

## 75 Years of Education . . .

On June 6, Texas Christian University will celebrate its diamond anniversary. Since its creation 75 years ago the Fort Worth school has pushed through the difficulties of growth and two complete movements until it now has an enrollment of 6,500 and a faculty of more than 200.

Founded originally in 1873 at Thorp Spring by Addison and Randolph Clark, the school moved to Waco in 1895 and then to its present location in 1910. There the enrollment increased 344 percent since 1941 to reach its present level.

An announced building program of \$8,985,000 has opened the way to a tremendous increase in the universities actual educational plant. The fund will provide a new Science Hall, a new Auditorium and Fine Arts Building, a new major academic building, a new field house, a student union building, enlargement of the library, an apartment dormitory, and reconditioning of current buildings.

T. C. U. is also showing the way in the endowment of scholarships and fellowships. President Sadler is now asking officials and supporters of the school for sufficient funds to bring the schools endowment resources to \$17,000,000.

In an address commemorating the schools 75th anniversary, President Sadler gave the schools policy concerning its rapid growth. "We have no desire to become the largest school in Texas. We couldn't do it if we wanted to. Our supreme desire is to build a quality program. We would like to become not a big school, but a great school."

With our own diamond anniversary only 3 years away, we offer congratulations to T. C. U. on its seventy fifth year of education in the Southwest.

## Very Good, Jack, But . . .

Since being the target of a now famous bottle-throwing party after the Oklahoma-Texas game last fall football official Jack Sisco has been blazing a trail toward cleaner athletic competition in the Southwest Conference.

Lashing out at what he termed "evils of sports such as gambling, drinking and proselytizing," Sisco has done much to further the cause of up-and-above-board sports in the Southwest Conference.

As a result of his crusade, Sisco was named "Southwesterner of the Year" by the Texas Sports Writers Association for 1947. His campaign, from the banquet table, before Rotary Clubs and through newspapers has helped bring to light an evil that people in Texas have been turning their back on for only too long.

But, Mr. Sisco, as is the custom of people suddenly brought into the limelight, seems to have overstepped his course on at least one point.

Speaking Wednesday night at the annual Waco High School Football Banquet, Sisco stated that something is wrong with a school which allows the alumni to hire and fire the coach when it should be done by the president. "The president is the one who should be fired if he permits such a thing." He is put there to run the school and should run it. No business man would let an outsider tell him how to run his business.

In view of the fact that A&M alumni were the only ones in the nation this past year—or anytime in recent years in the Southwest Conference—to enter into the hiring and firing of a coach, there can be little doubt that Sisco's remarks were directed at A&M.

But does Mr. Sisco have his facts straight? The answer is quite simple. He does not.

In the first place, the alumni of A&M did not fire Homer Norton from the head coaching position in December. They merely made it possible for the athletic council to do something it had tried to do the previous year. But an attorney general ruling that state funds could not be used to buy out the unexpired portion of a contract, blocked the attempt to pay off Norton in 1946.

So, after the fashion of ardent alumni a group of Aggie exes offered to the Athletic Department—at the close of a rather disappointing 1947 season—the money to close the deal.

It is our understanding that the money was offered with no strings attached. The group which put up the \$20,000 to pay off Norton specifically stated that it had no desire to enter into the hiring of a new coach. But, they, like everyone else concerned with successful athletic teams at A&M, had their fill of losing under Norton and were willing to pay the money to make it possible for the athletic council to do what it had tried to do in 1946.

The paying off of one coach and the hiring of another were done by the properly authorized body—the athletic council, which includes alumni, students and faculty.

Unlike the rabid rooters of Oklahoma U., we aren't mad at Mr. Sisco. We think he expressed an honest opinion, but spoke in ignorance of A&M's athletic set-up.

## Court Martial Changes Welcomed . . .

The House Armed Services Committee yesterday unanimously approved a bill to change the army court martial system.

The move came about only after two years of study by various groups, but even though the movement is a belated one it is in the right direction. The main feature of the bill is a clause to permit enlisted men to serve on court martial boards if an accused enlisted man requests their presence. The Army also approved the bill, with the exclusion of one item. The excluded portion would have set the judge advocates division, which prosecutes court martial defendants, apart from the regular chain of command.

Other information on the bill is scanty so far, but this portion sound excellent. In the large wall built up between enlisted men and officers in the last war, the court martial system was one of the bigger bricks. Reports came from all quarters of indifference and actual hostility from commissioned judging panels in the cases of enlisted men's crimes against the army. Probably most of the claims were exaggerated. But to create so much smoke, there must have been some fire.

With members of his own rank level on the jury group an enlisted man would at least feel that his problems were understood if not sympathized with. With the breadth that the wartime gap between enlisted and commissioned sometimes reached, a wayward P.F.C. could frequently see his pleas fall on completely deaf ears.

Even though the Army has approved the plan, we are anxious to see a trial case. The armed forces approved of quite a few things which they did not apply, and the court martial plan could be easily distorted. Still the idea is good basically and indicates that the army realizes its present system is not what it should be.

Along with the Court Martial bill congress heard claims that the Army had been "using government funds in an improper manner for propaganda activities supporting compulsory military training." Such a suggestion is probably naive, but if the Army would give its genuine support to a few more ventures like the court martial revision there might be no need for soap box huckstering to secure enlistments.

## The Battalion

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### LEAPING AT THE CHANCE



### : Letters to the Editor :

#### "TOO MATERIALISTIC"

Editor, The Battalion,  
In your editorial "The Too Too Narrow Path" you assert that the blame for the existence of our present condition of too technical education lies with the student. I agree but what are the reasons for this antagonism to a "liberal education"? It is difficult for one just beginning college work to agree to go five years instead of four and yet receive the same degree and the same job he could get for four years study. Most students seem to come to college in a materialistic state of mind and think only of how much money they will earn after graduation and not of how much enjoyment they will get out of learning.

Personally, I did not appreciate the literature courses in high school at the time I was exposed to them probably because I was too immature to understand fully the material. The same holds for freshman and sophomore English. The system of post-graduate studies offered through correspondence by the school to all those who have graduated from A&M is an advantageous means of obtaining the history, economics, and literature necessary to a well-rounded education after one is mature enough to be interested in the material.

It is often pointed out nowadays that formal education takes too much time out of a man's life, forcing him to put off marriage far past the age that his forefathers who went into employment as soon as they were physically able did.

We should be trying to shorten the 16 years of school required for a bachelor's degree rather than lengthen them.

Amem to the proposal to move finals up before Christmas.

Jim Morse

#### "AGGIE SPIRIT"

Battalion Staff:  
Whether or not this letter goes to press for the "Battalion," makes no great difference to me.

Every Aggie would undoubtedly like to have a brief definition or explanation as to the word "Aggie Spirit." This letter isn't for the purpose of giving you an exact definition of the word "Aggie Spirit."

For the past seven months I have been employed at the main post exchange here at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Day after day I deal directly with some of the Army's best officers and enlisted men. A large proportion of the officers here at Fort Sill are graduates of A&M. Almost every day I meet men that in their former life filled the ranks in the Aggie corps just as you men are doing now.

Everyone of these men ask the same questions—"Is my old outfit still existing?" and "Has the campus changed very much?" and "Is Sully's statue still shining?" Why do they ask all these questions? Simply because they are still very deeply concerned and interested in A&M retaining its position as one of the greatest military colleges in the world. And yes, interested because Aggie land still remains as

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### Trampling Out the Vintage . . .

## French Quarter Barker Barks in Front Of Dog House But It All On the Up and Up

Police patrol cars received this call from their radio dispatcher in New Orleans recently:  
"Investigate immediately a man barking at the Dog House."

Officers found the report to be found on fact. A man was barking—and loudly—out front of the French Quarter nightclub known as the Dog House. The man told police that his job was to stand on the sidewalk in front of the club and mark catme notices to attract the attention of potential patrons. "I'm a barker," the man said.

### NOW DON'T GET ANY IDEAS

A freshman student at Susquehanna University has been charged with setting fire twice to the 90-year-old college administration building to avoid going to school.

A fire on Nov. 3 caused \$100,000 damages to the historic building known as "Old Selmsgrove," while the second blaze resulted in slight additional damage.

Justice of the Peace Fred M. Machmer identified the student as Joseph Sladek, Jr., of Wildwood, N. J. and said that he pleaded guilty to the arson charge at a hearing.

District Atty. Horace W. Vought said Sladek, who was voted "most likely to succeed" upon graduation from high school, made a statement that he did not want to attend school and believed he could solve his problem by setting fire to the building.

### BLACK CAT PLUS WOMAN DRIVER EQUALS—?

There are some bus passengers in Atlanta who now believe in the black cat superstition.

They were occupants of a Virginia Avenue-McLynn bus about 2:30 p. m. Monday when a black feline haughtily pranced across the vehicle's path.

"This is it," they shuddered several blocks later as a head-on collision between the bus and an automobile loomed at the intersection of West Peachtree and Fourth Street. But the car crept to a slow stop and the bus ground to a halt, the vehicles' inches apart.

"You'll have to move your bus," the woman driver was quoted as saying. "I'm out of gas," she explained.

The bus drivers comments were not quoted by the passengers.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Apparently, the suffering of the war has failed to dampen the sentiments of some people in these United States. Like the Spokane, Washington Police Department, for instance.

Howard T. Tustin wrote the police that "today upon my birthday anniversary, your honorable department presented me with birthday greetings in the form of an overtime parking ticket."

Explaining that his wife got the ticket because she was buying a birthday gift for him and had

difficulty in making a selection, he asked: "Do birthdays hold any sentiment for your department? Just in case they do not, I am enclosing my check."

Desk Officer Edson Stewart wrote back: "Happy birthday, Mr. Tustin. We are returning your two dollars."

### BENCHLEY BOLLS

Bob Benchley, the noted humorist, once has aspirations to become a writer. A friend told him the best way to get started was to sit down at a typewriter and write the word "the" on a sheet of paper and the rest would be easy.

Benchley, willing to try anything, put the method to experiment. He typed out "the" and sat staring at it for two hours. Then he typed "Hell with it"—and got up and left.

### GOT A SPARE "RED"?

The way Frank Arnold, Hollywood writer, hears the story from a friend in Paris, a minister from little San Marino asked Secretary Marshall for a \$500,000 loan. "What's the Communist situation in your country?" asked Marshall. "We haven't got a single Communist," said the San Marinese proudly. "Sorry," said Marshall, "in that event we can't give you the money."

Distressed, the San Marinese went to a minister in the Italian government and said, "I'm trying to get \$500,000 from Marshall, can you loan me a couple of Communists?"

"Ha!", snorted the Italian, "you're trying to get \$500,000. I'm trying to get \$500,000,000! I need every Communist I've got."

### GOP SCORES ONCE

We may not agree with the following bit of Republican propaganda, but we pass it along as one of the outstanding pieces of current campaign literature. Authored by Representative Hugh D. Scott Jr. (Rep.-Pa.), it was presented on the floor of the House of Representatives.

"Does your government smell differently lately? Do high prices trouble you? Are you inflation dizzy? Do you suffer from congestion of unpaid bills? Wait! There are empty shelves in your pocketbook? Wait!

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