

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Not All Greeks Are Frats...

All Greek letters don't mean the same thing. Failure to recognize this is having a bad effect on some A&M graduates, according to the Student Engineering Council.

Greek letter "living" fraternities have always been prohibited on the A&M campus, for sufficient reasons. The financial and social snobbishness that so often goes with fraternity membership is anathema to Aggies.

But the anti-Greek letter feeling has been carried beyond the living fraternities, and been misapplied to honorary scholarship societies, which also bear Greek initials. The explanation is simple: early "Greek" groups at American colleges combined scholarship and "living" features. Eventually, some groups degenerated into the social fraternities, so abhorred at A&M. Others were elevated into purely honorary associations such as Tau Beta Pi (engineering) and Alpha Zeta (agriculture).

Members of these two societies do NOT live in swank frat houses, drive flashy convertibles and draw \$200 a month spending money from Dad's bank account. They are just students, who may well live in dormitories, drive second-hand jalopies, and wonder how to make ends meet.

The Student Engineering Council, made up of Aggies, has this to say in a recent report:

"One of the serious disadvantages of not having such societies here is that A&M men are at present unfairly handicapped in com-

petition for fellowships, scholarships, or entrance to advanced schools elsewhere. Such awards are based on a number of factors, important among which is scholastic attainment. Institutions possessing chapters of national honorary societies can give their outstanding graduates recognized marks of distinction which A&M men are now denied regardless of their ability.

"A&M is the only land grant school without honorary fraternities. Most land grant schools have two or more.

"The Greek letter stigma has been over-rated. As concrete evidence of this, there is the fact that for three years the Sigma Xi Club has existed on the campus. Their announcements have been publicized; their meetings have been held. So far as is known, not one breath of protest has been raised because of the organizational name.

"As a matter of fact, anyone who objects to something solely because of its name is sadly handicapped mentally; A&M College is remiss in its duty if it sends a man out into the world with such shortsighted attitudes.

"All freshmen completing their first year with prescribed academic standing are automatically elected to Phi Eta Sigma. Election by vote from a list of scholastically qualified eligibles holds for the following: Tau Beta Pi-engineering honorary society; Phi Kappa Phi-honorary society, all academic fields; Sigma Xi-graduate and faculty honorary society; and Alpha Zeta-agricultural honorary society."

Hundred Years of AP...

Exactly 100 years ago the representatives of six competitive newspapers sat around a table in the office of the New York Sun. No jangling of the telephone, no clatter of the news teletype distracted them. There were none of today's modern means of communication. But, even then, there was news. And news was a problem.

The Mexican War was over; the drums of a presidential campaign were beating for Generals Zachary Taylor and Winfield Scott. The Old World was shaken and torn. There were abdications or uprisings in France, Ireland, Hungary, Italy and the German states. The Chartist movement was an assault on the established order in England.

The problem of the representatives of the six newspapers was to devise a method

by which to obtain news faster, in greater volume, and from constantly broadening sources. Their significant decision was to cooperate toward that end. They called their new organization the Associated Press.

Since that day in 1848, many hearts and many minds have collaborated to mold and perfect, from a meagre beginning, the co-operative-news gathering organization which still bears that name.

The Battalion is proud to be a member of such a distinguished news agency. Though our own membership is barely seven months old—short indeed in view of the Associated Press' hundred year history—we share in the pleasure of this important anniversary.

The Izvestia article which said Moscow University is moving to a 20-story building on a 250-acre campus completely failed to give any information about the football stadium or the coach. —Arkansas Gazette.

The New York Post referred recently to the Truman Administration's increase in defense expenditures.

Albert's Furniture Co. in Hempstead, Long Island, will now supply, to any customer who asks for it, a certified baby sitter and chauffeur service free of charge.

Kiwanis Club Will Honor High School Athletes Thursday

A banquet honoring Consolidated High School athletes and their dates will be held Thursday, April 29, at 6:30 p. m.

Head Football Coach Harry Stiteler of A&M will be principal speaker.

Under the sponsorship of the College Station Kiwanis Club, the banquet will be held in Sbis Hall. Dr. Ralph Steen of the history department will act as master of ceremonies. A party in Sbis Hall will follow the banquet.

C. W. Davis, Kiwanis Club committee member, said yesterday that the general public is invited to attend.

Tickets selling for \$1.50 each are on sale at Lipscomb's, Black's, and Maceley's Pharmacies. They may also be purchased from any member of the Kiwanis Club.

Letters

CONGRATULATIONS (?)

Editor, The Battalion: Congratulations to the fish (?) at Little Aggie land. It was a glorious sight to see so many "Little Aggies" at the Muster ceremonies.

Three buses were sent to the Annex and came staggering back, one bus one-half loaded, two empty. Doubtless some hitch-hiked in, but where were the rest? (Perhaps they had a private "Little Muster.") It looks as though it's about time to revise our classic definition of the 98 and 2.

But we don't guess the freshmen are all to blame. If we had been instilled with the Administration's viewpoint on Aggie life, it is doubtful if we would have cared about the Muster.

And so today another step was made toward our new, greater A&M—just another place to get an education!

ASA HOLLEMAN, '49
& OTHERS

192 Interviewers See Job-Seeking Aggies This Year

One hundred and ninety-two company interviewers have visited A&M to date this year, W. R. Horsley, director of the Placement Office, has announced.

"We expect 250 interviewers this year," Horsaey said.

There have been 900 calls for jobs and within the year 1200 calls are expected, Horsaey pointed out.

The number of interviewers and job calls are the heaviest in years, records show. Interviewers are interested in the proper placement of graduating seniors, Horsaey said.

Most recent interviewers were the North American companies represented by Wayne W. T. Thompson, assistant director of education, Philadelphia and L. F. Dakin, manager of the Dallas office.



4 Texans Chosen For 4-H Meeting

Two boys and two girls will present the 4-H clubs of Texas in Washington, D. C., when the National 4-H Club Camp opens its doors June 16 to delegates from every state, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico for a week of instruction and entertainment.

The Texas delegates are Howard Alenbof of Guadalupe County; Patsy Jo Delevan, Devine, Medina County; Beta Nell Baldwin, Vernon, Wilbarger County; and Edward Hill, Garland, Dallas County, will make the trip.

State 4-H club leaders, J. W. Potts and Lorene Stevens, both of A&M will accompany the group.

Aggie 'Follies' Planned May 8 In Gaion Hall

"The Aggie Land Follies of '48" brilliant annual production of students and faculty, will be presented at Gaion Hall, May 8 at 7 p. m.

Glen Brooks, director of the show, stated that this year's Follies will follow a musical pattern, featuring a pit orchestra composed of student members. Arnold Walkow is director.

This year's show, utilizing A&M's own Diamond Horse Shoe complete with spectacular lighting and a runway for near-audience acting, will present the largest array of acts ever assembled by Aggies.

Brooks sighed that the price of admission was a steal at the infinitesimal sum of 50 cents. He hopes that people will not judge the quality of the show by this absurdly small price.

Newman Members To Attend Dance

Members of the Newman Club will attend an informal dance to-night in the basement of St. Mary's Chapel at 7:30, Bill Miller, club reporter, has announced.

They will be guests of the Catholic Girls' clubs of St. Joseph's and St. Anthony's Parish.

The three clubs have been holding joint social functions throughout the semester. The large attendance at the first joint business meeting of the clubs April 19 prompted the planning of the Friday social, according to Miller.



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Lion's Club Of Brenham Hears A&M Engineer

Donald M. Vestal Jr., research engineer with the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, spoke to the Brenham Lion's Club at its meeting Tuesday, April 20.

Robert H. Fletcher, of the mechanical engineering department, accompanied Vestal to the Lion's Club meeting.

Vestal, project supervisor of the Reverse Cycle Heating Project of the A&M Research Foundation, spoke on the subject, "Using Your Back Yard to Heat Your Home."

He pointed out that the heat from the sun which is stored within approximately the first ten feet of the earth's surface is a great natural resource for heating purposes. A heat pump using the buried coil is a device which attempts to extract a part of the sun's energy thus stored, which would otherwise be unused, Vestal told the group.

After the meeting, there followed an informal discussion of the application of the heat pump to specific problems.

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SKYWAY DRIVE-IN THEATRE TODAY and SATURDAY Features—7:15 and 9:00

Jon Hall "LAST OF THE REDMEN"

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Campus OPENS 1:00 P.M. PH. 4-1181

TODAY and TOMORROW —Friday Features Begin— 1:10 - 3:00 - 4:45 - 6:35 - 9:20 - 10:10

Saturday Features Begin— 1:32 - 3:30 - 5:25 - 7:20 - 9:20

GAY...TENDER... DEADLY! SUSAN PETERS The Sign Of The Ram

Plus SPORT REEL NEWS — CARTOON

SATURDAY PREVIEW 11 P.M. SUN. - MON. - TUES. Features Begin— 1:30 - 3:45 - 5:45 - 7:55 - 10:07

...was he guilty? ...MURDER?... was he innocent?

Robert TAYLOR Audrey TOTTER Herbert MARSHALL HIGH WALL

DUKE ELLINGTON MUSICAL NEWS — CARTOON

"The Miracle of the Bells" "To the Ends of the Earth" "Relentless" "Alas a Gentleman"

Alumni Council Elects Chairman

George Bushong, executive secretary of Southern Methodist University Alumni Association, Dallas, Tuesday was elected district chairman of District Four American Alumni Council.

Institutions from Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas were represented at the district meeting at Texas A&M College which closed today. Bushong succeeds Miss Beatrice Fields of Tulane University.

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