

Rocking the Boat . . .

There have been a few suggestions lately—just a few—that the Battalion has been rocking the boat so far as A. & M. is concerned; that by bluntly stating in print what many of the students are thinking, we have somehow violated an Aggie tradition of keeping gripes under the hat. Research fails to support this theory; Aggies have been making their feelings known for many years back. Remember San Jacinto Day in 1903?

The Batt's major editorials are not last mintue productions of a harrassed editor who has to fill up space in a hurry. The general editorial policy is set by Student Council, a representative body of students, elected by the Corps and by the ex-servicemen. If the Batt's editors misunderstand the point-of-view of the Student Council, as sometimes happens, the error is quickly pointed out and the Batt put back on the beam.

If a Batt editorial makes you sore, and you think we need correcting—just write us a letter. We'll print it, even if you call us "playful cows" or prejudiced dunderheads.

The Batt's editorial policy is simply this: we try to express the sentiment of a majority of students. And our letter columns are wide open to any who disagree. But when you do write us, please send your name and address. We won't print it if you don't want your identity known.

Just a Trade School? . . .

George E. Sokolsky, in his syndicated newspaper column this week in the Dallas News, is the latest to fire a broadside at American colleges. This one is directed straight at such technical schools as A. & M., and it challenges our right to college degrees!

Sokolsky, in his copyrighted article, says that engineering and other institutions which teach technological techniques but minimize the humanities should be re-classified as glorified trade-schools and authorized to issue certificates of proficiency rather than diplomas.

There is one way to answer such a blast. That is by making our institution such a center for engineering and physical research that we be considered the Southwest equivalent of M. I. T. or Caltech. Our new wind-tunnel out at Easterwood field is a step in that direction. Let's keep stepping!

Baggage May Be Stored in Dorm 3 During Summer

Articles which students do not wish to take home with them at the end of the current semester may be stored for the summer in the basement of Dormitory 3 for a minimum charge of one dollar.

Items will be received at Dorm 3 Thursday from 1 to 5 o'clock and

on Friday from 8 to 12. There will be a minimum charge of one dollar, payable in advance, for up to three items, including only one trunk and a fifty-cent charge for each additional piece.

All boxes and suitcases must be securely fastened or tied. Except in cases of emergency, nothing may be withdrawn from storage until the opening of the fall term.

For further information contact the Student Activities Office in the Administration building.

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Ed Garner, '38 — North Gate

Letters

RAINEY QUESTION STILL UNANSWERED, SAYS MANLY Editor Battalion:

In reading over your answer to my query about Dr. Rainey, I have come to the conclusion that many others must have come to also, that the question is still unanswered.

In saying, "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", you have not investigated far enough, or you would know that he spoke to the student body of the University of Texas on their campus the night immediately preceding his speech off the camus here.

Another point is, the first part of the above quoted paragraph which you have quoted as a ruling from Dean Bolton, can be interpreted as meaning that with such a policy of selection of speakers to be allowed, anyone who has the power to say "yes" or "no" may give the prospective speaker thumbs down by saying simply, "He (or she) is a potential candidate for public office, and as such . . ." Yes, you can finish the statement with what you wish for all members of a democratic nation are potential candidates for public office.

When I asked the question via post card, I was not particularly interested in any candidate for governor, but you can rest assured, and so may anyone else, that I definitely have taken a stand for one man.

Find also an enclosed letter, mistakingly sent to me, giving me no end of cane for writing what you did. I regret that I opened it, but it is up to someone else to straighten out the person as to the fact that I am not the Editor of the Batt.

As a last thought to be left with you, here goes. Has there ever been in the history of the college under the present administration, a political candidate seeking election or reelection to speak on the campus?

Robert L. Manly, Jr.
(Ed. Note: The enclosed letter which Mr. Manly mentions was sent both to him and to the Battalion in duplicate. It raises some provocative questions, but is unsigned. As the Battalion has a standing rule against printing unsigned letters (especially on so serious an issue) this letter will not be published unless the author sends us his name. We won't print the name, but we must have it on file and know who and what the writer is.)

As for the questions raised by Mr. Manly, it is up to each individual student to read the statements from both points of view and then make up his own mind as to what actually happened.)

PALACE

Bryan, Texas
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Lana Turner
— in —

"The Postman Always Rings Twice"

PREVIEW SAT. NIGHT
SUN. - MON. - TUES.
JOAN FONTAINE

"From This Day Forward"

PENNY'S SERENADE

By W. L. Penberthy

This is commencement time and another class will be graduating from our school. At this time it is customary to give a little advice, but I always hesitate because whenever I think of advice I think of what two friends of mine said about it. The first said, "Advice costs nothing—and is worth it." The second said, "Advice is like castor oil—everybody wants to give it but nobody wants to take it". The most practical advice I ever received was from a camp

director who in bidding me good-bye on my day off said, "Penny, don't do anything you couldn't do on a bicycle."

One thing that has been very forcibly impressed upon me from working with sports and observing the play of good performers is the



importance placed on the mastery of the fundamentals of the game. So many times we are not content to do this, but can't seem to resist the temptation to be "tricky", and so take a good licking from those who are well grounded fundamentally. There is nothing wrong with being tricky but that privilege is reserved for those who have been well grounded in the fundamentals and I feel that very few of us ever reach that stage. I knew a very successful coach who used to say, "Give me a bunch of boys who can block and tackle and I will win lots of games."

Fundamentals are of as much importance in the living of a successful life as in the playing of the various sports. Just as blocking and tackling are of primary importance in football so are such fundamentals as courage, honesty, consideration, fair play, clean living, and faith in God of primary importance in the life we live.

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The Battalion has been given a rating of "first-class, excellent" by the Associated Collegiate Press, a national association of college newspapers.

Kidd to Address Non-Regs, Non-Vets

Monday night in the Architecture Library, Mr. Harry L. Kidd of the English Department will speak on "Straight Thinking in Education" before the organization of non-military, non-veteran students, it has been announced by D. Tybault, organization president.

The organization, newly formed, will meet at 7:30. Tybault and his aides are presently making a concentrated membership drive to bolster organization strength. Good attendance has been asked of all non-veteran students not living in the Corps. Mr. Kidd's address will be of interest to all students, and an invitation to attend the meeting has been extended to all who are interested.

SAACS Hold Annual Hamburger Fry Sat.

The climax of the semester's activities of the A. & M. Chapter of the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society was their annual hamburger fry Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Fred W. Jensen in South Oakwood. In the traditional manner, Dr. Jensen officiated at the outdoor grill. In addition to hamburgers, two tables were loaded with all the trimmings. Also served were potato salad, coffee, punch, cookies, and fresh blackberries.

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