mean that the class room pace at A. & M. should be the cause of so many deaths; the really amazing fact is that some Aggie isn't hit by an automobile on the way to class. Why are the Aggies in the street where they might be hit by a car? He's probably in the street because there is no other place for him to walk.

The real trouble is that with the rapid growth of A. & M. in the past decade, there simply haven't been enough sidewalks to take care of the student traffic between classes. As a result the student has been forced to take to the streets and compete for room with the automobile.

Adding to the complications of the traffic situation has been the rapid growth of the city of College Station with the resultant increase in automobile traffic. Efforts have been made by the college and by the city to solve this problem. A speed limit of twenty miles per hour has been established and is being enforced on the campus. All of these measures, though laudatory in their purpose, do not create more sidewalk space for the students. This is the fundamental need.

Efforts have been made during the past few years to alleviate this situation and the construction of sidewalks has been increased, but the present number is still inadequate. The building of more and wider sidewalks would also aid in the preservation of the grass surrounding college buildings.

The cooperation of the cadet corps must also be given at this time. While under present conditions the use of the streets is inevitable, Aggies must remember that the streets are designed primarily for automo-

biles, and that the pedestrian as well as the driver of a car should exercise the highest degree of care.

As long as the present conditions exist, the cadet corps should be a courteous to the drivers as possible. In passing to and from classes, Aggies should stay out of the way of passing automobiles. Move over and give them room. Extend to drivers the same courtesy that you would expect if you were the driver.

Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

To the young men reading this column for the first time, we want them to know that it is dedicated to all cadets at A. & M. in the hope that it will encourage them to get a full share of pleasure from their social life, and to lay a foundation for making effective contacts in all kinds of situations.

Information on manners, in this column, will be of a practical nature; it will be based on an authoritative source, and will deal with "dating," improving table manners, how to meet people, in fact, it will cover all problems in manners that concern cadets.

In a recent survey, the five traits mentioned most frequently by women in explaining their liking for men were intelligence, consideration, kindness, cheerfulness, and mannerliness. Good manners required the expression of all these traits, and a man's manners should be placed along with his other good qualities, such as, honesty, willingness to cooperate, and a sense of values; however, good manners are the one quality in a man that we can recognize almost as soon as we meet him.

Although manners cannot be entirely standardized for every locality, particularly for A. & M., there are basic rules in good manners that it is wise to know, since they are needed in every-day living; a knowledge of them will save many embarrassing moments, and will also give a feeling of personal security. All of us like to be liked, and the knowledge of how to act in social situations is a determining factor in the way other people react to us. (Questions on manners will be answered in this column or by letter on request.)

Labor disgraces no man; unfortunately you occasionally find men disgrace labor.

—Ulysses Grant.

Quotable Quotes

WE TALK ENDLESSLY ABOUT DEFENSE. Most of us realize that defense is not merely a matter of mechanical supplies but that it is a matter of maintaining free institutions. But surely we need do more than merely defend democracy. We need to understand it, we need to promote it, we need to build it into something that is finer and better. I assert, therefore, that universities have a duty to civilization just as civilization has a duty to them. They cannot be indifferent to the promotion of those ideals and those objectives which build a better civilization and a better world.—Chancellor Harry Woodburn Chase of New York University.

The World Turns On

By Dr. J. H. Quisenberry

Democracy may well be said to be the cradle and the nursery of science. A living room is not yet necessary because science has not "come of age." Ours is often spoken of as the Age of Science. Never before in the history of man has human life and thought been so influenced by science. But does this fact alone make this the Age of Science? Those who maintain that it does cite as evidence the numerous applications of discoveries in the fields of chemistry, physics, biology and medicine, such as the radio, telegraph, steam and gas engines, airplane, modern surgery, and sulfanilamide.

Fundamental discoveries are made by relatively few people. Practical applications of these discoveries are the achievements of a small group. Science is more than inventions and gadgets. Science is more than the discovery and correlation of new laws of nature. The greatest thing in science, as pointed out by A. J. Carlson of the University of Chicago, "is the scientific method, controlled and rechecked observations and experiments, objectively recorded with absolute honesty and without fear or favor." The scientific method demands that we suspend judgment until we know the facts. How many individuals or nations are using the scientific method in evaluation their relationships with others today? In this respect science has scarcely touched the common man.

The assumption that this is the Age of Science has often led to accusations, making science responsible for the mess the world is in today. The service of science to society is to increase knowledge, understanding, freedom, and power. That man has not been successfully conditioned to the scientific method is no criticism of science or its method as such. "For, slowly but surely, the method of science will help to make life more intelligent, toil more cheerful, fear and hatred, pain and tears less prevalent in our lives. If in any place or time the blind fury of hatred of our brethren and the insane violence of war render the pursuit of science impossible, and the scientific method submerged and forgotten, it will be rediscovered, in better days, by better men."

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FRATERNITY AND SORORITY HOUSES ANNUALLY SPEND \$37,360,000 FOR FOOD!

BACKWASH

By Charlie Babcock

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

From The Ticker Tape . . . Believed the longest personal telegram in history, Alabama Polytechnic Institute students dispatched a 7,000 word wire to Bandman Kay Kyser last year, inviting him to play on their campus. The wire was signed by every member of the student body . . . Superstitions come and superstitions go claims the University of Idaho's Psychologist Allen C. Lemon, but one that college students stick with is this: Blondes are less trustworthy than brunettes . . . Editors Roland Bing and Billy Davis of the 1941-42 Agriculturist and Engineer have a goal to shoot for this year in the way of merit of their respective magazines. Tom Power and Jeff Montgomery, editors of the same publications a year ago, have received several compliments from many experienced men, in Texas concerning the style and makeup of their books . . . Infantry freshman Marion Fox had been standing in line all day, registering and paying fees. In discharging his registration duties, he had to go through the customary physical exam at the hospital. Standing in the line for color-blindness test, Fish Fox's reply when a ball of red cloth was pushed before his eyes was quite perturbing—"No sir, I don't believe I want to buy any of that." . . . Paging Dorothy Dix. Most unorthodox was a query received recently by an Ohio State University faculty member—"Can you tell me the approximate cost of loving per month for a couple? Needless to say, before the question was answered, an "I" was substituted for the "o" in "loving."



Babcock

the pages for fear the professor would see it, and he didn't have room to turn them if he kept the daily down out of sight.

He sat there for five minutes trying to turn the pages slowly so that they wouldn't crackle and was just about to give up in disgust when the man sitting directly in front of him turned and gave him a paper which was already arranged at page eight.

"Thought you might be having a bit of trouble," he said. "I had a bit myself."

Stop The Rumor

We've heard them all, now!

The rumor has been persistent since registration day that some students were assigned to that grand dad of all living quarters, Gathright Hall. However, the rumor was entirely unfounded and incorrect. Conclusion of such judgment may be proven by the citation of two facts, namely: That Gathright has been gone for many years and a bottleneck occurred in the registration procedure in the Academic building.

The bottleneck was the use of an old Gathright rubber stamp in the Commandant's office which was needed in stamping dormitory reservation cards. The result being that some students thought that they were being assigned to the old last outpost, Gathright.

One of the first broadcasts of a football game on the air was made on the A. & M. campus in 1919 when the report of the game was put on the air in code and was made from Kyle Field by an Aggie, who was perched on top of the press box.

Diet From Cheese

Aggies on the Agricultural Economics 400s tour to western United States this summer bring back a peculiar tale about bears in Yellowstone National Park.

The party was making the trip in a bus and had stopped overnight in the park. On the advice of rangers in the park, the group had taken all of their food out of the bus and tied it in the highest branches of nearby trees, an effort designed to eliminate stealing by bears. Having a large quantity of cottage cheese, the class decided to leave it at the base of the tree.

Yes, the bears came that night and passed up the easily accessible cheese for a few choice cuts of meat tied at the top of the trees.

Service

A story is told of the plight of a Dartmouth College junior who sat in the last row in one of his lectures reading a story in a daily paper which began on the first page and was continued on page eight.

He couldn't lift the paper to turn

A. & M. had the highest percentage of alumni in the service in the World War among the larger colleges and universities—with 37.5% of the living graduates enrolled in the service.

COVERING campus distractions

WITH TOM VANNOY

A real musical-show of the first with Montgomery are Oso Massen, class is "ZIEGFELD GIRL" show. Cobina Wright, Jr., and Carroll Naish.

includes James Stewart, Judy Garland, Hedy Lamarr, Lana Turner, Tony Martin, Charles Winninger, Jackie Cooper, and a number of others, it just can't help but be something really worthwhile seeing. "Ziegfeld Girl" is really one of the best musical productions that has ever been produced in Hollywood.

The story concerns three Ziegfeld girls who start together in the show business and of their struggles for success. Two of them succeed in finding happiness; one doesn't. All in all, the story is a study of contrasts of characters, skillfully executed. The best performance is by Lana Turner who gives her sweetheart, James Stewart, the run-around to accept the attentions of a wealthy playboy, Ian Hunter.

Besides the story Metro has filmed some fine musical numbers, vocals by Tony Martin and Judy Garland, and the opening night performance of three Follies with all their dazzling costumes and beautiful chorines. The show is made with a sepia finish, another unusual touch for an untitled show. "UNDER AGE" featuring Nan Grey is showing at the Campus today. It is a rather weak story of how a group of girls who have unknowingly been led into a life of crime outwit their leaders and turn them over to the authorities. There is nothing to recommend this as a picture worth seeing.

For some not-too-exciting entertainment there is "ACCENT ON LOVE" at the Campus tomorrow and Thursday. George Montgomery does his part by rebelling against his job and his marriage which can't very well be dissolved because of that certain little thing known as family pride. It might have been an excellent story, but it just did not turn out that way. George goes to digging ditches and keeps at it until all his problems have been solved. Playing

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL

Tuesday, Wednesday
 "ZIEGFELD GIRL," starring James Stewart, Judy Garland, Hedy Lamarr, and Lana Turner.

AT THE CAMPUS
 Tuesday—"UNDER AGE," with Nan Grey.

Wednesday, Thursday—
 "ACCENT ON LOVE," featuring George Montgomery, Cobina Wright, Jr., and Carroll Naish.

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