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Nourish It Now

Deep within the heart of every Aggie beats the living Spirit of Aggieland which pulses through his veins irresistibly when the strains of "The Spirit of Aggieland" float out over the campus or the "Aggie War Hymn" reverberates across Kyle Field. It is the Aggie Spirit, living, undying, marching, echoing from the eons of the past into the infinite future.

Those on the campus now privileged to call themselves Aggies have had few chances to show that they are in step with the Spirit. Judgement cannot be passed on them now but if at the first yell practice they fail to make a favorable impression they will have only themselves to condemn.

Freshmen traditionally hump at yell practices and always pass the yells back. They pay strict attention to the yell leaders both when the leaders are talking or when they are signalling for yells. Freshmen know the yells. They do not wait until yell practices begin to learn the yells but they know them when the first yell practice is called. When yell practice is over freshmen run back to their rooms. They run, not walk. A freshman never misses a yell practice. There is not excuse for missing one. A sophomore never misses a yell practice.

Freshmen hump in the area nearest the yell leaders and the sophomores stand behind them. Behind the sophomores in order of seniority stand the juniors and seniors. Freshmen "wildcat" after each yell. They obey the instructions of the yell leaders. Freshmen respect and revere the Aggie Band.

When the first yell practice is announced, then will be the time when the crops really begins to feel as one united "Twelfth Man" that will fight to the finish beside the eleven men on the field. No other school can boast of a student body that compares with that of A. & M. in unity, loyalty to school, and spirit. These all come from discipline and knowing what to do and how to do it at the right time. Nourish the Spirit until it is a full grown giant when football season rolls around.

Intramural Sportsmanship . . .

Intramural interest is running higher this semester than it has for quite some time. Perhaps this may be attributed to the lack of intercollegiate sports or it may be the result of a carefully planned program. Whatever the reason intramural sports occupy the campus spotlight at the present time.

Spotlighted as they are intramural athletes are under close scrutiny by the corps, faculty, and College Station residents. Competition between the companies for the intramural flag is progressing at a flaming pace. Competition is commendable but in the heat of the games competition occasionally overshadows sportsmanship. The object of participation in any game is beating the opponent but if this competitive spirit suffocates the spirit of fair play the sport of the play ceases to exist.

Aggies are recognized as hard fighting sportsmanlike athletes in intercollegiate contests, yet in intramural sports this is forgotten in the struggle for the winners berth. Harking back to the fundamentals that underlie the American way of life is the principle of play by the rules and, in situations not covered by rules, of fair play.

When the time comes that Aggies forget fair play, then it is the time for the corps to stop and take inventory of itself. Organizations on the campus are the birthplace of Aggie sportsmanship. If the intramural teams behave in an unsportsmanlike manner how can it be expected that the corps will conduct itself properly at football games this fall? When rules are broken the sweet cup of victory is cracked and all of the pleasure of winning gushes out.

OPEN FORUM

Dear Editor:

Since the Open Forum invites the opinion of all people on the campus, I should like to offer a suggestion which I feel merits consideration.

It seems to me that the Trophy Case in the Academic Building has been neglected. I am not sure just whose responsibility the appearance of the awards placed there really is, but I know that a lot of honor is attached to the various articles and that each of them deserves being well and properly kept.

If one chances to look into the Trophy Case now, he will observe moth-eaten pennants and banners, tarnished loving cups and trophies, dust covered awards of all types, and deflated footballs and basketballs. Besides the dust laden objects, cobwebs abound in numerous places. The glass upon which many of the trophies rest is dirty and unattractive.

On top of the glass case are cigarette stubs, pieces of chalk and paper, and a heavy coat of dust.

The Trophy Case is viewed every day by visitors on the campus. It is in a centrally located building where most people who come to the campus find their way. The sight that greets the eye is therefore not pleasant. The dust, the dirt, the cobwebs, and the tarnish all seem to show neglect of something which should be dear to the hearts of all Aggies. Many students have contributed to the collection in that case; many honors which have come to the school are represented therein. It therefore seems especially important that these trophies be well kept and properly displayed for the eye of the public.

Respectfully yours,
Sally B. Dansby.

Dean Brooks Makes Survey of Grades

Dean T. D. Brooks, of the School of Arts and Sciences, has made a survey of the grade record of a number of Liberal Arts students, and has found that those pupils who fail most are those who are absent from their classes most.

At mid-semester fifteen men made the required number of grade points and hours to be put on the distinguished list if their grades stay as they are until the end of this semester, he said. Of these men none had more than six or seven cuts. Their cuts averaged three and two-thirds per man.

In this school fourteen men were dropped from the college either by the school or at their own request. These men had cuts averaging fourteen each.

There are now thirty-seven men on the probation list of the School of Arts and Sciences. These men are supposed to make a certain number of hours and grade points in order to measure up to the expectations of the Dean. Their cuts averaged a little bit over twelve per man.

Dean Brooks stated that there is no artificial penalty for cutting classes.

BACKWASH

By Renyard W. Canis

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

Another blank weekend looms. Or would it be better to say leers. On those weekends when there are things happening on the campus, the opinion is that there is not enough time to study. Here comes one of those weekends with plenty of time for study and what happens. Everybody is planning to amble off to their favorite off-campus distraction.

A bit of advice

If a person plans to get more than one girl on the line he should have them in different towns, especially if the town is small. It is rather hard to convince a girl that it is important to get back to A. & M. on Saturday. Even if it is important and there is a valid reason she won't believe it. Well, maybe it would be easier to see only one girl on each particular weekend. Just remember that a girl will never believe the truth as readily as she will believe a falsehood. Why beat around the bush, say lie.

This in no way constitutes an advertisement of a departing from the ways of truth.

A comparison or contrast

Aggies refer to Mark Francis Hall as "the hill." T.C.U. students refer to Foster Hall on their campus as "the hill." A. & M.'s "hill" is the home of the vets from whence those howls of dogs in anguish issue. Foster Hall is the home of the T.C.U. lovelies from whence come howls of the wolf around sunset.

Again a Longhorn

Once again the senior class has decided to publish the biggest and most treasured of all A. & M. publications, the Longhorn. Incidentally the name Longhorn doesn't refer to a cow but to those long horns that are sometimes tooted. At least this is the explanation offered by an ex.

This is one of the largest and most difficult undertakings of the (See BACKWASH, Page 3)

Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

"How are honor guests seated at a dinner table?"

The place of honor for a woman is at the right of the host; for a man, at the right of the hostess. When there are no special guests of honor, you give up places to guests, who for one reason or another might appropriately be honored.

At a banquet table the honor guests are placed at the speaker's table (if there is one) in the order of their importance. If there is to be a toastmaster he occupies the honor, you give places to guests, important guests are seated at his right, those of lesser importance on his left, alternating man, woman,

man, if possible; the most important woman on the right of the most important man, unless he is her husband, in that case she is seated at the right of the man second in importance.

At a banquet you may begin to eat when those about you have been served. At a dinner where there is a hostess you begin to eat when your hostess does.

A dinner guest should arrive as near the hour set for the dinner as possible—not more than five minutes before the time, and not later than five minutes after—if he must be late. A dinner should not be held up later than fifteen minutes for tardy guests.

PENNY'S SERENADE

By W. L. Penberthy

A few days ago I had a very interesting conversation with a man whose business it is to select and train men for a specific task. He

said that in dealing with men he had found there were two kinds—those who could manage themselves and those who couldn't. The former, when they know what their job is, go ahead and do it without having to be checked on. The latter must



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be supervised.

I have always felt that in competitive sports a player must first win the contest against himself before he can hope to win from an adversary. Some men seem to have natural ability for a particular sport but in most cases the proper performance of a particular skill

is not natural to most men, and so these men must make themselves perform the skills involved until the correct performance becomes natural to them. In addition to this the successful athlete must exert a lot of control to be a steady, consistent performer so as not to get panicky when things go wrong. He must often exert even more control to keep from getting mad and losing his temper when the opponent resorts to unfair tactics. The kinds of control mentioned are hard to establish as a habit, but I know of many cases where wonderful progress has been made.

We all admire the person who can keep his balance and keep an even keel in the face of adversities. That person probably has the same weaknesses and desires that we have, but the difference is in the habit of self control he has established. It is a hard row to hoe, but it pays off