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## Speaking on the Campus Don't Let This Tradition Die

A recent Open Forum letter grabbed the bull by the horns when it stated that one Aggie tradition seems to be slipping by the wayside. All the more important because it is one tradition which makes A. & M. distinctive, the habit of speaking to everyone on the campus is well worth keeping.

A cheerful "howdy" or "hello" which greets a person while walking across the campus is a tradition worth hanging on to. Take any other college in Texas and analyze it to see if it has that same friendly, democratic atmosphere. A. & M. seems to be unique in this respect; our custom of speaking represents more than a mere verbal greeting; it is indicative of a greater Aggie spirit.

At times there seems to be a gradual decay of this tradition. You still hear greetings on the campus, but that spirit is lacking. The Aggie way of doing things is exemplified in the manner in which every cadet, senior or fish, speaks on the campus.

Of all A. & M. traditions, few are more valuable than this habit. Some of those students, the upperclassmen, who should more fully realize the benefits of this tradition are the ones that fail to live up to it. This tradition can not be based on compulsion; it must be a free expression from all.

Next time while walking across the campus remember that a friendly greeting is a tradition worth preserving and one that helps you.

## They Say

A. C. Payne

For a generation that prides itself in its search for knowledge, the present group of college students is biblically illiterate. They might easily be classified as seniors in chemistry, juniors in engineering, or as sophomores in biology; but in the area of religion many of them haven't even left the stage of kindergarten.

True, the "textbook" of our largest religious groups, the Bible, has been a perennial best-seller, but unfortunately, all Bible-

owners are not Bible-readers. Perhaps this is due in part to the out-dated method of printing itself. It is certainly difficult to enjoy reading when you continually stumble over ancient divisions of chapters and verses, and where naturally beautiful language is cramped into monotonous prosaic style. The King James Version (sometimes called the Authorized Version) is appreciated greatly for its Elizabethan English, but over three hundred years of educational and cultural change have made its important message difficult for many of us.

There are now available different versions of both Old and New Testaments, each prepared for specific purposes, and intended to fill different needs.

Increased study of history, language, and archaeology since 1611 have necessitated a number of changes to insure authenticity—even at the sacrifice of beautiful expressions. Poetry, drama, and personal correspondence have been presented as such, and mechanical separation by verses has been replaced by paragraph indentations and quotation marks. Most of us don't pretend to be scholars, so this type of aid should increase our understanding and enjoyment as readers of the Book of Books.

The Bible is being rediscovered by an increasing number of people. Besides being a literary example of the "survival of the fittest," it still offers a solution to the world's numerous headaches and to the individual's quest for a satisfactory way of life.

All greatness is unconscious, or it is little and naught. —Thomas Carlyle

## The World Turns On

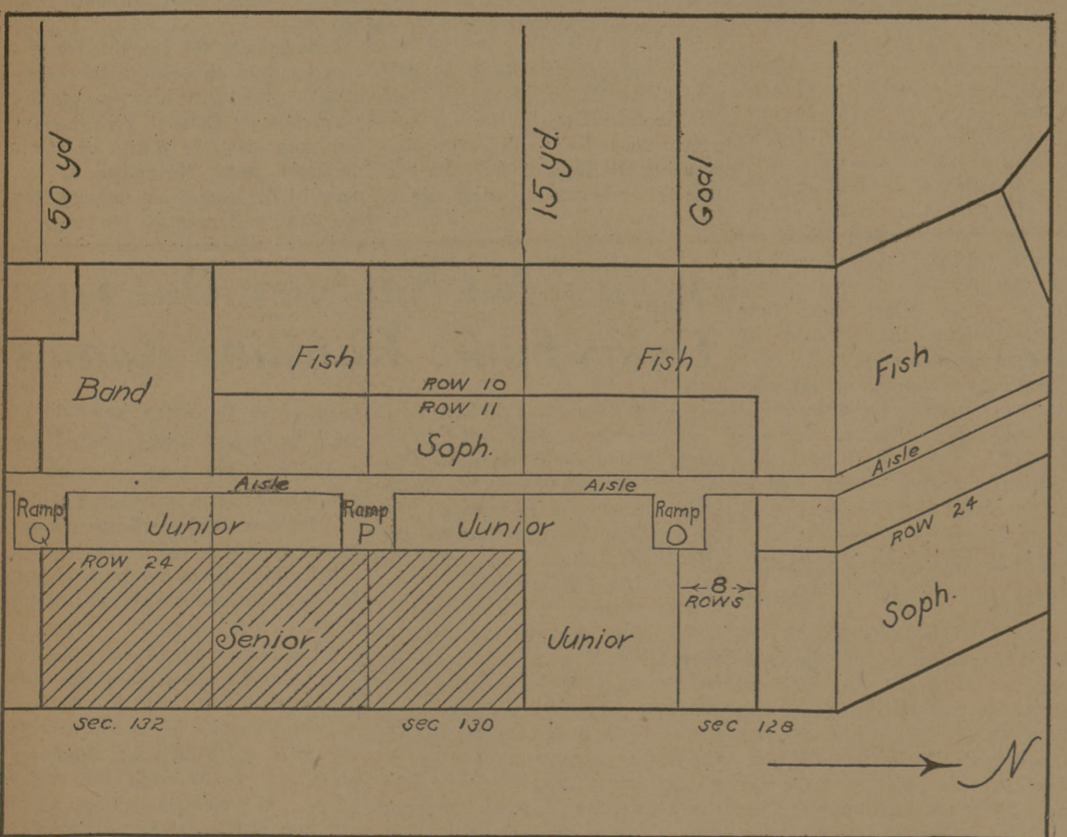
By Dr. R. W. Steen

A large portion of the non-Russian people in Europe fear communism, and the German propaganda agencies have been working overtime to make the attack of Russia appear to these people as a crusade against Communism. If successful, this propaganda campaign would reduce opposition to the Germans in the conquered countries by uniting all Europeans in a campaign with the Germans as leaders. The plan has not as yet succeeded, and it is doubtful that it will. The people fear Nazism also, and it is human nature to worry more about a present evil than a prospective one.

The world cheered the heroic resistance offered by the Finns when they were attacked by the Russians. America's sympathies were almost entirely with the small country, and there were many Americans who made themselves believe that Finland might win. She was finally crushed by overwhelming numbers. When the opportunity came to join with Germany and regain her territory Finland renewed the war against Russia, and in a short time recaptured the territory taken from her last winter.

America and Britain were willing to see Finland regain her lands, but disliked seeing her as an ally of Germany. America has recently been insisting that Finland withdraw from the conflict. This statement is in marked contrast to the reports coming from Berlin when the American request was made known there. A separate peace with the Finns would improve the Russian position, and in the same degree would weaken the Germans. It now remains to be seen whether or not Finland can make a separate peace. There is reason to doubt that Finland can move independently of German wishes, and certainly the Germans will oppose any Finnish peace with Russia at this time. Finland joined with the New Order proclaimed by Mr. Hitler, and there has been no evidence that the New Order is equipped with exits as well as entrances.

## Where The Aggies Stand



Beware freshmen, sophomores, juniors; That shaded section is the senior section! From the 50 yard line to past the goal line the 6,000 members of the Twelfth Man will watch the Aggie Maroon and White roll on during 1941's football season. The senior section will extend from the 50 to the 15 yard line from row 24, just behind the ramps, up. The junior section will encircle the senior section on three sides. Sophomores and freshmen will be in front of the upperclassmen besides having a section of their own past the goal line.

## PRIVATE BUCK .. By Clyde Lewis



"He's been doing that ever since he started taking that course in photography, Sarge!"

## BACKWASH

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

Down the Trail . . . Field Artillery Senior Joe Dodge was pried with this question by his date: "What fraternity do you belong to?" Dodge came back with the fictitious answer, "The Alpha Mega Chi." Not recognizing the initials, AMC, the date replied, "Oh yes, I've heard of that fraternity." . . . Congratulations to W. A. Gohmert for his idea of establishing a central lost and found department for the college. See Gohmert in Room 328, No. 8 for any misplaced articles. The department is an entirely charitable organization . . . Freshman W. J. Hamilton received several Little Rock, Arkansas newspapers from his parents which carried a few enlightening stories of the Aggies' invasion of the hill country . . . What's this scheme that the "Budenny Boys" on the fourth floor of Leggett are cooking up? . . . One signal corps sophomore had the right idea as to how to persuade his mother to start sending him cookies and cake. He procured some mess hall cake, put it in a box, and mailed it to her. The note attached read, "This procedure can work two ways."

## BEAT S. M. U.

A HAIRCUT Is Necessary For A SMART APPEARANCE  
Come In Before The Game And Dance And Get Yours.

Without exception these men are making good. There is wonderful opportunity for students majoring in engineering, agriculture, and veterinary medicine in these countries," stated the dean. While visiting the schools there the dean said that he realized that many of the students there are interested in coming to the United States for their education, and that the number of students coming here will increase. Urging all students who are going to work in South America or Central America to study Spanish he included "I would like to see Portuguese put in the curricula of the college and for A. & M. to pave the way for Portuguese in college curricula." Kyle is hoping to be able to work up his notes on the trip so that he will be able to give a one hour lecture course on the trip to be given to students. The course will be on agriculture in the South and Central America and will be given and illustrated with 25 reels of color motion pictures taken on the trip.

## Best Sign

Third Headquarters battery, field artillery has been announced as the winners of the first weekly prize to be given by J. E. Loupot to the military organization displaying the best all-around football sign.

A committee, composed of Cadet Colonel Tom Gillis, Senior Class President Dick Hervey, and Junior Class President Jack Miller, judged the various campus pennants on the following points of merit; cleverness and originality, neatness, quality of art work, and ability to read the sign at a distance. Dick Hervey will present the cash prize of \$2.50 to the winning organization at noon meal formation today. Purpose of awarding the prize each week is to further the interest in creating good football signs, and it is the hope of the contest originator that the money will be spent on the sign for the next game.

Rams  
Keith Kirk, "D" Infantry, supplies us with a few humorous excerpts from the 1907-08 A. & M. Guard Mount Report book. The guard book at that time kept a complete file on all Aggies who were assessed demerits. Some of the best on the list were . . . December 3, 1907 — Shropshire, T. L.—Blouse continually unbuttoned on campus. December 4, 1907—Ratliff,

### Chili

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### CORSAGES FOR THE DANCE

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## COVERING campus distractions WITH TOM VANNOY

Mary Martin, the Weatherford songstress has done herself a fine job in "KISS THE BOYS GOOD-BYE," which is to be shown at Guion Hall tonight. Don Ameche and Oscar Levant are the male stars in the picture.

Mary steals the whole show with her Southern accent. Of course Oscar's irrepressible humor attracts attention, but not as much as Mary.

An innocent Southern girl who has never been to New York before and is simply overcome by the overwhelming grandeur of it all is Mary's situation. She plays the part most excellently.

Don't overlook the musical numbers in the show. Mary sings four, and Connie Boswell gets in a good one too. There are just oodles and gobs of the most beautiful girls all through the story. They may have been used for decorations, who knows?

You are bound to enjoy the show immensely. Although it's taken from the stage play of the same name (See DISTRACTIONS, Page 4)

### WHAT'S SHOWING AT THE CAMPUS

Saturday—"OUR WIFE," starring Melvyn Douglas and Ruth Hussey.  
Saturday prevue, Sunday, Monday—"ICE CAPADE," with Dorothy Lewis, Jerry Colonna, and James Ellison.

### AT GUION HALL

Saturday—"KISS THE BOYS GOODBYE," featuring Mary Martin and Don Ameche.  
Monday—"BROADWAY LIMITED," with Victor McLaglan, Dennis O'Keefe, and Marjorie Woodworth.

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Also  
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MONDAY  
Broadway Limited  
with  
MacLaglen — O'Keefe