

How About a Truce? . . .

Isn't it about time for a truce between veterans and cadets?

During the past month we have been airing opinions very frankly, and that should be all to the good. There has been some friction; bringing it out into the open, especially in the letters to the Battalion, has let us all know just where the horns are. But it has also shown that only serious friction is between the 2 percenters and the 98 percenters, as it always has been.

Now, with two distinct groups on the campus, when the 2 percenter vets tangle with the 98 percenter cadets, or the 2 percenter corps members with the 98 percenter vets, the issue gets confused and is often misinterpreted as a real clash between the main bodies of the corps and the veterans.

By now it should be clear that the veterans and cadets are pretty much in agreement. Neither group is out to tell the other how to run its affairs. The views and actions of the 2 percenters have been exposed to "pitiless publicity" with a corrective effect. So let's have the vets gripe about vets, and the cadets about the corps, but call a holiday to any criss-crossing.

Sips Can't Understand . . .

From time to time this year, the Batt has moaned in these editorial columns that the Aggie spirit of supporting our teams, win, lose or draw, was dying out. It seems we were overly pessimistic. Who says so? Hold your hats, fellows: the Daily Texan says so.

Not in so many words, of course. It is a back-handed compliment that Paul Tracy, the teasippers sports editor, paid us last week. Tracy used his entire column to berate us Aggies for supporting our team when it loses with just as much vim as when it wins.

The Aggie sense of loyalty, it seems, will never be comprehended on the forty acres. They cannot agree with Grantland Rice that:

"When the Great Scorer comes
"To write against your name,
"He will ask not if you won or lost,
"But how you played the game."

Guion Hall Splinters . . .

Years ago Guion Hall was the pride of the A. & M. Campus. Even now, its stately columns and ivied walls seem to express the solemn traditions of Aggieland. But the feelings of reverence are shattered when you go inside, sit down, and have the seat splinter and collapse under you.

A lot has been done in fixing up the interior. The once-terrible acoustics have been largely corrected by celestex tiles in the ceiling and heavy drapes on the windows and doors. This year the Student Activities Office purchased 300 new opera-type plush seats for the senior section, which slightly improved the acoustics and greatly increased both the appearance and comfort of that part of the auditorium.

But these of us who don't get to sit in those plush-bottoms have to lower ourselves gingerly into veneered antiques which either give way entirely or else creak throughout the performance.

Who will come to the rescue? Perhaps the college can find some spare funds that could be used to add more opera-seats each year until the last wooden ones or removed.

Pro Football? . . .

The old question of how much a college may help a football player without professionalizing him comes up again in the current Saturday Evening Post. Writing on "Black Markets in Football," Francis Wallace points out that huge sums of money have been spent to create some of the headline teams this year.

The Southwest Conference comes off pretty clean in the account, probably due to the fact that definite rules exist in this loop for helping a player. No subterfuges are necessary; SWC schools can grant athletic scholarships without trying to hide the fact, but definite limits are set and all "hot" athletes in the conference presumably get the limit. Wallace points out that some schools have student-players whose major in physical education consists of such work-loads as eight hours in Football 103; six hours of Baseball 110, etc. We don't have anything like that at A. & M. How anybody can major in engineering and play football is a source of wonder, but much credit goes to tutors who help the players keep up during the season. Certainly no dumb-bells can hold a place on the Aggie team.

Only one of A. & M.'s opponents this year is mentioned in the article. Coach Lookabaugh of the Oklahoma Aggies is quoted as charging that Oklahoma U. spent \$200,000 on their team, then changing it to a statement that all Oklahoma A. & M.'s opponents collectively had spent that much.

Dean Endorses Clean-Up . . .

Dear Editor:
May I congratulate you on your editorial directing the attention of the student body to contributions the students can make toward improving the appearance of the campus. Visitors on the campus now-a-days are impressed by the efforts being made to beautify the buildings; those who are visiting the campus for the first time almost invariably comment favorably on the lawns and the landscaping around the buildings, and people who have been coming for some years immediately notice the improvement over the bare buildings of former years.

All too frequently, though, as a visitor is being shown about the campus, his praise stops suddenly when he reaches the part of the campus where the lawns have been disfigured by haphazard paths made by thoughtless persons whose pride in the appearance of their campus is not quite great enough to cause them to take the extra steps to save the grass, or to hold on to that cigarette stub or scrap of paper until they reach the trash can.

I recall my last visit to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and the pride of the young cadets is the well-kept appearance of the campus. Neither cadet or visitor would think of starting a path across the grass or of marring the beauty of that campus by dropping paper or trash. Among the civilian institutions, Princeton, which you mention in your editorial, is only one of a number where the admiration which comes to a beautiful and well-kept campus has become a source of real pride to the students and alumni as well, and our campus could earn the same praise without an added penny of cost. It would take just a few extra steps to follow the side walk and a determination by every person on the campus to be alert to his own acts and to remind the other fellow when he forgets.

You have suggested a movement that, if carried out, could, in the years to come, give 8,000 Exes cause for saying with pride: "Yes, it was during my college days at A. & M. that we decided to make the campus the cleanest and best kept in the country."

Yours very truly,
F. C. Bolton
Dean

This Week's Poll . . .

Veterans Almost Unanimously Against Wearing Cadet Uniform

(This is the third in a series of articles recording the results of polls taken by the Battalion on subjects concerning the student body of Texas A & M—Eds. note.)
If the veterans now enrolled at A. & M. have their way, it'll be a cold day in July before they don the regulation cadet uniform for everyday campus wear.

At least that's the opinion expressed by a group of veterans, selected at random, answering this week's question, "Do you think all veterans academically classified as Freshmen or Sophomores, should wear the regulation cadet uniform with the AMC brass on one collar and the NM (non-military) on the other?"

C. J. Schero, '42, said, "I really don't see what the move would accomplish other than to give the campus a more military atmosphere. Many of the veterans now on the campus are 25-28 years old, yet taking Freshman and Sophomore courses. I'm sure these men would not favor the move."
Gene Ray, '45, stated he was definitely against the idea. "The uniform represents all which most of the veterans on the campus want to forget—their years in the army. I think that if veterans were made to wear a uniform, many of them would go to another school."

Bob McGowan, another veteran, said that the move would probably become a reality eventually anyway, but that "I'm not in favor of it."

Also joining in against the proposal was W. D. Kutach, a veteran who is going to A & M for the first time. Kutach's only comment concerning the uniform was: "I've had enough."
Veterans living in the Corps were split on the question. John

Cochrane, class of '46, a senior on the First Field Artillery Battalion staff, said "I would like to see veterans in uniform but not unless they themselves favored the move. If it were forced on them, dissension would exist which would cause more harm than good."

The opposite view was expressed by Hugh Riggins, '42, who is now living in the corps. Said Riggins: "If the college would make satisfactory arrangements with the government so that about \$50 a year could be given to each veteran to help pay for uniforms, I think all veterans should wear the uniform. It's no disgrace to be in uniform," continued Riggins, "and A & M College will not begin to regain its pre-war reputation until everybody on the campus is in uniform."

Mr. J. W. Carmichael, professor of English, also favored the wearing of the uniform by veterans. "The policy of wearing the uniform," said Carmichael, "would conform to the practice of the college. Under present conditions, tradition is being shattered."

The only non-veteran member of the Corps questioned by the Battalion, Fred "Dutch" Maxwell, '49, who said, "for the good of the school as a whole, I would like to see everybody in uniform. However, it is understandable why some veterans don't want to wear the uniform. It just seems to be a regrettable situation all the way around."

Eds. note. Do you, the reader, have any views on the subject which have not been expressed? If so, write the Battalion and if sufficient controversy arises, a subsequent article, listing the opinions expressed, will appear in the Battalion.

With The Corps By ALLEN SELF

To the Cadet Corps:
It gives me the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to have this opportunity to tell the men of the A & M Cadet Corps that their performance in Dallas this past week end was everything that could be desired and then some. You handled your military affairs in a superb manner, and showed the people of Texas that Texas A & M is, indeed, what it is "cracked up" to be. From hundreds of people in Dallas came words of the highest praise, approval, and respect for the Corps.

The greatest moments in my life were those in which I watched you march past the reviewing stand, and I'm confident that each of you have the same pride and feeling for the Corps that I have.

Ed Brandt
Cadet Colonel
Parade Looked Good
Every unit looked good as they marched up Main Street. By the process of elimination, it was decided that one of the artillery batteries looked better than all.

When the units went past the reviewing stand, only two men even looked like they were out of step, and they were a couple of "plow boys" who must have thought they were back on the farm behind the white mule.

What impressed more than marching skill was the splendor of the uniforms. White gloves, overseas caps, sabers, and all the boots on the seniors, the juniors in their new serge, and freshmen and sophomores with brass shining made us look like the "Ole Army."

Few Spectators
Compared to the turn out for the parade in Ft. Worth last year, there were not as many spectators: The only spot where a crowd gathered was by the Baker and Adolphus. Every place else the streets were empty, except for street cars which the Dallas police failed to keep out of the way. maybe it was the threat of rain that kept Dallasites away, but the crowd was disappointing.

The Dallas Morning News and the Times-Herald treated us right, displaying front page pictures of Brandt, Peggy Hendricks and Phil Kosub and of the Aggie Band. However, the Times-Herald went along on its usual "SMU wuz robbed from" in its write-up on the game.

Victory Partying
It's regrettable that one night club in Dallas couldn't hold all the Aggies and their dates. Most of them were out at either Lou Ann's or the Plantation, though a good number were sprinkled around in the Colony Club, the Yacht Club,

Tibbett, America's Favorite Baritone, on Mon. Town Hall

The American baritone, Lawrence Tibbett, who will be heard on Town Hall's third program, comes of the American fighting stock that made this country. He thinks this same pioneer spirit fits as snugly into the picture of American culture as it does into American history. This may be the reason Tibbett has been a trail blazer for American music. He believes in "fighting for what we have." The Tibbett performance will be held in Guion Hall at 8:15 p. m., November 18.

Tibbett was the youngest of four children, and his mother had to struggle to support them. His mother and sister taught him what they knew about singing, and soon his talent became known, thus earning small fees singing at churches and local gatherings in his California hometown. His first real teacher was Joseph Dupuy in Los Angeles, but it was Basil Rysdael, opera basso and later radio announcer, who taught him to sing naturally.

A man heard him sing and was so impressed that he volunteered to back Tibbett's training. So with such an offer, Tibbett went to New York and continued his studies. It wasn't long until Tibbett had reached the stage of the Metropolitan. At the Met he has not only been pre-eminent in the greatest baritone roles, but he has also created the leading roles in such American operas as "The Emperor Jones," "The King's Henchman," and "Peter Ibbetson."

Lawrence Tibbett has attained just as wide and illustrious a reputation in the concert field, for

his knowledge of the song literature of all nations and periods is tremendous.
His ability as an organizer and executive has been displayed in such undertakings as the American Guild of Musical Artists, of which he is president.

The Lawrence Tibbetts, including three children, have a 125-acre farm near the little town of Wilton, Connecticut. For instance, there is Stephen, the farm horse—and Rosebud, the cow. A visitor or passer-by is apt to see Tibbett running a tractor, feeding the chickens, doing a harvesting job, or just sitting on the porch.

Don't forget this performance Monday evening, November 18. You'll thrill to Tibbett's version of "Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes"—a great American baritone, a great man!

Attention to the Longhorn Deadlines

- Junior Class pictures, Nov. 13.
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- Military Comdrs. and Staffs, Nov. 20.
- Soph Class pictures, Nov. 22.
- Fish Class pictures, Dec. 15.
- Company Snapshots, Dec. 7.
- Veterans pictures, Dec. 15.
- Vanity Fair, Dec. 15.
- Senior Favorites, Jan. 15.
- Club Reservations, Jan. 15.

and even the Casino in Ft. Worth. Glen Gray went for the Aggies and their boots, it seems. He wants Holick to make him some for riding . . . The midnight yell practice Kobs held at the Plant involved more of the Aggie spirit (s) than the one they tried to squeeze into the "alley" between the Baker and the Adolphus . . . You could hear the Aggie War Hymn being sung all over Dallas Saturday night . . . What a weekend.

Letters

KELLY FLOWERS
Dear Sir:

Robert Kelly's letter to the Editor, published in the October 31 issue of the Batt, struck a responsible note among the vets here at the Annex. We wish to thank Mr. Kelly for his bit of outspoken comment and to tell him that we are completely in accord with his views.

We have a few comments to add. The chief bleed the Administration and the Corps has, as we see it, is that the vets don't have the "School Spirit" and consequently will not follow blindly everything set forth in Aggie tradition.

A few weeks ago during an intramural football game between a Corps team and a Vet team, the Corps supporters were yelling, "O'mon Aggie, beat those STUDENTS!" Is this part of Aggie tradition or school spirit? The Batt has repeatedly said that all of us, vets and non-vets, are Aggies—why the distinction? If this represents Aggie Spirit and fair play, do you blame anyone for not giving a tinker's dam whether A. & M. sinks or swims? The vets are not a group of mean, old dogs, deliberately out to prevent A. & M. from winning back its Blue Star, nor are we out to wilfully destroy Aggie tradition simply because of our antipathy to all things military.

For the most part, if there had been no war, a great number of us would have been here in the Corps and there would be no conflict now. However, since we are exempt from ROTC now, we are regarded as the root of all evil. Not being required to participate in a lot of Aggie customs, we don't evidence the "School Spirit" to the degree manifest in the Corps.

The main issue seems to be, as we see it, whether the Corps is going to force its ideas on the vets, or whether the vets are going to upset all Aggie customs and traditions, OR are the two groups going to recognize each other's problems and compromise for the furtherance of all interests? We, as vets, understand the Corps' desire of us, while interested in A & M and its customs and traditions, are primarily interested in getting an education and getting out as soon as possible. Most of us don't have time to participate in a lot of things regarded by the Corps as "musters."

In brief, we'll cooperate if you will; leave us alone and we'll leave you alone!

Sincerely,
Jerry H. Werlin and
13 men of Barracks 318

Annex-ations

By Ike Ashburn, Jr.

INTRAMURAL SPEAKING: H Battery, the winner of League A, will play C Group Veterans of League B sometime this week for the Annex flag football championship. These two teams have been playing a superior brand of ball and should go far, if not all the way, in the college finals.

Luke Harrison of the Physical Education department announces that intramural basketball and tennis are in the offering.

REQUEST from the construction office: If you have a silex or heating plate in your barracks, please don't overload the fuses by using too many appliances and lights at the same time. REASON: no more fuses, and the house mama doesn't have any left either. Is that you, black-out?

If anyone is on or going on PROBATION, all rules, regulations, and requisites for the Dean's Team can be found on Page 12 of the Blue Book.

What's Cooking

(Editor's note: Some clubs still have not submitted lists of officers, their dorm room and PO box to the Student Activities Office. Will appreciate same.)

- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
7:30 p. m.—Jr. FFA, Ag. Eng. Lecture room.
- 7:00 p. m.—Class of '45, Assembly Hall.
- Sciences, Petroleum Lecture room.
- 7:30 p. m.—Management Society, ME Lecture room.
- 7:30 p. m.—Biology Club, Conference Room, Ag. Exper. Sta.

- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
7:15 p. m.—Lutheran Student Association, Assembly Room, YM CA.

- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14
7:30 p. m.—Houston County A & M Club, Room 305, Acad. Bldg.
- 7:30 p. m.—Southwest Texas A & M Club, Cabinet Room, YMCA.
- 7:30 p. m.—Bridge Group, Aggie Wives Club, Spsa Lounge.
- 7:30 p. m.—Galveston A & M Club, Room 106, Acad. Bldg.
- 7:30 p. m.—Wilbarger County A & M Club, Room 105, Acad. Bldg.
- 7:30 p. m.—Greenville A & M Club, Room 227, Acad. Bldg.
- 7:30 p. m.—Johnson County A & M Club, Room 303, Acad. Bldg.
- 7:30 p. m.—Pre-Law Club, organizational meeting, Room 205, Acad. Bldg.

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