

PAGE We Who Leave . . .

Zinn On First We who leave Aggieldand, as most of us do for the second time, have learned in the past eight or nine years that a real college, one that we honor and point to with pride, is not one made up of books, profs and classes alone. No one has ever been able to accurately describe the perfect college or university. No one can ever point to a school or institution and say it is without fault.

Efficiency Some of us feel that too much emphasis is placed on one type of course or subject while others of us feel that we have been slighted in still another field. There are those amongst us who feel that physical education and intramurals played a great role in our college life while there are others who feel that such activities were good to merely fill idle hours. We have often grouped together for certain rights we felt were deserving of the school and of the country and of our own class, be it '40 or '46. We realize that the college as the country would be in a terrible situation if we all though the board reacted alike.

Zinn While we have learned the fundamentals with which we can obtain higher fields and more advanced learning, we have also learned a great deal of human nature and our fellow man. This we learned not from books but from wearing that fish stripe, making those corps trips, holding the top step of the "Y" or Goodwin Hall with a fellow we never knew existed, holding a respectful brace at Silver Taps, making final reviews, and sitting in bull session after bull session.

Person True, we learned a great deal in the army and navy but here it wasn't forced regimentation. We could have quit any time.

We have learned that A. & M. is the school we'll always be proud to look at with pride even as we say, "Taint like it used to be."

Air-Conditioned Library? . . .

Those of us who have had occasion to use the college library this summer agree that it is a pretty hot and uncomfortable place. The library does not have fans for the reading rooms, where the air may be stirred and circulated. Such hot reading rooms are definitely not conducive to study, particularly when a student may have an assignment which requires several hours of search and study. In fact it is pretty hard labor to have to work in the steam-hot reading rooms of the library for four or five hours.

The stackrooms of the library are even more unbearable than the reading rooms. Faculty members and graduate students who use the stacks find the area at either end of the stack sections extremely hot and uncomfortable. Windows in the stacks are very small, and their type of construction does not permit them to be opened wide. Secondly, there is so little headroom in the stacks that the circulation of air is inadequate.

But the comfort of the students, faculty and staff of the library is actually the least important of the reasons why the library should be air-conditioned. The most important reason would be to maintain a constant temperature under 80 degrees, with an average percent of humidity for the protection of the book collection.

The present library book collection is valued at approximately \$400,000. Many hundreds of volumes in this collection are irreplaceable. At the present time, the library staff has to be on constant watch for mildew on the volumes of bound periodicals in the lower stacks. These volumes have to be constantly removed from the shelves, dusted and treated with mildew inhibitor.

In addition to those volumes that are attacked by mildew, there are hundreds of volumes whose leather and buckram bindings are fast deteriorating because of the excessive heat and humidity during a normal summer. The high temperature and high rate of humidity has its effect on the paper of the books and periodicals, causing it to become brittle and deteriorate. These volumes which are no longer usable because of deterioration are not replaceable because they have long since been out of print.

It seems to us that it would be an excellent investment for the college to spend a few thousand dollars in installing an air conditioning system to help preserve the \$400,000 investment in books. In addition, if the reading rooms were air-conditioned, the maximum use would be made of the collection, because everyone would be able to work in comfort.

It is true that for most buildings on the campus, the cost of air-conditioning is prohibitive. But the library already has ducts installed in the walls. The trouble is that air now blown by fans through the ducts is hot air, heated to a high temperature by the sun. The stacks are of the open type and cold air pumped in at one or two levels should circulate through the entire area.

If projects are judged by the number of people benefited, air-conditioning for the library should rate high.

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Serving Aggies 19 Years Two-Day Service 2 Stations Joel English, Mgr. Campus Cleaners OVER THE EXCHANGE - NEAR GEORGE'S

Non-Profit Exchange Store Must Be Self-Supported

Why, who and how operates the Exchange Store? Frequently discussed and often just cussed, the Exchange Store is self operated and owned. No provision has ever been made by the Texas Legislature for the establishment and operation of a college book store.

Financial statements are made each month to the Business Manager of the College, Comptroller, the Board of Directors and the president. An annual audit is made by the State Auditor.

Like many other installations of the college, the Exchange Store is a non-profit one but it must be self supporting. At the end of each fiscal year, June 30, the net profit is determined as to the amount required for operation during the next year. The difference is recommended for rebate to student purchasers.

Student Rebate Next to the cash register in the store there is a box where persons making cash purchases may endorse sales slips and deposit same for rebate. When the amount is approved by the board of directors each person who has deposited endorsed sales slips is proportioned his share of the profit. Rebate is now chasers must endorse sales slips. The rebate usually is paid in the month of September following the fiscal year closed.

Books and Equipment Department Heads notify the Exchange Store of the books and equipment which will be required for the next semester based on the planned sections. Often times this will vary considerably with the demand for the courses. These items are ordered by the store and the dealers at North Gate are now informed by the store manager of the required book and equipment lists. This co-operation between the college store and the privately operated stores prevents the "gate" dealers from purchasing blind and having a heavy inventory of unrequired items on hand.

Veterans schooling under the GI Bill of Rights usually request new books and equipment whereas the majority of students here before the war were primarily interested in obtaining used books and materials. Veterans should be sure that in purchasing used items under the G. I. Bill requisition that the used price be entered on the sales slips.

This demand of new publications and copies has changed the book business of the store considerably.

Repurchase of Books The general policies on the repurchase of books are as follows: 1. New books returned for full refund within two weeks of date of purchase, provided they are unused, marked and resalable as new books. 2. New books kept out of stock for a longer period are refunded at 80 per cent of list price if they are resalable as new books. 3. New books that have been soiled, written in or otherwise defaced are refunded at one-half price and are resold as new books.

The repurchase price on equipment runs slightly higher than the above, usually about 60 per cent if resalable as used equipment. The difference is due to the hazard of having used books left on hand after departmental changes.

Change of List Prices The prices of new books are changed by publishers notification and by invoice quotations. When such changes are made, prices are also changed on used books. This is done in the following manner.

Jones buys a new book for \$3.00 and resells it to the Exchange Store for \$1.50. The Exchange Store resells the books for \$2.00 to Smith. While Smith has the book the price is raised to \$3.50. The Exchange Store repurchases the book from Smith for \$1.75 and then resells the copy for \$2.35. Used books are sold at two-thirds list price.

Back Orders Back orders are no longer taken on stocked items. Orders will be taken however if items not carried in stock or graduate publications and equipment.

Branch Store A branch store initially stocked with copies and equipment required for students living at Bryan Army Air Field Annex will be opened there, according to Carl Birdwell, Exchange Store manager.

Radar "Plumbing" and Ex-Secret Tubes Are Presented to College

Radar tubes—those mysterious things that were always kept under armed guard during the war—have been added to the experimental equipment of the A. & M. Physics department. A large number of such tubes, made for military use, were presented to the college by Western Electric Co. Some of them were developed by the Bell Laboratories during the time that Dr. J. G. Potter, now head of the college physics department, was associated with that research group during the war.

Some radar "plumbing"—the technicians' name for ultra high-frequency equipment—has also been presented to the college by the General Electric Co. and will be used for demonstration purposes.

Architect Profs to Exhibit in Dallas

Three professors in the Department of Architecture have been invited to exhibit examples of their work at the Museum of Fine Arts in Dallas during the latter part of this month and the early portion of September while the State Fair is going on. The exhibit is to be titled "Contemporary Texas Architecture" and only twenty architects in the state have been asked to exhibit.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

All students who are interested in student employment for the fall semester should call at the Placement Office and file applications. This also applies to renewals for students now employed. Applications will be received beginning Monday, Aug. 19.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FOR VETERANS All veterans who have not received authorization to attend school under the "G. I. Bill" will be required to purchase all books and supplies, retain cash sales slips and secure a requisition for reimbursement. This policy is effective at once.

Bennie A. Zinn Veterans Advisor A financial statement on all Student Concessions in effect during the summer, is due at the Student Activities Office by Thursday, August 22nd.

The College Library will be closed the entire week of August 25-31, for the purpose of inventory, with one exception. From 9:00 to 12:00 on Wednesday, August 28, the library will be open for faculty and college personnel to borrow and return books.

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ENGINEERS get your math chart at the Exchange Store. Notebook size 35¢. Concession owned by W. O. Reese, '46.

Last chance for Ex-Servicemen to get Reader's Digest for 1/2 price, get your new or renewal before September 1st. Johnson's Magazine Agency at College Book Store, phone 4-8814.

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Letters

To The Battalion:

It's getting to be one heck of a thing when your own school will not provide you with the means to take your friends or families to the TU game. And that is just what has been done. It is an interesting commentary on policies of this Administration that one of its students has to depend on friends at the U of T for tickets to the game when they have deliberately and premeditatedly coupled with misinformation, made it impossible for us to secure tickets here at school. Why?

Student Activities Office A. & M. College of Texas College Station, Texas Dear Sir:

Your policy and method of handling the tickets for the Texas A. & M. game this Thanksgiving is the neatest piece of misinformation that has been perpetrated on us to date. First, you publish in the Battalion that applications for tickets would be accepted September first. In the August 15 issue of the Battalion you state that all the tickets had been sold. You very neatly circumvented your statement by saying that active members of the Ex-Student's Association are not subject to this, and you had sold each and every available ticket to them. They were carefully informed when they could apply for tickets. Of course you neglected, or disregarded, informing the students who also desired tickets and are not members of the Ex-Student's Association, if indeed there was any chance of their obtaining tickets under your system.

I can find no grounds for justification of this policy. It smacks of a discrimination against those of us forced by circumstances to still be students and not graduates. But the most glaring injustice is the deliberate misleading statement that the tickets would be released September first, no conditions attached. Many of us had made plans based on the assumption that we could get tickets for ourselves and friends or families on that date, or at least have a chance to get them. Your policy is a good reflection of what is forcing the change in Aggie Spirit from what it was in former years. Incidentally, I am not interested in tickets for the game. I phoned The Daily Texan, with which I worked while stationed in Austin, and they have obtained tickets for me. However, there are many more Aggies not so fortunate. I hope you enjoy the game as much as they will.

Robert L. Goodman Box 2762 College Station, Texas

(Ed Note: Your letter was mis-addressed to the Student Activities Office. It seems as though it should have been addressed to the Athletic Department. The Batt and the Student Activities Office will take no part of the mis-announcement of ticket sales. The paper publishes the notifications of the Athletic Department as released by them either directly or through the Department of Information.

As for every student not having a ticket to the game, it hasn't happened yet. If it does turn out that every student doesn't get at least one, then the Batt will join in the yell for the same.

As for you personally, the Former Students mailed to you at your former address an application blank. Perhaps you should notify them of your change of address. We're sweatin' too. —Ed)

Do not be afraid to learn word-for-word whatever is more efficiently learned that way. The sciences and languages contain large units of subject matter that must be memorized.—A. & M. Handbook.

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PENNY'S SERENADE

By W. L. Penberthy

At the close of the current semester of Summer School 184 students will receive their degree from this institution. Of this number there are a very few who are not veterans of the past war so that this class may well be considered the first veteran class to graduate from the school since the First World War.



Penny

I have always felt that one of the best ways to teach is through example and one of the best ways to learn and improve in anything is to associate closely and study the best performance of one who is an expert in the performance of the thing one is trying to learn. This class of veterans has set an example in several respects.

First, this class is to be highly commended for the example it set in the way of scholastic attainment. This group of men came to us with a seriousness of purpose and a determination to get the most in the least amount of time and as a group have made a fine record and at which future students would do well to shoot.

Second, the conduct of these men has been excellent and in this respect they have also set a fine example for future students to follow. I feel that our school has done everything possible to make our veterans, especially our married ones, as comfortable as possible, but if there have been some inconveniences they have been taken with understanding and good grace. Constructive criticisms have been made in the proper spirit and manner.

Third, by their eagerness to get the most of what the school had to offer and their spirit of cooperation, they have endeared themselves to the members of the teaching staff.

We appreciate this class setting the pattern and whatever they do the best in the world is the worst we could wish for them.

"On This Star" Is A Relief From Many Depressing Novels

By Wilora Barton College Library

The new novel by Virginia E. Sorensen, "On This Star", presents nothing new, really in the forever intriguing mazes of life, love and death, but is a refreshing change from the overdose of gloomy and perplexing psychological studies which we have been getting from present-day novelists. This is a good story, a tale well told, not for your edification, but for your enjoyment, which some of us still hope to find when we pick up a novel.

The story takes place in a Mormon settlement soon after the First World War when society had already forced some modifications on the religion and life of those devout people. The influences of the outside world were bringing change to the community, and new horizons were opening to the younger men and women.

Jens was the youngest son of a large and wealthy Danish family in the settlement. He has chosen for his bride the most talented and the most beautiful of all the girls in the valley. The match was

highly satisfactory to everyone—except the bride-to-be, Chel Bowen, who had some uncomfortable moments of doubt.

When Jens' brother, a famous pianist offered to give Chel lessons for a wedding present during his summer vacation, complications set in almost immediately. The sweeping emotion which caught them up could not be blamed entirely upon their common love for music. It has happened before, but not like it happened for Chel and the two brothers who loved her. They were held helplessly in a trap from which there was no escape. The outcome brought complete and enveloping tragedy for the whole family.

Except for a little slowness in the beginning of the book, the story moves along at a rapid clip. The style is unpretentious and in places approaches dignity, especially in the passages depicting the concealed suffering of Chel who had no wish to be the cause of so much misery.

This book is a review copy, a gift from the publishers, Reynal and Hitchcock, and is now available in the Browsing Room of the College Library.

LIBRARY CLOSED WEEK OF AUGUST 25-31

The college library will be closed for inventory during the entire week from August 26 to 31, according to Paul L. Balance, librarian. The only exception will be the period from 9:00 to 12:00 p. m. on Wednesday, August 26, when faculty and college staff may return or borrow books.

GUION HALL THEATER

Box Office Opens 1:00 p. m. Closes 8:30 p. m.

Thursday Only BARGAIN DAY

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Notice! Guion Hall will be closed during the Summer Holidays, beginning August 25th, to install new seats and equipment and will reopen Sept. 8th.

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