

Let's Say "Howdy" ...

Among important A. & M. customs which have been ignored lately, the most noticeable is the lack of "howdys" from fellow students as we amble down the walks. Are we getting so deep in thought, so disturbed by the problems of the world, that we can't give a neighborly greeting to the folks we meet?

Some people want to argue about who should speak first. Last semester there was a question, should a cadet speak first to a veteran, or vice versa. What difference does it make? One rule of gentlemanly conduct is "when in doubt, speak first."

Let's limber up our jaws and give forth with a deep, hearty "howdy" to everyone we meet. A. & M. used to be known as the friendliest campus in the world. Let's get back that reputation.

Another Step Forward ...

Through the efforts of the Dean of Engineering, his staff at Easterwood Field and the Veterans' Advisor, flight training has now become a reality and an approved course here at A. and M. College. This is another step forward along the air trail that leads to unbelievable as well as unknown destinations. This step is another progressive step by the college to maintain its place high on the list of technical schools of the country.

This summer's class should prove the testing ground or the guinea pigs to determine just how much can be done and just what provisions will have to be made to fit such a class into the college curricula for the regular semesters.

What ever the outcome and whatever the grief and grievances, the move is a creditable one, a forward one.

No Tranquility at T. u. ...

The attempt to establish an "era of tranquility" at Austin has blown up with a bang. This should surprise no one, for it is impossible to establish peace simply by saying "Everything is rosy now." Problems must be faced, not merely ignored in the pious hope that "the less said, the sooner forgotten."

No one can accuse the American Association of University Professors of playing Texas politics; it is the Supreme Court of American university education. Therefore the censure of U. T. by that body, stating that the faculty is to be commended for "its courage and tenacity in opposing systematic, persistent and continuous attempts by a dominant political group to impose its social and educational views upon the university" must be accepted as the calm finding of the major body of American educators.

One of T. u.'s English professors, departing for a teaching position at Harvard this week, left behind him a letter that burned the ears of the regents. And J. Frank Dobie, No. 1 man in the Southwest literary movement, declined to return to his professorship there.

There is no gloating here at A. & M. over the difficulties of our arch-rival. Both at College Station and at Austin there is a large body of students who are eager to see Texas state schools rated equal to any in the land. Perhaps, in time, the uproar at Austin will lead to reforms sufficient to bring about that end.

Versus ...

While the regent administration, and faculty of The University of Texas are all looking with no small degree of apprehension at the recent statement made by Governor Coke Stevenson concerning the possibility of a legislative investigation of the institution, it may well be worthwhile to consider the following passage from "Campus Versus Classroom," by Burgess Johnson.

"If we are to educate our young people wholesale, and it seems as though we cannot avoid it, there must be machinery. But how simple and unobtrusive can it be kept, and how little does it interfere with the educational processes of a man and a boy walking and talking and working together in an atmosphere conducive to learning? Trustees and presidents and deans and buildings and equipment are all machinery of one sort or another. The education itself occurs at that point of contact between teacher and student."

"There are colleges where teachers are not wholly free to serve the cause of learning because they are forced to be too consciously the servants of a group of businessmen, called regents or trustees, who are themselves unacquainted with educational problems ..."

"When a group of teachers first came together, thus forming the nucleus of the first university, they found it convenient to select one of their own number as chairman. They did not bother about where and how the students lived; that came later ... But that simple organization of teachers ... has lasted until this day in some parts of the world, and proved its own efficiency."

"Trustee control of colleges has sometimes turned out to be more arbitrary and more destructive of teacher independence and self-respect than a political-minded legislature or a narrow-visioned denomination. The trustees are of course essential where trust funds and endowments must be perpetually guarded and invested, and guardians employed; but the men who first established such a board of control chose citizens who were themselves educationally minded and trained for such a job; and did not contemplate a day when men tested only by business success would be put in complete control of educational objectives and methods of attaining them. The college president was then the final authority on such matters. But today in many colleges and universities the trustees control the appointment of teachers, the addition of courses to the curriculum, or their discontinuance; the determining of educational policies and the choice of a president, who becomes their employee often without a right to share in their councils except by request."—The Daily Texan.

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Where Is Francis Hall? Know Campus and You Start Right

(This is the first in a series of articles requested by the former Aggie veterans at a June meeting of the Ex-Servicemen's Organization. It is hoped that through these, new students at A. & M. College, veterans of the last war, will learn more of Aggie life as it is lived, and assist them in becoming Aggies in the real sense of the word.)

New Name

The first important thing that the "fish" has to remember is that for nine months he is "fish". He will always address his classmates as Fish Jackson, not Tom Jackson. He introduces himself using the handle "fish" before his last name. This is not a punitive measure

To thousands of Texas men the greatest day of their college careers was the first day they enrolled at A. and M. College and donned the uniform bearing the narrow—but oh so wide—white stripe, the mark of the first year student.

The uniform bound all students together in one large and strong organization, expelling social and financial standings. Joe's clothes were the same as John's. The uniform carried on it the initials AMC which, as far as the wearer and his thousands of comrades were concerned stood for the greatest school in the Southwest Conference—in the United States.

On the campus however, the first main point that is put across to the "fish", as all first year students of the corps are called, is that there are many other

people in this world, people that are just as important as he is and a few that have duties and responsibilities and are due a bit of respect. This idea is brought to light in an entirely different manner than we have witnessed in the service. Here it is the bonding of an everlasting fellowship.



taken just because he is a first year student, but it marks him as such. The title "fish" can bring many hardships but at the same time it offers to others the reason, not necessarily excuse, for the student's lack of knowledge—acquaintance with the campus, people and customs.

Next to remembering his new

name, the greenhorn should never forget the name of his roommate, organization commander and the person whom he served as maid. This will be discussed later under the title of administrative duties.

Know the Campus

This college is a large one and one which seems forever growing. Of this we are proud! We keep abreast of all the new changes and new buildings and at the same time know the story of the old ones.

Where is Gathright Hall?

Where is Francis Hall?

These are probably the first two questions asked a "fish" to test his knowledge or acquaintance with the campus. In no time at all he will learn to know the campus far better than he will the book.

Know your campus. In cities we are often mistaken as visitors on the campus. At the same time, many of us are asked for information concerning the location of certain offices, buildings or establishments. Be able to answer properly if you are asked. The Registrar's Bulletin carries a detailed map of the campus. Any pre-war Aggie will be glad to help you. You might take a bit of ribbing, but if you can't take what little they'll give you now, chances are you wouldn't have lasted had you entered as a "fish".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RECORD COLUMN RAZZED BY RABID READER

Editor
Battalion (Newspaper for men?)
Open letter to author of "Platter Chatter"

Oh I do think our column called "Platter Chatter" is so divine. I simply must tell you about it, especially your latest column headed, "New and Oldies Feature Recent Record Releases," how utterly charming.

You remind me of another old friend of mine, poor boy. He took tap-dancing with knitting on the side, but that awful Army took him and now, as you have probably guessed, he has just gone to the dogs. Yes, he stopped his knitting and started dating girls, of all things. Now he says naughty things about your column, too.

Secretly, though, Ferd, the other fellows and my room-mate

COFER BETROTHAL

Miss Sara Allen Cofer of College Station and former member of the Summer Battalion Staff is being honored with teas and luncheons preceding her coming marriage to Cedrick R. Landon June 15.

all laugh at me when I go into raptures over your exotic description of Frankie or Harry's latest recording, but I just say, "Oh shush," and ignore them, the horrid people.

One more thing, Ferd dear, did you ever take knitting or tap-dancing?

Breathlessly awaiting your next column I remain,
(Name withheld at writers request.)
College Station,
(Non-knitting, non-tap-dancing, ex-army man-English says, "What do you want, egg in your beer?")

ASHWORTH MARRIED
Jack Ashworth, veteran student from Bryan, and Miss Dorothy Foster were married in Bryan Tuesday night at the First Baptist Church. Ashworth was a staff member of the old Battalion magazine before joining the Army Air Corps.

MRS. VARNER GRAVELY ILL
Word was received late yesterday evening that Assistant Dean of Men D. B. "Woody" Varner has been called to the bedside of his mother, who doctors say is not expected to live.

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PENNY'S SERENADE

By W. L. Famberthy

Every once in a while I run across one of our returned students who had difficulty in being reinstated because when he left the institution his scholastic record was pretty badly messed up. This situation is true in the case of many of our men who felt that the future was so uncertain that there was no use in being too concerned with their scholastic record. This attitude is understandable, but I feel that many of us adopt the same attitude in instances where there is much less reason. It is often very easy for us to adopt the "what's the use" slant when we just don't want to put out what it takes to do the job.

I get a lot of inspiration from the story of Joseph, the Biblical character, whose father showed favoritism by giving him a coat of many colors. This act made Joseph very unpopular with his many brothers who finally sold him as a slave and he was taken to Egypt. This would have ruined many boys, but Joseph kept faith and refused to let a few bad breaks get him down and this attitude coupled with hard work won for him a place of great importance in the land.

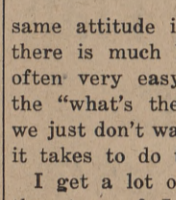
I have known many instances where athletic teams had to take some bad breaks, but refused to admit defeat and so played just a little harder and came through for a fine victory.

None of us know what the future holds for us—we will have some good breaks and some bad ones—but in my opinion one of the best ways to insure a successful future is to develop the attitude of doing our best in our every undertaking.

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Bryan, Texas

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Paulette Goddard

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SELF ASSISTS DANIEL

Allen Self, co-editor of the Battalion elected by the corps, is spending the summer as a secretary to Price Daniel, candidate for state attorney general. Self, is now working in Austin, but will go on tour with Mr. Daniel after the campaign opens in Houston, on June 17.

The Brazos river valley was the habitat, in prehistoric times, of the huge mastodon known as the Brazos river elephant. Several skeletons are in the A. & M. museum.

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