

But We Ain't Dem Bums . . .

One football yell we could do without is the "horse laugh."

Three times this year use of this formalized "bronc cheer" has given thousands of people an unfavorable impression of the Aggies. Once it was a mistake, when by unfortunate coincidence an injured Tech-player was carried off the field just as the Aggies gave the "razzberry" to an airplane from Texas U.

But a referee in the Tech game was also given the laugh, causing even some A. & M. exes in the crowd to be embarrassed by what

appeared to be poor sportsmanship. Last week-end "Spike Jones Hell" was given to Mike, LSU's Bengal Tiger, as his cage was driven past the Aggie stands. Suppose some school had given Reveille such a greeting?

There probably are occasions when it is appropriate for the Aggie rooters to make like Brooklyn Dodger fans. But after all, our teams ain't dem bums.

It takes considerable discretion to know when to use one "horse laugh" and when to pass it over. Perhaps it would be better for our reputation to drop that yell from our list.

A Summary of the Marshall Plan . . .

There appears to be some confusion existing in the minds of many people, both in the United States and abroad, as to the meaning and the purpose of the Marshall Plan.

The plan was first proposed by Secretary of State George Marshall at the Harvard University commencement in June of this year. It simply advocates a definite policy regarding rehabilitation of war-torn countries of western Europe. Perhaps a list of the important points contained in the Marshall Plan will clear up any confusion which might exist in the minds of students about the plan.

- (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 annually for the next three 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 undertak-

ing is to be the responsibility of European leaders, with a minimum of American assistance, and Europe is to be directed as an entity.

Of course, the point about the plan which upsets most Americans is that proposing aid to Russia and its satellites. Most Americans abhor the very idea; evidently, from the action of the Communist Party in resurrecting the old Communist International in the guise of a Cominform, the Russians don't care for that idea either.

Whether the plan can be inaugurated depends upon the actions of the United States Congress during its next session in January. For with no money, the plan will mean nothing. To many congressmen our coffers are already straining from wartime expenditures, and they feel that charity should begin at home.

The plan was proposed in June. It will probably be put before our legislators early next year. The intervening time will not have been wasted, either by advocates or opponents of the plan. The battle over funds is beginning to take shape; loose fur can be expected to fly at any time.

A Big Chance For A.&M. . . .

Aggies will visit their favorite host city this week-end when A. & M. and TCU meet for their first conference football game of the year.

Long noted for its hospitality, Ft. Worth has completed arrangements in the past few weeks to "turn the town over" to the cadets from College Station for a gay and enjoyable weekend.

Civil organizations, ex-students of both A&M and TCU, the Mother's Club, City Officials and "Cow-Towners" as a whole have put their heads together and come up with an appealing program.

Many residents have been generous enough to offer extra bedrooms for roomless Aggies' to use Friday and Saturday night. Officials of the police department have promised to block not one, but two downtown streets so leather-lunged Aggies may hold their mid-night yell practice in the "heart of the city."

Hotel owners have cooperated in holding as many rooms as possible for the flood of students from the campuses of TSCW and A&M. A trade convention, scheduled to meet Friday in Ft. Worth, was postponed for the convenience of out-of-town fans.

Such generosity, goodwill, and hospitality is not to be considered lightly. Against such a background, seemingly harmless pranks, along with others not so harmless, appear in none too good a light.

Appreciation may be shown much more

effectively through good sportsmanship, cordiality and thoughtfulness on the part of visiting Aggies during the weekend, than through a letter from the Senior class president or Cadet Colonel, offering to pay damages for broken windows, and missing hotel furnishings.

The student body as a whole has advanced rapidly this year in the practice of good sportsmanship, a trait which all Aggies claim, but rarely exhibit. The corps trip to Ft. Worth will be a fitting time to "show off" this new trait for the home folks; namely the people of Texas, who have been eyeing this institution rather warily for the past several years.

So far, we have made good impressions in our out of town games. Not perfect, nor even exemplary, but nevertheless on the credit side.

It might be well for members of the student body to read what an Aggie idealist wrote about sportsmanship, as should be exhibited by true Aggies. It can be found on page 55 of the new Cadence.

The exhibition of such sportsmanship, coupled with consideration and respect, in out of town trips this year, will do more toward building a respectable reputation for A&M throughout the state, and increasing the worthiness of Aggie life itself, than any other thing this student body could undertake.

EXCERPT from the Chicago Daily News account of the Satira yacht murder:
"I pointed the gun in his direction and pulled the trigger."

The Pirates led 1 to 0 at the end of six innings.

"Jack said to me: 'Kill yourself.'
SINATRA FACES HOUSE PROBE ON RED TIES
New York Journal-American

PERSONAL item in the *(Florence) (S.C.) Morning News:*

"Mrs. John Bridges regretting to learn that she is a patient of the McLeod Infirmary."

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ALMOST MORE THAN HE CAN BEAR



Letters

TWO QUESTIONS

Editor, The Battalion:

There have been two things on my mind for some time which I want to get off. First, now that they are doing a lot of concrete work around A. & M., how about putting in some much needed sidewalks around the north side of the ME Building between the street, the ME shops, and the Exchange Store. It's okay when dry—but the rains are coming.

Also, how about an article in The Batt as to just what the Marshall Plan is? I have yet to find anyone who can give me the slightest idea.

Thanks,
J. WATT PAGE JR.

(Ed. Note: First, building sidewalks on the campus is up to the College Construction Program Office, which recently "ripped off the streets. Perhaps they will read your letter and look into the possibility.

Second, see editorial on Marshall Plan in this issue.)

NO AMBULANCE!

Editor, The Battalion:

Your editorial "Walk, Don't Ride to the Hospital" gave me the needed urge to write you on a subject that has been bothering me ever since I became an Aggie. Among other things, I readily noticed that our college hospital did not have an emergency ambulance at all. Since then I have dreaded the thought of having acute appendicitis sometime in the early hours of the morning when help was limited if my roommate did not own a car. I fear that by the time my roommate found the needed transportation, it might be a little late before I would get the necessary hospital attention.

It might be that we are not able to add emergency ambulance service to our hospital because those responsible are so thrifty that they think such a service would be an unnecessary expenditure, as the ambulance would be idle most of the time. Even if such ambulance only saved the life of one Aggie during its useful service, wouldn't that more than justify its expenditures?

Yours truly,
JESUS CABELLO



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American Chemical Society President to Speak Thursday

Dr. Albert Noyes, Jr., head of the department of chemistry in the University of Rochester and president of the American Chemical Society, will speak on "Fluorescence and Photochemistry," before the A. & M. Section of the Society, 8 p. m., Thursday, October 16 in the Chemistry Lecture Room.

Dr. Noyes is an international figure in chemical science.

He participated in the London meeting at which plans were drafted for UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, and later served as advisor to the United States delegation at the first session of the UNESCO General Conference.

Last July, he was chairman of the fifteen United States delegates who represented the National Research Council at the Fourteenth Conference of the International Union of Chemistry and the Eleventh International Congress of Pure and Applied Chemistry in London, England.

Dr. Noyes received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Grinnell Col-

lege in Iowa in 1919, and the Doctor of Science degree from the Sorbonne in Paris in 1920.

After teaching chemistry for two years at the University of California, Dr. Noyes joined the faculty of the University of Chicago in 1922 as an instructor, becoming an assistant professor in 1923. He went to Brown University in 1929 with the rank of associate professor, and was made full professor in 1935. He became professor of chemistry in the University of Rochester in 1938, and chairman of the department in 1939.

A lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve from 1936 to 1941, Dr. Noyes served during World War II on the National Defense Research Committee and as a member of the staff of the chief of the Chemical Warfare Service.

Last spring, he was named chairman of a Chemical Corps advisory committee created by the American Chemical Society at the request of Major General Alden H. Waitt, chief of the corps, to act as a liaison group between the corps and the chemical profession and industry, and to provide advice on scientific and personnel matters in connection with Chemical Corps research and development.

Collier Cops "Q" Club Grid Contest.

Herman Collier of Walton Hall won a close decision on the Quarterback Club contest calling last week's odd scores. Thirteen entries other than Collier called all games correctly, but the decision was awarded on a points-missed basis. Pushing Collier for the award were Tommy Blackstone and Ed Turner. Both men were a little far off on the 33-0 Rice.

Picking the winner out of 14 all-winners entries was hard, and a new system had to be invented when it became evident that a person might easily win who had picked the point difference and had not come anywhere near the actual scores.

Sanders to Head El Paso A&M Club

James Sanders was elected president of the El Paso County A. & M. Club last Wednesday night.

Diek Lee was named vice-president, Sam Norris, secretary-treasurer, and John Lavis sergeant at arms.

After the elections, plans were made for a picnic to be held October 24, in honor of the El Paso County ex-students attending the Baylor-A. & M. homecoming game. Pedro Munoz was named chairman of the social committee.

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Clubs Conflict In Unofficial Meeting Places, Elms Says

Club meeting places have been the occasion for some conflicts this year, according to Grady Elms, club advisor. Cooperation and using the proper procedure will eliminate these conflicts, Elms stated.

Clubs should not use the meeting places they had last year unless they have made new reservations for the same room. Reservations may be made with the department offices in the Academic and Agricultural Buildings. Technical clubs that are affiliated with a department should use the main lecture room; however, any club whose size is such that the average classroom isn't large enough should contact Elms in Room 209, Goodwin Hall.

Elms emphasized that all clubs should submit to the student activities office a list of their new officers and mailing addresses. Information on the club intramural program, financial statements, and other club matters will be forwarded to the officers through these addresses.

Club officials should keep in mind that the deadline for financial aid application is October 25, and a budget for the entire year activity is required. Forms for application may be obtained at the student activities office.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

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Called meeting of Sul Ross Lodge, U. D. A. P. M. Wednesday 1:30 p.m. October 15, for the purpose of conferring the Master's Degree. Visiting Master Masters cordially invited—come when you can; leave when you have to. Lodge room on floor of American Legion Post 886 at 21st and Commerce. See J. E. H. Baker, Secretary.

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