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## Every Problem . . . Two Sides

Men A. & M. is in the peculiar position of being both a civilian and a military school. In civilian educational and research achievements A. & M. ranks high while in the military phase A. & M. will bow to no school. No other institution can boast so proudly or so justifiably of the military success of its alumni. Much of the success of A. & M. men in all walks of life has been attributed to the system of military discipline under which A. & M. students live.

Yet the very thing that has made A. & M. great presents a problem that must be kept constantly in mind by the authorities. By a decision of the authorities the discipline of the corps is handled through the commandant who is stationed here by the army. The commandant works with cadet officers who are appointed by the president of the college to positions of responsibility because they have shown qualities of leadership. These men are doing a good job. But because A. & M. is also a civilian school there is another side to the problem.

Certain matters arise which are not within the scope of the military. The policy which has been followed from the beginning has been to place student in positions of responsibility and administration. As a result of this practice the corps at A. & M. has enjoyed a voice in determining the policies of the college.

At the present time the cadet officers are doing an excellent job of administering the military phase of the problem. The other side seems to have been neglected. Not neglected because there are not enough men of ability, but because the corps has failed to organize a body to act in an advisory civilian legislative capacity. The corps is losing a valuable arm if they fail to take advantage of the opportunity to gain the experience of self government not only in the military but also in the civil side of the problem.

## Education Plus Premiums . . .

When the mid-semester grade reports were mailed recently a letter from President Gilchrist accompanied every report. Gilchrist inaugurated this letter to accompany the formal grade report in an effort to develop better understanding between the college and the parents of the men in school.

In the letter was a statement that in order to make the present semester successful scholastically the students would have to pay close attention to studies, apply themselves to cadet duties, and lose little time by trips away from the campus. These things are all requisites of successful academic work.

Misunderstanding frequently arises regarding the cadet duties. Any road toward success is filled with rocks and unpleasantness as well as adventure and enjoyment. For some unknown reason many people are of the opinion that the career of a college should be one of four years of loafing and good times interspersed with negligible periods of study. Others have the idea that a college student's life should be one of academic work only. Neither is entirely correct.

A. & M. does not neglect either academic, physical, spiritual, or recreational activities. Not content with these A. & M. endeavors to give a student something more. It is something that although intangible returns large dividends. Men are taught from the beginning of the freshman year to live with people and to get along with them. It might be called an extracurricular course in salesmanship. A man is taught how to sell himself. He is giving something that makes him a man worth selling.

Should people forget this when they complain of the rocks and work connected with making a success at A. & M.? Students at A. & M. have to do many things which the student in other schools does not but those very things are what sets A. & M. apart, head and shoulders above the others.

## East Texas Club Holds Meeting

The East Texas Club, at its meeting Wednesday night, elected officers for the semester: Jack Buie, Kilgore, President; Gregory Shifflette, Gladewater, Vice-President; Robert Pritchett, Gladewater, Secretary-Treasurer; and Bev Brown, Kilgore, Reporter.

It was decided to hold a party in the near future for all East Texas Aggies. The question of what towns would be included in the East Texas group was discussed, and a decision was reached to include all towns east of Greenville and north of Bryan.

All Aggies from East Texas are urged to attend the next meeting, Wednesday night, at 7:15, the place to be announced later, according to the reporter, Bev Brown.

## —AGGIE—

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tending high school there, Bob was elected President of his freshman and sophomore class and in his senior year served as President of the student body. Butch's activities didn't center around school offices though, for he won eight letters in athletics while participating on his high school team. He was awarded four numerals in football, three in basketball, and one in track, while also named on the all-district football and basketball squads in his senior year.

Fish Butchofsky spent his first year at A. & M. in E Company Infantry, with Clifford Barth his company commander. Like most Aggies, Butch has received many indelible impressions from his life at Aggeland but one of the Aggie traditions which he respects most is the fiery Aggie spirit at football games. Butch said he didn't know just how important it was until the Aggies played Arkansas U. in Fayetteville last year. Due to the distance from the campus, very few Aggies made the trip to Fayetteville and without any of the familiar Aggie yells to inspire the team that day, "the players out on the field were nearly lost," said Butch.

While at A. & M., Butch has been very active in the Cadet corps, having served as a corporal, First sergeant, Cadet Captain and now as cadet major. In his sophomore year, Butch served as a student representative on the athletic council. At the present, he is running as first string blocking back on coach Norton's grid squad, having lettered in that position last season. Incidentally, Butch played football here as a freshman, winning a numeral on the fish team.

In his spare time, Butch would rather hunt and play football, but when night-time rolls around, a thick steak with some of Harry James' music as a background, and a certain blonde nearby, satisfies his greatest desire.

At present, Bob still has quite some time at A. & M. before graduation but he's already made his mind up as what he expects to do when that long-awaited day comes around. Upon receipt of that sacred degree, Butch intends to practice Veterinary Medicine in El Paso.

You can't climb the ladder of success by jumping at conclusions.

## BACKWASH

By Renyard  
W. Canis

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

Eight weeks have passed and there are eight more weeks to go. Eight weeks before football season and until the end of the semester. Meanwhile there are regimental and corps balls to break the monotony. It has been too hot lately to grab those afternoons of H. E., so something else will have to suffice for relaxation in the afternoons.

### Days of yore

By Friday noon of last week the highways in all directions were crowded and Friday night saw the Aggies taking over Houston, Austin, San Antonio, Fort Worth, and Dallas. Not many of the boys got as far as Denton. Distracted and delayed on the way. Not only did the boys leave early, they came back late. Several came straggling (straggling, not staggering) in Monday morning barely in time to brush their teeth and make eight o'clock classes. Okay, so some of them didn't get back to the campus until a little later.

After this past weekend most of the boys should be ready for considerable studying after they get out of the hospital. Relaxation was so complete that it is taking a rest cure to put some of the men back on their feet. Hitchhiking in this hot weather is enough to make

anyone want an ice bag on their brow. By the way, has anyone been reading Dick Tracy lately?

### Happy birthday

Stanley Knight, a vet, and several of his "F" company buddies celebrated his birthday with a long hike last Thursday night. They called on all of his old friends and most likely made a few new ones.

## More About Haircuts..

Not so long ago this column ran a little discussion of the dangers of having the hair cut off. A bit of poetry illustrates the point.

Did you ever hear about poor Miss Lamson?

She was kissed five times in a hansom:

When she insisted on more, a weak voice from the floor

Cried, "The name is Simpson, not Sampson."

In the same vein is the senior's observation that you cannot kiss a girl unexpectedly—you can only kiss her quicker than she thought you would.

Another bit of poetic advice is well worth heeding.

Old Army, be wary of cupid

And list to the lines of this verse;

To let a fool kiss you is stupid,  
To let a kiss fool you is worse.

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## :: As The World Turns ::

By Dr. J. Horace Bass

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Russian armies are actually moving as rapidly as any army on maneuvers, which indicates slight German resistance in some sectors. The Reds captured Brest-Litovsk last week and are now storming Warsaw, capitol of Poland and slightly more than 300 miles from Berlin.

The Allies on the Normandy front finally adopted the Russian tactics of breaking through and by-passing. To date the Germans have offered stubborn resistance and have retreated slowly and orderly, but there is evidence that lack of oil and gasoline will hamper the mobility of the retreat and that it may turn into a rout in which whole Nazi armies will be annihilated or captured before reaching the temporary protection of the Westwall. Already the Germans are surrendering (really deserting of the Allies) in dribbles.

British and U. S. submarines have sunk 48 Japanese ships in the Pacific since the last report. Mindanao, Phillippines, is the next logical invasion target on land. Superfortresses paid a visit to Japanese steel works in Manchukuo (Manchuria) and did great damage.

The superfortress (B-29) is the most deadly weapon developed in the war to date, not excepting the robot bomb. These giant ships carry three times the load and have twice the range of an ordinary bomber. They can lay their eggs from an altitude of 40,000 feet, which is beyond the reach of fighter or flak. However, they cost \$1,500,000 and there are a few "bugs"

yet to be eliminated.

Rumors of peace and of the imminent collapse of Germany have caused congress to hurry up post-war legislation and plans. Four great problems will test the statesmanship of congress as it ends recess on Wednesday. First is the international problem of peace. Then follow the three knotty domestic problems of reconversion of industry to civilian goods, the orderly and partial demobilization of the armed forces, and the disposal of the government's surplus war goods and installations. Involved in the solution of all three domestic problems is the question of business opportunities for returning service men and for civilian employers and employees who have been dislocated by conversion to war industry. Government policy must take into account the transition and protect as far as possible all classes of citizens.

County conventions to name delegates to the September state convention at Dallas met on Saturday. The stormy sessions in the counties reveal a bitter and deep rift among Texas Democrats. Most counties instructed their delegations to Dallas to name electors who are pledged to vote for the Roosevelt-Truman ticket in November. Some left their delegations uninstructed and others instructed their delegations against a fourth term. It was apparently the intention of most delegates in the Brazos County convention to leave the delegation uninstructed, but once the issue was raised the convention voted to instruct for a fourth term.