

Was Rainey Shushed? . . .

The Battalion has received a challenging communication which needs more than the ordinary reply. Writes Robert L. Manly, '42, a veteran student:

"Could you answer the following question, or is your mouth closed on this subject? Why was Dr. Homer P. Rainey refused an audience on the campus, while a spokesman for the C. I. O. was allowed the privilege of free speech? An explanation is due us veterans."

No, the Batt's mouth is not closed on this subject, nor on any subject affecting student life and activities. The Batt's voice is stilled only in one of two ways; it cannot print anything libelous or obscene, and it cannot take a stand for any particular candidate for office.

Dr. Rainey is now (since yesterday morning) an avowed candidate for governor of Texas, and his qualifications for that office are outside the Batt's field, although he has both friends and enemies on this campus.

However, the circumstances of his appearance in College Station recently are quite publishable. Many rumors have been going around on the campus about censorship and attempts to prevent that meeting, or to keep faculty members from attending. The Batt has investigated, and here are the findings:

The invitation to Dr. Rainey was made by the Architectural Society. Student members applied to Ernest Langford, head of the department, for permission to hold such a meeting in the Chemistry lecture hall. The request was referred to Dean F. C. Bolton, who ruled:

"Although Dr. Rainey is not an avowed candidate for governor at this time, it is generally understood by everybody that he will be a candidate in the coming election, and will announce his candidacy in time. Such a meeting as proposed would be a political gathering, and as such cannot be held on the campus of a state-owned college."

Accordingly, two changes in the original plans were made. The meeting was held off the campus in the First Baptist Church, and it was agreed in advance that no political matters would be mentioned. Therefore, Dr. Rainey just grinned when asked about his future plans. The grin didn't leave much doubt about his intentions.

An even more important question than those asked by Mr. Manly is: Was any pressure put on faculty to stay away from the meeting? Well, the attendance at the affair was 60% faculty and staff. The small attendance of students has been ascribed to a belief that the crowd would be too great—that the meeting was "oversold."

That's the story of the Rainey meeting. The rest is state politics, and the Batt must be silent.

But while we are on the subject, some questions are still being asked about the C. I. O. leader speaking on the campus. He was present, not as an organizer, but to give an economics club some information about his labor group. A short time before an A. F. L. representative appeared before the same club. These appearances were an excellent example of free speech at work.

Batt's Researcher Discovers A & M Is Unique Institution

By Wick van Kouenhoven

The Batt's demon researcher has just come back from a long session at Cushing Library, during which he came across a large collection of information about Texas A. & M. and its particular place in the scheme of American education.

Did you know that no Texas institution of higher learning has ever been named among top dozen American universities? The big three, for scholastic rating, are Harvard, Chicago and California. East, Middle-West and Pacific Coast. Note how a Texas college would fill up a hole in the geographical pattern.

The rest of the golden dozen are in the same districts as the leaders; the ivy-leaguers of Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Cornell and Pennsylvania in the East; the great state universities of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota in the Middle-West; Stanford on the Coast.

For years a certain near-by institution has expected to put a Texas name among those leaders. All the makings of a great university are there, stately buildings, a fine library, lots of students, but the mixture has never jelled — yet.

Another near-by educational institution, privately endowed and very strict in its entrance requirements, is making a good reputation for itself in science and may be the first from the Southwest area to receive the accolade of high rank.

Wouldn't it be nice if A. & M. could fool them both and receive such honors itself? Some of our

departments do have international recognition now. If all departments came up to those same standards—well, we can dream, can't we?

NO CLOSE RELATIONS

The problems of A. & M. differ in large degree from those of other schools because A. & M. itself is so different. The only kindred college in the county is Clemson A. & M. in South Carolina. It also has a cadet corps at the heart of its traditions.

Most other land-grant colleges have taken a different pattern. All are pledged, under the Morrill Act, "without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach branches of learning pertaining to agriculture and the mechanic arts."

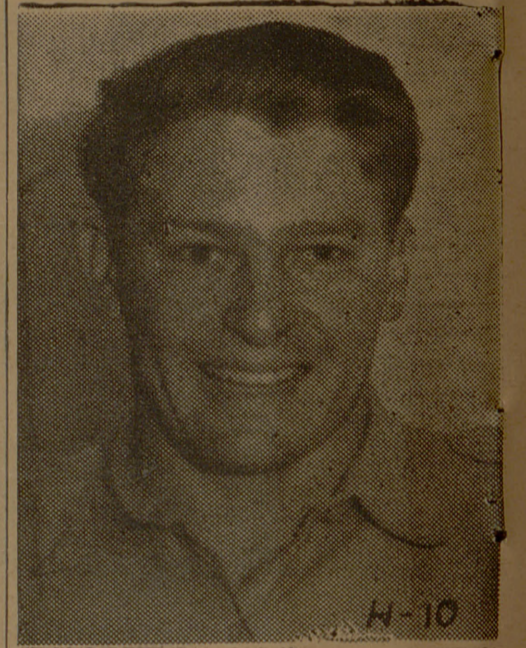
In the East, most land-grant colleges are small agricultural "State Colleges" located near some large liberal arts university. They teach agriculture only. Engineering is taught in endowed technical institutes or the universities.

Up there A. & M. would be split into "State College of Texas" and "Texas Institute of Technology," two separate institutions. That solves some problems, but we wouldn't care for it here.

In the middle west, the land-grant college is frequently a part of the state university, where agriculture, engineering, and the "learned professions" law, etc., are all taught at a single institution.

More extreme is the California pattern, where a single state university operates on half a dozen campuses. One of them is the agricultural college. If Texas used the same plan, we would be "The A. & M. College of the university of

FEATURES



"I'm back in school which is evidence enough that the educational benefits of the G. I. Bill of Rights are good," said Mr. Robert A. Grabowski of Westfield, Ill., Petroleum Engineering Major. "I'm one of the many yankees who married Texas girls. My wife is the former Miss Patty Stevens of Los Fresnos, Texas," said Bob. His wife resides at Walton Hall with Bob.

Mr. Grabowski was discharged in July, 1945 with 98 points after service overseas with the 448th Bomb Group of the 8th Air Force where he earned the Air Medal with Four Clusters and the European Theatre Ribbon with six Battle Stars.

Texas", out at Lubbock there would be the "Technological College of the U. of T." and so forth.

Although A. & M. is legally designated as a technical branch of T. u., and our two major institutions have set up a cooperative legislative committee, it is doubtful if a complete consolidation would be welcome or practical.

Doesn't look as though we can find help from other colleges in solving A. & M.'s problems. We are independent as a steer, and must solve many of our problems our own way.

Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

A. & M. graduates make good. This year many of you young men graduating from the A. & M. College of Texas will be going into industry or into one of the professions. It will be well to remind yourselves that the individual or concern for whom you will be working has the right to expect the following from you:

1. Industry
2. Accuracy
3. Punctuality
4. Neatness
5. Cheerfulness
6. Courtesy
7. Loyalty
8. Honesty

Letters

PETUNIAS DON'T SMELL, EVEN AT A. & M.

The Battalion: Congratulations on a decidedly different editorial! Although your charming "sweet-smelling" petunias around Gathright's burial plot don't smell, and although you did occasionally trip over your own feet like a playful cow, that May 22 editorial was good. It was a genuine shock to have something peep demurely forth from the Battalion's blood-soaked pages.

But "an alert student body marching forward?" Poo!

Lloyd Jones
(O. K., so it was the nasturtiums that smelled—Ed.)

Morning is that time of the day when the rising generation retires and the retiring generation rises.

—RUSTY— (Continued from Page 1)

man support our post-war football team, the next Champions of the Southwest Conference?

All you cadets and veterans have to do to show approval of my offer is by uniting the Batt or by WRITING IN A VOTE for Rusty in the forthcoming election on May 28.

When you see Rus out strutting with band, then and only then can you understand her handle, Rusty. It will be obvious.

Tom H. Westbrook III
Bryan Field Village

YELL PRACTICE

There will be a yell practice Monday night at seven p.m. for the purpose of hearing the rest of the candidates for junior yell leaders and the candidates for veteran yell leader.

All veterans are urged to attend to see their candidates in action.

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