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## A Good Thing - - -

A means to justly look into campus misdemeanors and to punish the perpetrators thereof accordingly is now in the hands of the Senior class and it will soon be in everybody's room. This means, or instrument, is the newly announced Guide for Student Court, a combination of the best points of the old Senior Court and the Manual of Court Martial.

This document was written by Aggies, members of the Student Council, for Aggies, with the welfare of the Cadet Corps as a whole in mind. Subsidiary to the two reasons listed—clear presentation of unwritten rules, and an effective method of student discipline and punishment—there are several other pertinent points to the paper. Among these are: 1. The bull ring is back, in the form of extra duty; 2. Reduction in rank and grade is authorized; 3. Company punishment comes more to the fore, in its rightful place.

But perhaps the most important thing about the Guide is that it has been written by members of the Corps, subjected to the approval of the Corps, and will soon go into effect.

The Guide should accomplish its prime reasons, and it should also serve as a warning to those who would attempt to buck it in any way. To those few we would say, "Don't do it, it's got big teeth in it and plenty of them."

Here's to the Guide, may it prove the answer to one of the major problems of student discipline and punishment.

## Ten Commandments for a Fish - - -

Lo! all ye entering through the East Gate into the Land of Khaki, harken into my words, for I have dwelt in this land many months and mine eyes have witnessed all manner of folly and woe.

Verily have I tasted the bitter cup of T. S. and drained the dregs from the bitter cup of Snafu. Gird up thy loins, my son, and take thy Olive Drab, but act slowly and with exceeding care, and harken first to the counsel of a wiser and sadder man than thou.

Beware of the sergeant who is called First. He hath a pleased and foolish look, but he concealeth a serpent in his heart. Avoid him when he speaketh low and his lips smileth. He smileth not for thee, as his heart rejoiceth at the sight of thy youth and ignorance. He will smile and work all manner of evil against thee. A wise man shuns the orderly room and a fool dwelleth in the Bull Ring forever.

Unto all things there is a time. There is a time to speak and a time to be silent. Be thou like unto stone in the presence of thy superiors, and keep thy tongue still when they call for volunteers.

The wise Fish searcheth out the easy details but only the foolish sticketh his neck out. Looketh thou with disfavor upon the newly made sophomore. He is proud and haughty and laugheth and joketh with the upperclassmen, but he looketh upon the Fish with a frown.

Know thou that the upperclassman is a man of many moods. When he looketh pleased and his words are like honey, the wise Fish will seeketh him out and praise him and laugh at his jests. But when he moveth with great haste and a sweat standeth out on his brow and he curseth, then make thyself scarce, for he will seeketh thee and approach thee as a whirlwind. He is a lazy man and worketh not. Lend him thy lucre and thy spirits and he will love thee.

There is no fury like a snavetail scorned. He walketh with a swagger and regardeth the Aggie with raised eyebrows and he looketh upon his bars with exceeding pleasure and loveth a lute mightily. Act thou lowly unto him and he will love thee.

Cursed be him who shortstoppeh the cush and the dope. Woe unto him who dipeth into the bull-neck dish with a heavy hand and leaveth only bony part. He is thrice cursed and all people, even unto the Fish shall revile him and spit upon him.

Know thou the Big Operator but trust him not. He worketh always upon a deal and he speaketh confidentially. He will borroweth all thy money, for he goeth into Bryan every night to see the many women which he knoweth. He will promise to fix the up but doeth it not.

Beware thou the Tac Officer. He will make thee sweat and when he approaches, looketh thou on the ball. Keep thou out of his sight and let him not know thee by name, for he who arouses the wrath of a Tac Officer shall go many times unto the D. C.—Selah.

## Letters to the Editor

The sum total of all the talk and writing of the last few months concerning fraternities and sororities at T. U., as far as we can see, has been confusion. The Battalion had done nothing to add to the confusion until last week, when the editorial entitled "Democracy—T. U. Style" pushed it into the fray trying to convince the average Aggie that the A. & M. system is better than the fraternity system because it is more democratic. Right now let us assert that we strongly believe that the Aggie system is the better of the two. What we are protesting is the constant use of the term "democratic" in reaching the conclusion that one system or organization is better than another.

The word "democracy" has been bandied about from press to press in the course of the dissension. It has been said that one "Greek" is more democratic than another, and therefore acceptable. And now the Battalion says that our cadet system is the most democratic, and therefore turns out the better band of men. Actually, however, it

is not because we are democratic that we turn out a "better brand of man" (whatever that is based upon), but because we have a system that is ideally suited for over-coming awe of wealth, snobbishness, and conceit, and for instilling qualities of leadership, courage, and social concern in the graduate. Rival organizations could stand face to face all day and shout, "We're better than you because we're more democratic!" and nothing would be accomplished except a considerable exchange of useless hot air, mainly because each party has a different idea of democracy. Each could offer arguments which, standing alone and based upon their own conceptions of democracy, would seem convincing enough. The question at issue in the frat spat is not whether the fraternities are democratic or not, but whether they promote social stability, contribute to heartache, snobbishness, and twisted conceptions of the purpose of society. Likewise, in comparing A. & M. to Texas U., the question is not whether the cadet system is democratic (who

# BACKWASH

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

Melody Ma(j)dness . . . Ain't ture?"  
it amazin' how a crowd will turn out for a show when real, live, sleep."

We overheard a couple of Aggies talking about their schedules for the coming semester. The conversation follows:  
"What was that course you were taking this term?"  
"Sociology."  
"Hard?"  
"N'very."  
"How many cuts ya allowed?"  
"Nevah calls the roll."  
"Outside readin' and writin'?"  
"Nope."  
"Called on often?"  
"Once a month."  
"Thought there was a string to it."

To all you people who are flunking one or more courses, and might be thinking of drastic measures, we offer this:  
Guns are unlawful,  
Nooses give,  
Gas smells awful—  
Might as well LIVE.

Last word story No. ? . . . It concerns another one of those profs who, always anxious to improve his course, added as the last question of the last major quiz, "What have you thought of this course?" The learned gentleman in question, upon reaching the end of what might well have been the worst of the papers, found the following notation, "I think that this was a very well rounded course. Everything not given during the rest of the semester was included in this quiz!"

And here's an item from the T.S.C.W. Lasso . . . "On a door in Fitz the inhabitants hung a sign in bold letters, intending to study. After several days of having their friends ignore this "Do Not Disturb", they gave up and replaced their sign with "Ah, Heck! Come on in!"

This one makes juicy lovehorn copy . . . Eli Barker's one and only, a Tessie, is wearing his miniature ring, but that ain't all, for on the same finger, she's wearing Calvin's (who's he, Eli?) engagement ring. We're content just to sit back and watch, because round two ought to be very interesting, yes, indeed.

If he wasn't in the paddelfeet, we'd add:  
"But the cavalry cadet can never have any luck with girls because he has too much horse scents."

Says one Pet. E. junior to another, "How was that geology lec-

## GI Wives Let Housekeeping Go When Club Night Rolls Around

"Junior, look after your father. This is mother's night out, and I'm rushed to get to the Ex-Servicemen's Wives Club meeting on time."

This comment is typical of what happened in nearly 200 "homes" on the Campus the first Monday night in each month last semester. Yes, the girls stacked the dishes, parked the children with the fathers, borrowed the family auto, and trekked to the meetings.

The Ex-Servicemen's Wives Club came into existence during the summer of 1945 when some 30 wives of veterans attending A&M organized as a social group. With the assistance and guidance of Mrs. J. T. L. McNew, Mrs. L. P. Gabbard, and Mrs. Gibb Gilchrist, the girls adopted a constitution, elected officers, and met for discussions of housing problems, demonstrations by Extension Service members, and for strictly "gab sessions."

They co-operated with the Ex-Servicemen's Club in the late summer of 1945 and operated the cold drinks stand at a dance on the Slab.

When the fall semester of 1945 opened, the club members were hostesses for an open house at the Ex-Servicemen's Club house.

First president of the group was Vinita Ward, one of the "pioneer" veteran's wives here at A&M. She, along with several of the other wives, "camped" in Walton Hall before it was officially ready for occupancy by the veterans and their families.

Other officers in the first slate were Billie Blair, vice-president; Beverly Fleisher, Secretary; Dorothy Campbell, treasurer; Jodie Parker, parliamentarian; and Estelle Redd, reporter.

At the present time, the membership of the Ex-Servicemen's Wives Club exceeds 200; and the membership for the Spring Semes-

ter is expected to total more than 800 persons.

Wilma Parker, who now heads the group, says that many projects are on the calendar of club events with the first a book review Tuesday night, February 5 at the Chapel of the YMCA at 7:00 p.m.

The club has planned study or special interest groups for members who have hobbies and who like to follow study groups. Dances and other entertainments also are on the club agenda, she said, as well as the possibility of organizing a "baby sitters" service.

Other officers for the spring semester include Mozelle Sturkie, vice president; Jerry Thompson, secretary; Lib Little, treasurer, and Jodelle McCall, reporter. Mrs. J. T. L. McNew acts as club adviser and sponsor.

All ex-servicemen's wives are eligible for membership and they are invited to attend the meeting on February 5 along with their husbands and friends.

Between the Book Ends - - -

## The Returning Veteran Is Central Figure In Books Of World War II

There have been more books with extraordinary understanding and sensitive insight into the problems of the returning soldier. In any previous war. First of all, World War II continued longer than any other war of modern times. These two factors would naturally contribute to more material being published than anything else. More books have likewise been published about individuals, and more specifically about the returning soldier or veteran. In fact the number has become so great that it is difficult to say whether this or that is the best. Actually, all of them deal with the veteran in a different manner, and from a different point of view.

Dr. George K. Pratt has written a book entitled *Soldier to Civilian*. This book was written and published in 1944, and therefore it deals primarily with those men who had been discharged from military service because of some handicap, either physical or psychological. The author is a well-known doctor who has made a specialty of psychiatry, and he deals in this book with some of the problems of adjusting to family and community life faced by the returned soldier or sailor. This book is addressed primarily to relatives, friends, employers and community leaders and gives practical guidance in helping them understand the ex-serviceman and assist him in reestablishing himself as smoothly and productively as possible. The author tells in some detail what measures have been taken to make good soldiers out of civilians, therefore it is just as important that we do our part in helping to make good civilians out of returning soldiers. Dr. Pratt states that the person from civilian to soldier must make the following three important adjustments, there are others of course, but these stand out with particular prominence: (1) Adjustment to the loss of individuality. (2) Adjustment to separation from entrenched habits of living and from accustomed interpersonal relationships. (3) Adjustment to the loss of the freedom he possessed in civilian life to shape his surroundings and environment in accordance with his own needs or wishes. The entire picture must be reversed when the soldier becomes a civilian again, and after several months and years of rigid training, it is most difficult for some of these individuals to make the change. Naturally, all people do not react to conditions and circumstances and therefore it is easier for some to make the transition than it is for others.

## Braniff Opens New Flight Purser's Position On Luxury Passenger Liners

Flight careers on Braniff Airways' new four-engine DC-4 planes are now open to young men between the ages of 21 and 24 with the creation of the new position of Flight Purser to staff the 56-passenger luxury liners.

This presents a splendid opportunity for young men to enter the air transportation field, learn the business from the ground up, and progress according to their qualifications and abilities," said Malcolm Harrison, Braniff personnel manager, in announcing the new position.

Pursers will fly as cabin attendants in addition to the hostess, completing a crew of four for the giant ships. After a year of flight experience, pursers will be eligible for other positions in traffic or operations departments.

All pursers must be between the ages of 21 and 24 and range in height from five feet eight inches to six feet. Completion of two years of college education is required, while applicants with college degrees are preferred.

Braniff flight crews are based in Dallas and fly from 85 to 100 hours a month. Applications may be sent to the airline's personnel office at Love Field or may be received through the district traffic manager at a Braniff office.

## Town Hall Manager Of '40 Visits Here

Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Sullivan were on the Aggie campus this week, renewing old acquaintances.

Sullivan was Town Hall Manager and a member of the Battalion staff during his career at A. & M. He served during the war as a Captain in the U. S. Army Engineer Corps, and was attached to the Regimental Staff. He served in the European theater for 39 months and is now on terminal leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan were married on January 4, 1946.

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## ANNOUNCING - - -

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