

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 1947

## To the New Athletic Council . . .

Gentlemen, we congratulate you on your selection to the Athletic Council.

We are coming onto the Council at a time when A. & M. is beginning to rebuild and balance its athletic program. We hope that you will realize the close integration that exists between athletics, intercollegiate and intramural, and the student's daily life on the campus. We hope that you too will continue the fight for a balanced athletic program and for expanded facilities.

We hope that you will do everything in your power to obtain a scoreboard to replace the one destroyed earlier this year and to bring more football games to Kyle Field. Realizing that contracts cannot be broken, we still hope that you will look into the possibility of playing night football at Kyle Field, particularly in September and October. We are missing a bet by not instituting night games as an attraction for Houston and other nearby towns.

From time to time you will have occasion to approve the hiring of new coaches. The Battalion does not pose as an authority on hiring coaches, but we do have a few suggestions.

In the future when hiring a coach let's be sure that he is a man of high character and ideals, first and a coach, second. If you look hard enough, you can find that type of man.

We also urge you to be sure that any prospective candidate for a coaching job here, is willing to put A. & M. College first and his personal interests second.

Be certain that he is willing to go out over the state and plead our cause with high school athletes. In the past some of our coaches seem to have been mainly interested

## Rehabilitation a la Marshall . . .

Latest plan for the rehabilitation of Europe is that proposed by Secretary of State George C. Marshall.

Since the end of the war in Europe, the United States has advanced aid totalling billions of dollars through the late U.N.R.R.A., loans to individual nations, and various humanitarian organizations. However, this assistance has been like pouring water in a barrel perforated with holes. We have nursed a sick patient without ever diagnosing the disease.

Though the Marshall Plan has not been completely unfolded to the public, pending acceptance by the nations of Europe, enough can be learned from Marshall's address before the graduates of Harvard to assume that these are important points:

1. Change from the old idea of spasmodic relief to one permitting permanent rehabilitation of Europe, which would require an estimated 5 or 6 billion dollar cash advance each year for the next 3 years.

2. These economic considerations to be completely devoid of any political connections and open not only to the countries of western Europe, but also to Russia and the communist-dominated nations of eastern Europe providing they become a part of the program.

3. The administration of the undertaking to be the responsibility of European leaders, with a minimum of American personal assistance, and Europe to be directed as an entirety.

How well this plan will work will depend

## Breaks Under Strain . . .

It is seldom that Senators and Congressmen lose their tempers, but apparently the strain of running for the Presidency while serving as Senator has been telling on Senator Taft.

In the last two weeks, the Senator from Ohio has cracked under the strain at least twice. On a recent radio broadcast with Senator Sparkman of Alabama, Taft was needed to anger by the able Alabamian and then accused the station officials of "ganging up" on him.

Later when Edith Nourse Rogers, chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, went over to him to discuss veterans legislation, Taft again exploded, saying Mrs. Rogers "had given the greatest disservice to her country of all members of Congress."

KOZA'S KOZY PLACE, a restaurant in Methuen, Massachusetts, ran a celebration ad on its first anniversary in the Lawrence Evening Tribune: "We're proud to offer you anything we have to take out—except our waitresses."

In the development of modern science, the Industrial Revolution should logically have come in the ancient world, after the rise of Alexandria. I have often wondered why ancient science stopped with Archimedes, and I've come to the conclusion that it's because people stopped asking foolish questions.

## The Battalion

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in securing their pay checks on the first of each month.

We think that the Acting Athletic Director has done a grand job. In our opinion, he will make an outstanding director for the permanent position. When an athletic director is selected, it is our hope that you will support and encourage him to promote athletics at A. & M. in every known legitimate way. It is our belief that A. & M. has yet to scratch the surface in the field of athletics.

Now for a sorer spot. We are getting sick and tired of listening to members of our coaching staff moan and whine about non-cooperation. We have heard so many losses blamed on failure of the "Ex-students" to cooperate in getting material that at times we often wonder why we can't contract with the "Ex-students" to coach our teams. They get blamed for all our losses, maybe they should get credited with our wins. (This is true only in football.)

Instances in the past have happened in which certain members of our coaching staff have invited high school boys (athletes) to visit the campus and talk over possibilities of entering A. & M. In too many cases that we know of, the coach has forgotten his appointment, left town, and of course you can imagine the feeling of the high school athlete after being stood up by the A. & M. College. He will enter school in the fall—but not at A. & M. This is not idle rumor; we can name instances and call names. To us, such occurrences are unforgivable.

Briefly this covers the situation. We support athletics at A. & M. 100%, and it is our feeling that continuance of certain abuses mentioned above will greatly hamper our athletic program.

We are looking to you to clean up a messy situation.

to a large extent on the American public. As a large outlay of money is involved, and few strings are attached, there will probably be reluctance and doubt in the American mind. This fear can be lessened by a broad program of educating the public as to the advantages of rebuilding Europe immediately, instead of giving periodic "blood transfusions" which may be futile and wasteful in the long run.

A great segment of the American public will be upset over possible aid to Russia and the other nations of eastern Europe. Some will point to the supposed inconsistency of the Marshall plan with the Truman Doctrine, which granted economic and military aid to Greece and Turkey to prevent the spreading of communism in those countries. Actually there exists no contradiction if the Truman Doctrine is interpreted as a temporary and localized expedient.

If the whole of Europe is to be reconstructed, it can only be done with the cooperation of Russia, England, and France. Any effort to alienate at the beginning any one of these will upset the entire scope of Marshall's plan.

Without attempting to justify or criticize any past vacillation on the part of Russia, we should look with some favor on her willingness to send Molotov to meet with Bevin of England and Bidault of France in Paris. Remembering past meetings of the Big Four, there is no reason to be overly optimistic, but the fact they can still be brought together gives one a feeling of hope.

## The Navy Way . . .

A friend of ours taxied up Fifth Avenue on a clear evening recently. Sailing along overhead, like a sight-seeing guide, was one of Douglas Leigh's fat and floating signboards, a wildly lit dirigible. It was flashing FORD to the world in brilliantly lighted letters at least fifteen feet high . . . also things like SEE THE NEW V-8 and other stuff. Words ran around the balloon like crazy and, as if this were not attracting attention enough, the blimp hummed steadily like a happy door-to-door salesman.

Everybody gaped at it. Our friend and his cabbie watched the spectacle for ten blocks. Then the buildings closed in, obstructing the view, and the cabbie turned around and remarked knowingly to the back seat "Ya know, that ain't nothin' but a big publicity stunt for Ford cars. That's all it is, believe me." Our man started to speak but the cabbie continued: "Them's Navy balloons. The Navy owes Henry Ford a lotta dough for war contracts which it ain't paid off—and they're workin' it out with them damn signs on dergibals. It's a helluva thing for the U.S. Navy to be doin'!"

A man never becomes so lost to decency and righteousness that he can't see the other fellow's duty . . . New York Telegram.

## : Letters to the Editor :

### POPULARITY CONTEST

Dear Editor:

With reference to your fine editorial, "Popularity Contest" appearing in The Battalion of June 17, I would like to submit this additional information regarding the subject.

I am taking this information from the minutes of the Student Council meeting of 14 May, 1947. I attended this meeting as a representative of this department. This meeting was the first meeting of the Student Council after the selection of the Valedictorian for the graduating senior class. Cadet Ed Brandt gave a resume of the reason for originating the present system of selecting the Valedictorian from the top ten men in the class. Following this, Claude Buntyn, Veteran representative on the Student Council made the following motion and recommended that it be passed to the Student Life Committee for consideration and approval:

"That the man in the graduating class having spent his last four semesters at A.&M. College and having the highest grade point average be automatically made Valedictorian of his graduating class."

This motion was seconded by Cadet Ed Brandt and when put to a vote carried unanimously. The Student Life Committee has not been in session since the above mentioned meeting, but the recommendation of the Council will be submitted to that committee at its next meeting.

Sincerely yours,

W. G. BREAZEALE  
Asst. Dean of Men  
(Acting)

### LIVING IN THE PAST

Dear Editor:

Who wrote the editorial, "Are We Living in the Past?" He used no by-line, and I certainly see why.

Why should we risk sacrificing the great—and I do mean great—reputation A.&M. now has for something which might not work? If the author of the articles wants a co-ed, non-military college, why doesn't he transfer to T.U.? It is very disgusting to hear someone run down the school, when the trouble lies solely in the person speaking. It is the privilege of an Aggie to "gripe"—but not to degrade the school. I, frankly, do not see how this person calls himself an Aggie. We all knew A.&M. was non-co-ed and a military school when we came here, so why change it?

Why not give the corps equal representation? Most of the "Spirit of Aggie" is maintained by the corps and not us. Who can help but feel proud when the corps marches in at a football game? It makes us proud to be an Aggie. General Wainwright said "Aggies are among the best officers in the world—can the editor of this "Are We Living in the Past" contradict him?"

We have all heard—"When in Rome, do as the Romans". Well, this is Aggie-land—be an Aggie or get out.

Will this letter be published? I doubt it.

Proud to be an Aggie,  
DON DURNEL, '46

(Ed. Note: The question is not "WHO wrote the editorial?" For your information, men who had been in the corps and men who had never been in the corps collaborated. It represents the policy of the editorial staff of The Battalion.

You speak of the military reputation which A.&M. has, but you fail to say a word about

## QUEEN

SUNDAY - MONDAY and TUESDAY

ROY ROGERS  
— In —  
"ROLL ON TEXAS MOON"

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— In —  
"BOOMERANG"

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HEDY LAMARR  
— In —  
"DISHONORED LADY"

"education." Even though General Wainwright said that Aggies are among the best officers in the world (tis a large world with many officers), you do not quote any statistics about the "great engineers, agriculturists, teachers, etc." which A.&M. has produced. And further, do you know less than 5% of A.&M. graduates follow the army as a career?

As for students jumping on the bandwagon or heading for another school, A.&M. is a state-supported institution open to ANY white male student of Texas, who can qualify entrance.)

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Dear Editor:  
Being a veteran and a member of the Cadet Corps, I don't believe either group can accuse me of prejudice. I am writing this letter to try to show you what an AGGIE thinks of the tripe you let loose in your editorials, in general, and "Living in the Past Is Not Enough", in particular.

I don't know why you are trying to bring about DISSENTION (sic) between the vets and the Corps, but you may as well give it up as a lousy job. You said the vets were unhappy because they received fifty-fifty treatment with the Corps, in turn, were crying that military discipline couldn't be maintained with the vets around. I believe such a situation exists in one Place on this campus—in your mind. The veterans and the Corps are living in excellent harmony, and, even if they were not, it is the American way—or the Aggie way—to rid yourself of a disgruntled minority by liquidating it? Someday, the veterans will be gone. Why dash the hopes of future A. & M. men, who, even now, are dreaming of becoming members of the A. & M. Cadet Corps?

Your statement that the vets' attitude toward the Corps is approval, but "damned if we'll go back in it" is not a fair statement at all. The reason most vets have not gone back into the Corps is that their classes and friends have gone on and they feel they would be misfits in the Corps. But all veteran ex-Corpsmen still consider the Corps as the symbol of Aggie-land and would fight as hard against its obliteration as any man calling himself an Aggie.

Your oft-repeated ARGUMENT (sic) extolling the virtues of non-military, co-educational schools, as LSU and Oklahoma A. & M., can

## Technology Course Requires 6 Months In Process Course

Food Technology, the new five-year course to be inaugurated next fall will require six month experience in an approved food processing plant. The total credit hour requirement is 180 hours, 36 of which are in chemistry.

It is recommended that the 6 months practical experience be obtained during two summers, and preferably in two different plants. All students in Food Technology will take the same courses in their freshman and sophomore years with no space allotted for electives during these first two years. Beginning with their junior year, these students will begin electing food production courses in one of the following groups: dairy products; fruit and vegetable products; and meat, fish, and poultry products. A total of 20 credit hours must be elected in one of these groups for graduation.

Food Technology will be under the temporary direction of a five-man Administrative Committee

be answered simply—if we liked that type of school, we would be there now, but we loved A. & M. AS IT IS.

We thought our troubles were settled at last. Everyone was promising themselves how they were going to work and cooperate for a Greater A. & M. Why stir up a stink again?

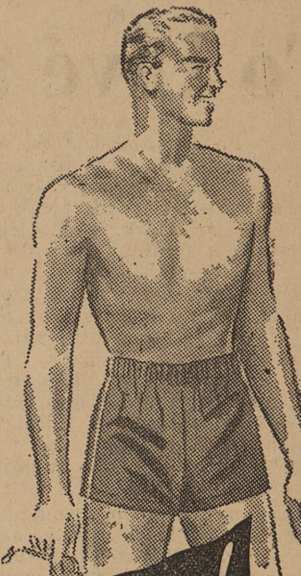
CHUCK MAISEL, '48

The undersigned agree wholeheartedly to the text of this letter: 34 signatures.

(Ed. Note: You 35 individuals also missed the boat and have shown complete ignorance of the meaning of an "education". Just WHY ARE you going to school—is it to get a military background or an "education"? Perhaps you don't realize that A. & M. is the Texas equivalent of Oklahoma A. & M. and LSU. If you drop around The Battalion office (Room 5, Administration Building), we will manage to take a 10-minute break and explain "Living in the Past" to you.)

headed by A. V. Moore of the Department of Dairy Husbandry. Other members of the committee are: E. D. Parnell, Department of Poultry Husbandry; R. F. Cain, Department of Horticulture; Price Hobbard, Department of Agricultural Engineering; and Roy Snyder, Department of Animal Husbandry.

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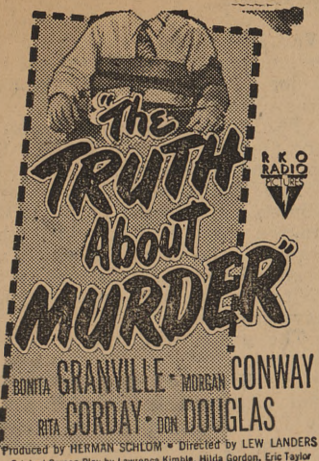
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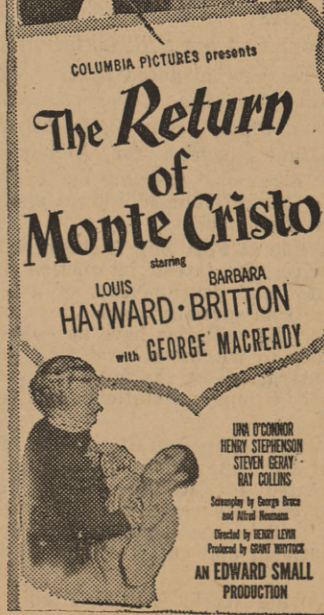
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