

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Ready for Honor Groups . . .

In giving President Gilchrist the go-ahead signal on the establishment of honor societies at A&M, the Board of Directors has enabled us to take our place alongside other colleges and universities throughout the country. Now A&M men will be recognized nationally for scholastic achievement. Now our graduates will not be handicapped in graduate school—their honors will be recognized by the university or college at which advanced work is undertaken.

It is too bad that Alpha Zeta, the national agricultural honor society, requires a unanimous vote of the active members for accepting applicants. There is a need for some type of association to recognize the scholastic proficiency of students under the Dean of Agriculture. There is a possibility, however, that as the other societies exhibit their value to the college and the students, Alpha Zeta will be allowed to establish a chapter on the campus.

Bright Lights, Dingy Windows . . .

Our editorial columns recently carried a congratulatory article on the addition of modern lighting fixtures in several of our classrooms and buildings. We didn't mean to detract in any way from mother nature's light-issuing powers.

The ink had hardly dried on the editorial page when we received a report from a disgruntled student that the new lights were all well and good but that when they were turned out, the last man leaving the room was forced to employ his cigarette lighter to find the door. It seems that the windows are dirty.

Such a condition is entirely out of place at A&M. Any physics major can tell you that a film of dirt will lower the refraction angle and increase the absorption powers of a pane of glass.

Several Agronomists we know have agreed that we are losing enough topsoil as it is without wasting more on the schools casements. Everyone seems to agree that this sort of thing is completely out of order.

Lets not be carried away by the powers of the new electronic advances. After all, the sun is practically a tradition here by this time.

Too, before an organization with such requirements for membership is allowed on the campus, it might be well to await the reception the others receive. Should members of Tau Beta Pi, for example, exhibit any sign of a tendency to "blackball" prospective members for purely personal reasons, not only would that particular society be subjected to the closest scrutiny, but the possibility for the establishment of Alpha Zeta would diminish.

Now we are awaiting the day when the first of several honor societies formally establishes a chapter on the A&M campus. Sigma Xi's request for recognition by the Board was approved last fall. Its application for a charter is still pending. The college should take steps immediately to secure chapters of Phi Kappa Phi, Tau Beta Pi, and Phi Eta Sigma.

Foolish, Dangerous Smoker . . .

Saturday night in Guion Hall someone's cigarette ignited a curtain. The fire was stamped out immediately; most of the audience didn't even know that it occurred.

Saturday night Guion Hall was overcrowded; all the seats were filled and there was a standing audience, and squatters in the aisles.

On another festive Saturday night a half dozen years ago, in the Coconut Grove in Boston, a drape burst into flame and the crowd stampeded for the exits. The next day they were found, stacked like cord wood against the exits which their panic-stricken numbers had blocked.

In an audience composed in a large part of parents, and in particular mothers, a fire panic with the resulting injuries and possible deaths has a horrible potential for pain. The Follies could have easily been something less than the end of a perfect day for the many proud people who visited their sons Saturday.

This seems a large price for a fool's cigarette.

The United States is trying to build up productive industries in European countries. The greater their output the less we'll have to put out.

: Letters to the Editor :

BITTERWEEDS:

Editor, The Battalion:
Since The Batt seems to be the repository of all complaints, we wish to bring to your attention a serious situation, which, if allowed to continue, may result in a disaster.

The mess hall management's reputation is at stake! We wish to be the last to cast even a shadow of a doubt upon their unblemished record, but we feel it only fair that vicious rumors that have been circulating recently should be made public, and the mess hall staff surely be able to make a clear statement of the whole business.

We are referring, gentlemen, to the rumors that the milk served in our mess hall has the taste of bitterweeds. We've heard, by way of course, that such a situation is going into the fourth week. Not only are these soundly casting aspersions on our mess hall management, but also on the management of our own A&M Creamery!

We urge you to use all the powers of the press to bring out the truth of the matter!

Bitterly yours,
J. R. WOLF
J. T. TROTMAN

(Ed. Note: It is bitterweeds, or rather a mixture of bitterweeds, milk weeds, and other flora of the Brazos Bottoms. Dr. C. Marsh of the dairy department said the A&M Creamery obtains milk from 12 dairy producers in this area whose cows make part of their living in the old fashioned way—that is, by eating weeds. He said the weeds were not yet high enough to

now, but were large enough for the cows to eat. Marsh explained that the whole story is a long one and invited anyone interested to drop by for all the bitter details.

Dear Editor:
Orchids to the men of "B" Veteran Company for the very thoughtful gesture of applying their company fund toward the splendid Mother's Day Banquet held in Sbisva Sunday noon. Such action is commendable not only from the parent's standpoint, but from the standpoint of its establishing a precedent which outfits will do well to follow in the future.

Respectfully,
CLIFF HARRIS, '47

ROAD DESTRUCTION?

Editor, The Battalion:
The subject of road improvement (or destruction) seems to have been forgotten around here.

WHY?
The roads on the main campus can still be traversed with only minor automotive damages resulting, while those leading from the main campus to Bryan or College View have reverted through neglect to mere cow paths. These last mentioned paths are so cluttered with holes that it is a wonder any car makes it across without having a spring cracked or axle broken. What must visitors think upon entering our beautiful grounds? More than likely, at present, their only thought is to get off the horrible roads as soon as possible.

I do not think a person should gripe unless he has some better

method or improvement to suggest. The technical aspects of road construction are not along my line, but I would like to make two suggestions.

(1) Tear these cow paths up and begin from scratch to build them as they should have been built in the first place. (I know a lot of money has been spent and is being spent on repair and improvement, but from the observed results the repairmen need not go out in the hot sun and dabble around with gravel and asphalt.)
(2) Leave the mess as it is and turn all salaries and appropriations, intended for street maintenance, over to the fund for the proposed Student Union Building, a cause from which value spent will result in value received.

Sincerely,
ALBERT D. STEWART, '46

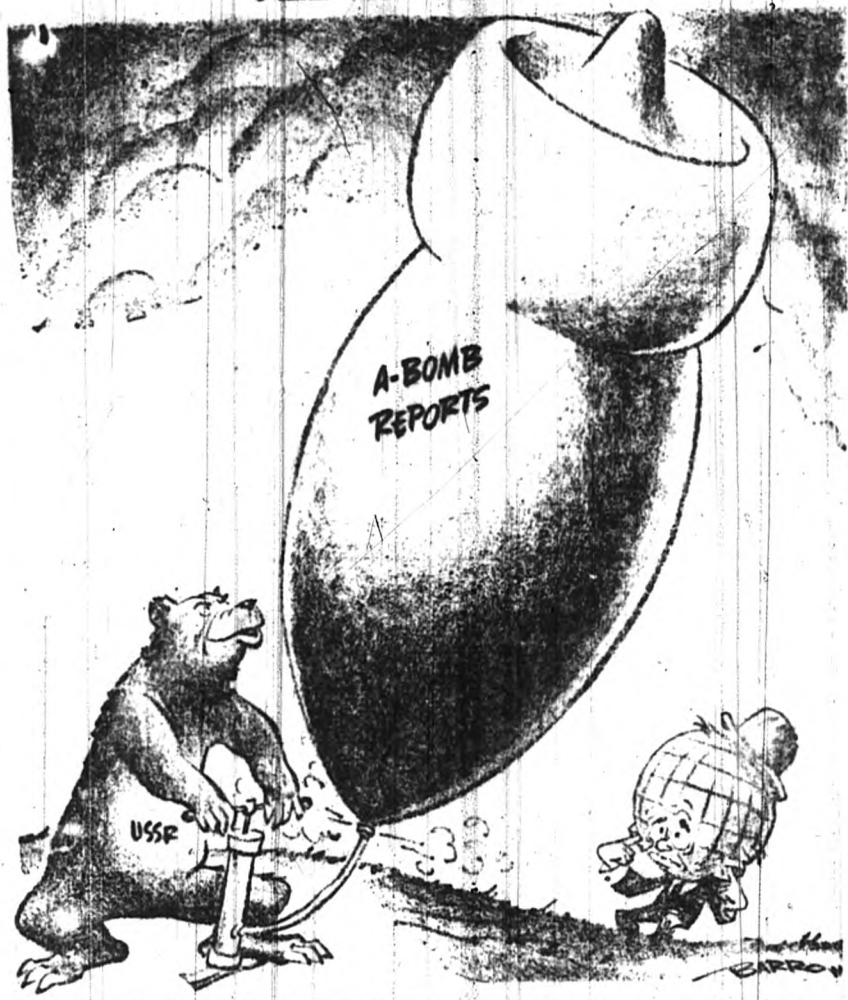
NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Editor, The Battalion:
We are deeply grateful for the beautiful floral offerings and expressions of sympathy for our son Corky.

We wish to thank each of the following organizations and men, in addition to the entire A&M student body: the Sophomore Class; B Company, Infantry; "C" Company, Infantry; intramural managers; Petroleum Engineering Club; Southwest Texas A&M Club; John Hagan, Alton Bailey, Geo. Crews, Jack Russell, Everett Lanik, Otis Yelton, and Spike White.

Sincerely,
MR. AND MRS. G. D. ZIMMERMAN AND MAXINE

ALL HOT AIR?



BETWEEN THE BOOK ENDS . . .

Ideal Vacation Spot Is Old Buccaneer Haunts in Indies

By MRS. WILNORA ARNOLD

Readers' Adviser

LAND OF THE INNER SEA. By W. Adolph Roberts. Coward McCann. If any of you are planning a Caribbean cruise for your summer vacation, here is exactly the book you need.

Beyond the shores of the North American Continent the West Indies have always been the most accessible ports of romance for the American traveler. The Tropic of Cancer runs between Key West and Cuba, the moment you cross that magic line you find yourself in a wogia where every value is different and every impression is new.

Here are islands, large and small with towering mountains clothed in verdure to their summits; with countless landlocked harbors of an incredible azure, and shimmering white beaches. Bright-plumaged birds and flowers of gorgeous hue charm the eye, and the flavors of exotic fruits delight the palate. On the human side these West Indian countries are extraordinarily varied, from the independent Spanish-speaking republics of Cuba and Santo Domingo to Puerto Rico where the American flag flies but Spanish is spoken; Haiti the black republic with a French culture; Jamaica and other British possessions where the language is English; and the scattered colonies of France and the Netherlands.

These were once the lands of the buccaners and of vast sugar plantations worked by slave labor. The great naval powers waged incessant wars for their control.

Now they are a kaleidoscopic pattern of nations already born and of backward peoples struggling toward self-government. History has left its mark on every hand, in the form of ruined fortresses and noble surviving monuments.

W. Adolph Roberts was born in Jamaica and is the author of several outstanding works on Caribbean questions. He has made sixteen trips about the archipelago, culminating in the one for the purposes of this book, which took him to every important unit. He includes the three guianas which although on the South American continent are identified, historically and economically, with the other European colonies. There is also a chapter on Bermuda in the Atlantic Ocean, a favored resort among American vacationists.

Longhorn Needs 12 Club Member Lists

Twelve clubs have not submitted member lists for the 1948 Longhorn, according to Bobby Lee Williamson, co-editor. Rosters for each of the following clubs must be turned in to the Longhorn office, Goodwin Hall, before 5 p. m., Friday:

- AYMA
- Beamont Club
- Brazoria County Club
- Business Society
- El Paso Club
- Fish and Game Club
- HJSC
- Lutheran Walther
- Marketing & Finance
- Pre-Med and Pre-Dental
- San Antonio Mothers Club
- SAM

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Aviation engineers suggest that rockets at the end of World War II were in about the same stage of development as were airplanes at the end of World War I.

Alfred Johnston Ordained Sunday At Baptist Church

Alfred A. Johnston, religious editor of The Battalion, was ordained to the ministry Sunday night at the College Station First Baptist Church.

A junior from Mexia, Johnston has taken part in many religious activities on the campus. In addition to his part on the Battalion staff as religious editor, he is director of the Sunday morning program over WTAW known as Aggie Gospel Time. Other religious activities include service on the Baptist Student Union Council and the Inter-Church Council.

Other Aggies who took part in the ordination service were Cadet Corps Chaplain Cliff S. Harris and Roy Hunt.

The ordaining council was composed of the pastor, R. L. Brown, and other ministers and deacons of the First Baptist Church. Also on the council was W. F. Howard of Dallas who heads student campus among Baptists on all Texas campuses. Louis Hanna of the college staff presented a Bible to Johnston as a tool for use in his ministry.

Tour Program Set For RA Officers

Ample opportunity exists for regular army appointments through the competitive tour program for capable young officers, Colonel G. S. Meloy, PMS&T, announced yesterday.

The announcement was made in view of the possible increase of the junior officer requirements in the Department of the Army.

Colonel Meloy also said that he had been given authority to accept and designate the branch for the July 1948 competitive tour program subject to physical qualification from applicants receiving ORC appointments at the end of the current semester.

Application blanks and further information can be obtained from ROTC headquarters at Ross Hall.

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BUGS BUNNY LATEST NEWS

COMING SOON— "LADY FROM SHANGHAI" "SCUDDA HOO! SCUDDA HAY!" "SITTING PRETTY" "MATING OF MILLE"

What's Cooking? Sociology Summer Projects Offered

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Wednesday, 7:15 p.m., Reading Room of YMCA.

ACCOUNTING SOCIETY, 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, K-23. Election of officers and awarding of Accountant's Handbook.

A&M GARDEN CLUB, 3 p. m., Friday, in YMCA.

BIOLOGY CLUB meets Tuesday night, May 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Biology Lecture Room for election of officers for the coming year.

BAYLOR - ARCHER - YOUNG COUNTY CLUB, 7 p. m., Thursday, Room 126, Academic Building.

GEOLOGY CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, Lecture Room, Petroleum Engineering Building. Election of officers.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY CLUB, 5 p. m., Thursday, in front of YMCA.

SCOUTERS, 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, Room 301, Goodwin.

SUL ROSS LODGE, 7:30 p. m., Thursday.

SAM Tuesday, 7:15 p.m., YMCA Lecture Room, election of officers.

SIGMA XI CLUB, 8 p. m., Thursday, Physics Lecture Room. Dr. Arthur W. Mellon is guest speaker.

SAN ANTONIO CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Room 208, Academic. Election of officers.

SAE, 7:15 p. m., Tuesday, ME Lecture Room. J. F. Austin to speak. Visitors welcome.

Junior and senior sociology majors are offered the opportunity to gain practical experience in their field through participation in summer work camps, according to Carlton Whitman of the Unitarian workcamps.

A survey of Mexican-American relations in San Antonio is one of the programs which have been set up by the Unitarian Service Committee in cooperation with American Unitarian Youth.

Another workcamp for college students will be the construction of a community center in the migrant-inhabited area of Oklahoma City.

Youth volunteers may choose to work in Sydenham Hospital, the nation's only inter-racial private hospital, located in the Harlem section of New York City.

This year's workcamps, according to Whitman will offer a balanced program of work, education, and recreation in addition to their primary purpose of engaging young Americans in the campaign to dispel ignorance, prejudice, and poverty.

Further information and applications may be obtained from Unitarian Workcamps, 9 Park Street, Boston 8, Mass.

SUPAI, Ariz.—(AP)—The trail to this Indian community at the bottom of the Grand Canyon drops 1,000 feet from the canyon rim in the first mile and a half of its 14 miles.

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