

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Roll Call for the Absent...

Wednesday is the biggest day of the year for Aggies and Aggie-ettes all over the world. On the evening of San Jacinto Day, the solemn Roll Call for the Absent will be conducted, not only at College Station but in occupied countries from Japan to German Trizonia, in every city and hamlet of Texas.

Some A&M customs have been called in question during the past twelve months. Not so the muster. Along with the friendly "Hello" and the Aggie hand shake, the San Jacinto Day muster is honored by all who know A&M.

Since 1903, the muster tradition has grown into a huge impressive rite. That year students failed to get a holiday but vowed to meet on that date in succeeding years. This promise has been fulfilled.

During the war the custom became internationally known, after Aggies met in conclave on Corregidor a few days before it fell, on Guadalcanal and on the Rhine under enemy fire.

Two years ago on Kyle Field, with Gen. Dwight Eisenhower as speaker, Roll Call for the Absent was observed in memory of all those Aggies who gave their lives in the two World Wars. The event was reported by Time Magazine, which explained the historical background of our unusual custom.

After Bernardo O'Higgins, Chilean patriot, his name was still called at every muster, and some one answered "Here." We do the same every April 21—call out the names of Aggies dead during the year, and listen as some distant voice cries out "Here!"

This year all Texas will be listening, as the solemn words, the songs of the Singing Cadets, the plaintive sobbing of the trumpets in Silver Taps, is carried by the power-

ful radio stations of the Texas Quality Network.

At 6 p. m. Wednesday evening, every Aggie on the campus should be on the Administration Building lawn or at such muster-spot as has been assigned to him. We have a date with Aggies who have gone before.

ROLL CALL FOR THE ABSENT

In many lands and climes this April day Proud sons of Texas A. and M. unite Our loyalty to country, school, we pay And seal our pact with bond of common might.

We live again those happy days of yore On campus, field, in classroom, dorm, at drill.

Fond memory brings a sigh—but nothing more; Now we are men and life's a greater thrill.

On Corregidor three years ago today A band of gallant Aggies, led by Moore Held simple rites, which to us all doth say: The spirit shall prevail though cannon roar!

Before we part and go upon our way, We pause to honor those we knew so well;

The old familiar faces we miss so much today Left cherished recollections that time cannot dispel.

Softly call the muster Let comrade answer, "Here!" Their spirits hover round us As if to bring us cheer!

—Dr. John Ashton, '06.

TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT



New Tarzan Sought by RKO; Weismueller Without a Job

By CONRAD TWIGGINS

Dear Diary: Poor Johnny Weismueller! He has joined the ranks of the unemployed, and RKO is shopping for a new Tarzan.

President Gilchrist got a letter just the other day from an RKO talent scout inquiring for some husky bruiser to wear Johnny's lion cloth and swing on his vines and yodel his apocryphal and thwart mean men trying to enslave innocent Ubangis, all of which used to be his private domain.

It's a fine opportunity for someone abundantly blessed with muscles to earn himself a swimming pool and Cadillac convertible, but poor Johnny!

The new Ape Man, according to the letter to President Gilchrist, "should be between 22 and 25 years old, an excellent swimmer and general all around athlete. He should have broad shoulders, full chest and muscles fully developed yet not to an abnormal extreme."

"Although swimming experience would of course be helpful, a strong face able to project a pleasing personality is even more important." (Acting Ability could hardly be essential when "Ungow-ah" is all Tarzan ever "lows.")

"He should approach a minimum height of 6' 3" in stocking feet," the letter said. Obviously they have set their marks pretty high (pun).

Mr. Stacy Keach, Talent Department, RKO Radio Pictures, 1270 Avenue of the Americas, New York 20, N. Y. is the address to which potential tree-swingers should apply, with pictures and vital statistics.

I can't imagine why the scout addressed his note to A&M.

My platform, in the race for chairman of the Lower Brazos County Thought Control Association, has just added another plank in the light of RKO's search—every man a Tarzan! I propose that the qualifications be lowered to 4' 11", anemic, bald and flat-footed. This looks like discrimina-

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BATT UNFAIR TO SENIORS

Editor, The Battalion:

In your editorial rebuttal to some of the remarks made at Wednesday's infamous meeting of the "55" as your cohort "Conrad Twiggins," has so humorously termed it, you have seen fit to present only your opinionated side of the question. You have stated or inferred, to the detriment of your own class, that the class wants to control your entire editorial policy. No thing could be more untrue. We realize that our class is far from perfect, which is witnessed by this disgusting verbal and insult battle which can be of no good to either concerned party, and we would not want to silence a powerful corrective voice, when both sides of the question are presented.

The facts, are, however, that you have failed on numerous times to present the Senior Class's view on any subject. We have asked that the views of our class be presented at various times, as well as the other side of the question. We shall continue to ask that our views and convictions be presented in The Battalion, as it is only proper that the corps editor should at least present the views of the body he represents, and if he does not agree with them, he certainly has the right to print his views and ideas on them.

We do not think that the Senior Class is being treated fairly in The Battalion reports or humorous stories of the meeting where we asked for the things we have stated above.

Yours for a fair representative of both sides of the question at all times.

PAUL B. WELLS, '49
BOB McBROOM, '49

Civil Service Positions Open

The US Civil Service Commission has announced examinations for the position of Conservation Aid with entrance salaries ranging from \$1954 to \$2894 per year.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from Roger W. Jackson at the College Station Post Office.

: Letters to the Editor :

RING HUMOR FALSE

Editor, The Battalion:
Is the Senior Ring Committee composed of a group chosen to represent the student body, or does it represent only the personal wishes of the few that form it? Here is why I ask:
There is a rumor (yes, I know how garbled rumors can become) going around the campus that this committee has taken it upon themselves to change the shape of the Aggie ring. They plan, according to the rumor, to do away with the well-designed form it now has and make it into a flattened chunk of 10K gold.

Ever since the ring design was changed "back ponder," the present form has been in use, carried by Aggies through World War II and to all corners of the world. To the present student body, the shape of the ring as it is now means "Aggie ring." Any other shape would mean nothing at all.

The consensus of Aggie opinion is that they are entirely pleased with its present shape and would like to leave it as it is, and I feel that way myself.

NAME WITHHELD

(Ed. Note: Just a rumor).

NOT REPRESENTATIVE

Editor, The Battalion:
In regards to your article by Conrad Twiggins, your apology, and your editorial entitled "Battalion—Free Voice or Stogie?" we would like to say, in short, your editorial policy STINKS!
In the first place, if the Battalion's present editorial policy is representative of 50 percent of the student body's opinions, veterans and corps included, we'll eat every issue from now till the end of the semester. Furthermore, we personally haven't talked to one person yet who wasn't wholeheartedly in favor of the policies DECIDED UPON at the senior meeting, which you have so nobly flouted three times so far. From what we have heard of the policies brought out at that meeting, we would say that anyone who doesn't believe in them doesn't belong at A&M; the only trouble was that they were about a semester late.

In the second place, as for having preserved the Aggie "way of life," is the present way of living

IN THE CADET CORPS IS THE AGGIE

"way of life," then we're not Aggies and never have been, and never want to be. If we may ask, is there any legal punishment for a corps member not speaking or meeting someone when he should? As for seniors meeting with the Board of Directors and the Student Senate, we would like you to name just one thing that has been accomplished in the recent past by a meeting of the seniors with the Board, and just one thing that has been accomplished by the Student Senate that the administration was not already in favor of.

In short, The Battalion, in my opinion, is about as representative of Aggie opinion as The Daily Texan and about half as interesting.

M. E. FINDLEY
Junior, '48

P. S.—I'm not ashamed to put my name on what I write, however, that may be because I represent Aggie opinion. I suppose that if I had written what you did, I would be both too scared and ashamed to sign my name.

"MIGHTY FIFTY-FIVE"

Editor, The Battalion:

This letter is in reference to the meeting of the Mighty Fifty-Five. Since this group advocates mob rule by the Senior Class of the corps, we would suggest:

- 1) That President Gilchrist resign and recommend someone of the Mighty Fifty-Five to replace him.
- 2) That the Board of Directors turn in their resignations to the governor immediately. The ability of the seniors who would replace them could not be questioned.
- 3) That a separate school be established for the veterans, or students, as this group prefers to call them, or better still, require every veteran to carry a sign on his back labeled D. P. or displaced person.
- 4) That no professor be allowed to give any yet a grade higher than "D".

We remain,
Yours very truly,
EDWARD M. CRAWLDRICH, '46
MARTIN E. CROSSLEY JR., '44
G. T. PRESSWOOD, '45
P. S. We have our D. P. signs ready.

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Expansion of all phases of forestry work in Texas through broader use of all the facilities of the A&M system was envisioned in a statement Saturday by President Gibb Gilchrist.

In a study now being made of the forestry work of the college, the president said he recognized the need for strengthening the program in the three broad fields of conservation, research, and education. The study is being made by a group of college staff members, including S. L. Frost, acting director of the Forest Service.

"We are particularly interested in the possibilities of bringing into full use of all the research facilities of our Agricultural Experiment Station and the educational and informational facilities of our Extension Service, in the forestry program," President Gilchrist said. "A start has been made in this direction by the special training courses established in forestry for our county agents from the forest areas, addition of undergraduate courses in forestry, and through a number of other cooperative projects, but much more is yet to be done in this line."

State forestry has been administered by A&M through its Texas Forest Service division since 1915, and has gained national recognition in a number of projects.

"We are determined to do even better work in this important field to prevent the depletion of one of Texas' major resources, and to put to greater use the trees which are cut each year. We are seeking means of improving further our forest fire protection service, of giving more assistance to woodland owners in developing better management practices, and of increasing our production of tree seedlings for reforestation."

"We will expand and intensify our researches in wood utilization and in many phases of tree growth and land uses. We are determined to render an increasingly valuable service to the 140,000 Texas farmers, ranchers and other small woodland owners, as well as to the 1,000 wood-using industries of this state which employ 50,000 Texas people."

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Air Conditioning Conference Set For April 26-28

The fourth annual Air Conditioning Conference to be held at A&M under the sponsorship of the department of mechanical engineering, is set for April 26, 27, and 28.

The purpose of the conference is to bring men of industry together to study and discuss the problems, new developments and new ideas in the fields of heating, ventilating and air conditioning.

The conference plans to foster a close cooperation and a better understanding between the several trades and professions and to assist in building and maintaining a sound engineering foundation for the industry.

Registration will be held in the lobby of the YMCA and Dean H. W. Barlow of the School of Engineering will deliver the address of welcome.

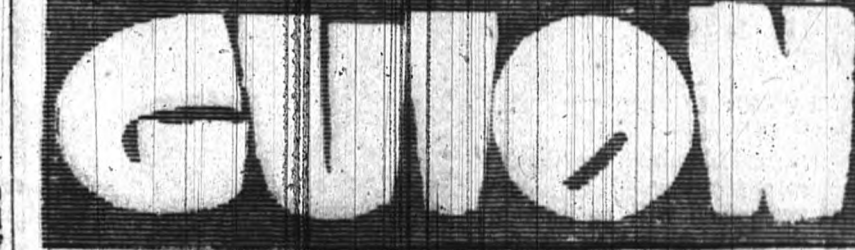
W. H. Driscoll, vice-president of the Carrier Corp., New York, will deliver the principal address at the banquet Tuesday, April 27, at 7:30 p. m. in Sbis Hall.

Norwood Talbert Given CHE Award

Norwood K. Talbert of Fort Arthur has been named recipient of the Chemical Engineering Award, a scholarship award given annually by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

This award is presented to a member of the student chapter who has made the highest scholastic average during his freshman and sophomore years at A&M.

Talbert had a grade point average of 2.95. He was awarded a scroll and gold key emblem.



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