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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Watching Ourselves As Well As the Game . . .

September 25 will be "D" day for the A&M student body.

"D" for demonstration, since this weekend will find a large segment of the student body of A&M enjoying the pleasures of San Antonio, including the important gridiron scrap with Texas Tech.

The demonstration of sportsmanship, or the lack of it, provided by Aggies will mean a great deal to this school, ourselves, and the alumni.

It will be entirely our responsibility to prove to the people of San Antonio and Texas Tech that there is no longer a 2 percent who forget themselves at game time and leave an unpleasant impression. Not only 98 percent who conduct themselves with responsibility.

Only by being "100 percenters" can we prevent such incidents as the one cover-

An Excellent Gesture By the Corps . . .

Last night the corps began the daily custom of standing and hearing the corps chaplain offer thanks before their evening meal.

Insofar as we know, this has never been done in the schools immediate past. We believe it will be a wise precedent.

While most of us are on the campus we tend to be a little neglectful of our religious fences. Away from the familiarity of our home churches and with so many local distractions this neglect comes easily.

We could use an occasional reminder that there is something bigger than our own small plans and troubles. Religion is still the balance wheel of our civilization.

This Time Picard Goes Down . . .

Everything that goes up has gotta come down. In the case of Auguste Piccard this rule reaches its ultimate end.

Sixteen years ago he soared ten miles into the stratosphere in a balloon. Now he has completed plans for plunging down into the ocean depths. He is again using a balloon but its structure is somewhat altered. The new materials are steel and plastic. It is called a bathyscaphe. With this new underwater vessel Piccard hopes to dive as far as 18,000 feet or about six times as deep as the present record set by William Beebe in 1934.

The bathyscaphe is composed to two major sections. The "basket section" is a steel sphere six feet and four inches in diameter. It is attached to a float of steel which corresponds to the gas bag on a balloon. Instead of helium the supporting substance is gasoline. The bathyscaphe is truly a submarine balloon; the principle difference being weight rather than design. Piccard shouldn't have any trouble sinking; completely equipped the "balloon" weighs nearly forty tons.

The first descent of the balloon will be unmanned. After a drop of about 12,000 feet an automatic release will bring it

One of the town's leading osteopaths discovered this in one of his medical reference books, and I couldn't help passing it on to the men. Women dislocate their jaw joint four times more often than men.

Cedric Adams

ed in the Battalion editorial on last March 1: "A serious blow was dealt A&M's reputation Friday night by the inspired action of some person, or group of persons. The clowns to whom we are referring probably thought they were striking a mighty wallop for the cause of A&M when they tossed buckets of mud in the dressing room windows of a visiting athletic team."

Let's win back the annual Batt sportsmanship award in a walk-away. Remember the basis for the award: recognition will be given to the conference school whose student body and athletic teams display the best sportsmanship in connection with intercollegiate athletic contests and their associated activities.

The award in itself is unimportant, but the recognition is priceless.

Without it the complex mechanism would soon tear itself to pieces.

Another recommendation for the gesture is its public relations value. All of us remember from our early corps days the horrified expressions of visitors, particularly feminine, as we stormed into the chow hall turning over chairs and shouting "Shoot the gunwadding." Although we haven't eaten in Duncan in quite some time we imagine things are still pretty informal and that a little order before the meal would be an improvement.

We hope this will be another step toward justifying the description of Aggies offered by a lady from Houston. "They are always masculine, but never crude."

to the surface. If all goes well Piccard will then make his first descent. He has picked 0 degree Longitude West and 0 degree Latitude North as the point of descent. Once down Piccard and his companion Cosyns will be able to observe the last geographical frontier of man.

Their findings will be recorded on films, pictures and a dictaphone. They will particularly observe the fish and animal life, the plant life and the ocean bed.

One of Piccard's specialties is cosmic rays. Cosmic rays were the phenomena that lured him to the stratosphere and their study will be an important part of his undersea work.

This expedition is the result of tremendous scientific achievement and personal courage. The dangers of the descent are belittled by Piccard but we shudder when we consider that the pressure on the small sphere will be over six thousands pounds per square inch.

The markings of the sphere are "F.N. I.S. III". They are a tribute to the Belgian National Scientific Research Fund which furnished capital for the expedition. It seems that Uncle Sam isn't ahead on everything.

FASHION notes in the Miami (Fla.) Daily News included this:

"Nobody paid much attention to the dress until the facetious model daintily lifted her skirt to reveal a new topic of table talk under the hemline."

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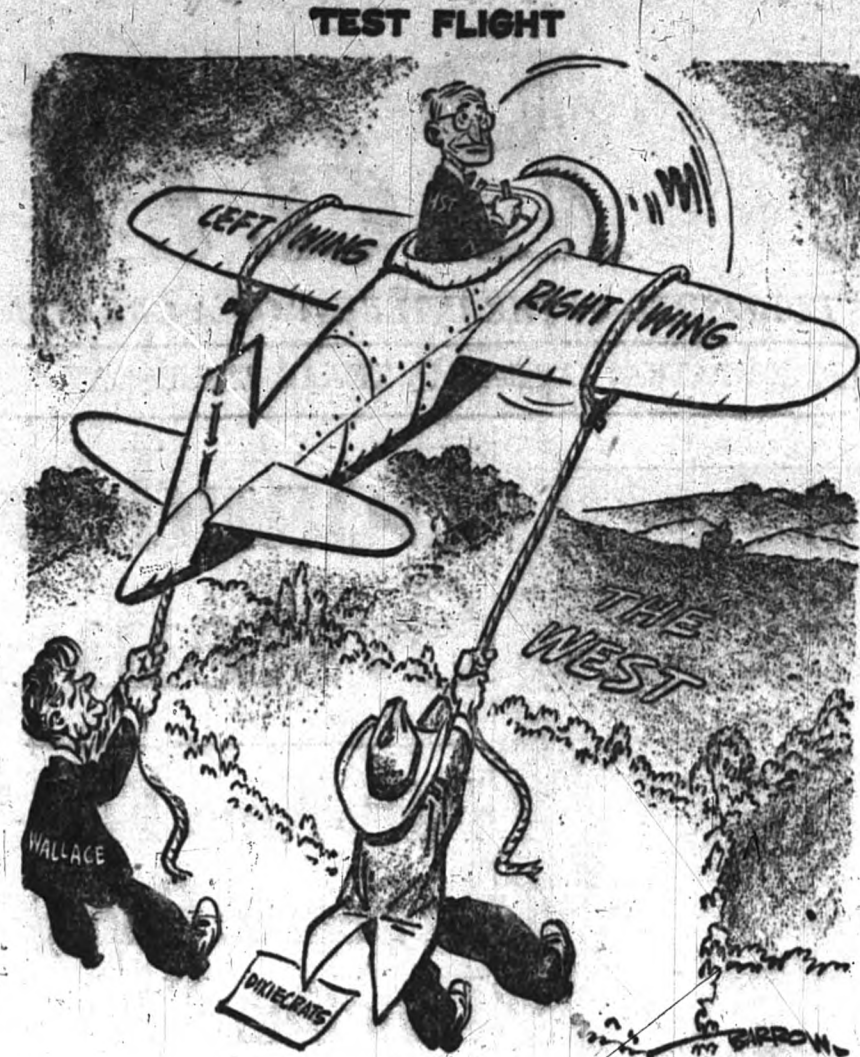
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Senate Constitution Ratified, Placed in Full Force This Fall

The Constitution for the Student Senate has been formally passed by the Student Senate, Student Life Committee, and Academic Council. The constitution was written by Neal Galloway, N. R. Leathwood, Tom Laros, and Luther Ferry with Charles Kirkham serving as chairman.

In view of the coming Senate election, the entire constitution, as approved by the three groups making up the Senate's chain of command, is given below for information.

ARTICLE ONE. PREAMBLE

We, the students of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, in order to form an effective government for determining and conducting matters of general student concern, establish the following constitution:

ARTICLE TWO. OBJECT

1. The object of the student government will be to act in an executive capacity for the student body.

2. To represent the student body both on and off the campus of the college.

3. To serve as a liaison organization between the faculty, the student body and other colleges in matters relating to student activities.

ARTICLE THREE. STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE

The Student Life Committee is a committee of the Academic Council and is responsible for considering policies and procedures affecting student life. This committee makes its recommendations to the Academic Council. It shall concern itself particularly with such matters relating to the operation of certain phases of the student activities program and to student life as are not assigned to some other committee or agency. It shall consist of 9 members of the faculty appointed by the President of the College, and 11 students, namely: Cadet Colonel of the Corps, President of the Senior Class, President of the Student Senate, one representative from the Student Senate, and 8 non-military students elected at large.

ARTICLE FOUR. THE STUDENT SENATE

Section I. The representative body of the student government shall be the Student Senate.

Section II. Representation. 1. Each dormitory shall elect one Student Senator as prescribed in Section IV, Article Four.

2. Each college housing area shall elect one Student Senator.

3. There shall be elected two Student Senators from the day students.

4. The vice-presidents of the classes shall be members of the Student Senate.

5. There shall be a number of student senators elected at large to bring the membership to a total of forty-three (43) members.

Section III. Organization:

1. The Student Senate shall have the following officers:

a. President, whose duty it is (1) to call meetings of the Student Senate,

(2) to duly inform all members of the Student Senate of the meetings and the agenda to be followed,

(3) to supervise and coordinate all activities of the Student Senate,

(4) to serve in any temporary capacity as is delegated to him by the Senate,

(5) to preside over all meetings of the Student Senate.

b. Secretary, whose duty it is (1) to handle all correspondence of the Student Senate,

(2) to keep an accurate record of all regular Student Senate meetings, regular committee meetings and sub-committee meetings,

(3) to send to each Senator a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting within ten days after the meeting,

(4) to maintain permanent files in the Student Activities Office.

c. Parliamentarian, whose duty it is (1) to enforce the use of parliamentary procedure as stated in Roberts' Rules of Order,

(2) to decide points of parliamentary procedure,

(3) to instruct the Senators in the rules of parliamentary procedure.

(1) to preside over meetings of their respective committees

(2) to report minutes of regular meetings of their committees to the Secretary of the Student Senate.

(3) to inform members and call meetings of their committees.

2. Election of Officers. The Student Senate shall elect its officers from its membership.

3. Standing Committee. There shall be the following standing committees:

a. Executive Committee. It shall consist of seven (7) members elected by the Student Senate from its own membership. It shall consider all matters of business brought before the student government and shall refer them to the appropriate agencies. It shall prepare agenda of business for the meetings of the Student Senate. It shall concern itself with all matters of student life which do not come under the jurisdiction of some other committee or agency.

b. Welcoming Committee. The Welcoming Committee shall consist of five (5) students elected from the Student Senate from its members. The Committee shall be responsible for bringing about cooperative relations with other student bodies and outside groups. The director of Student Activities shall be a member of the Welcoming Committee.

c. Election Committee. The Election Committee shall consist of five (5) members elected by the Student Senate from its membership, and one staff member appointed by the Dean of Men. It shall operate the machinery for all student elections on the campus. It shall engineer all publicity pertinent to the actual elections, plan for the receiving of nominations, and the distributing and collecting of the ballots, and announce the results in writing to the Dean of Men.

d. The Exchange Store Committee. The Exchange Store Committee shall consist of six (6) college staff members and six (6) Student Senators elected by the Student Senate from its membership. It shall study the operations of the Exchange Store and make recommendations for improvement of its service. It shall recommend a division of the profits of the store each year. It shall concern itself with equipment and supplies, service, prices and schedules.

e. The Hospital Committee. The Hospital Committee shall consist of five (5) college staff members and five (5) student Senators elected by the Student Senate from its membership. It will study the needs for improving and maintaining proper medical service to all students. It shall acquaint itself with the plan of operation of the hospital, the duties of the staff, the available equipment and methods of examination and treatment. It shall publish from time to time reports covering the complete operation of the hospital, in order to keep all students informed as to the nature and quality of services provided.

f. Mess Committee. The Mess Committee shall consist of four (4) members of the Student Senate elected by the Student Senate from its membership. The Director of Substance and the Director of the Memorial Student Center shall be members of the Mess Committee. It shall keep itself informed of all mess problems with a view to maintaining or improving the service, the quality, and the quantity of food, and the regulation of prices.

g. Publicity Committee. The Publicity Committee shall consist of two (2) members elected by the Student Senate from its membership. The Manager of Student Publications shall be a member of the Publicity Committee. It shall be the duty of this Committee to report to the student body the actions taken by the Student Senate relative to student government.

h. The Social Committee. The Social Committee shall consist of five (5) members elected by the Student Senate from its membership. The Assistant Director of Student Activities shall be a member of the Social Committee. It shall be the duty of this Committee to coordinate, plan and execute the social calendar.

i. Representatives to the Student Life Committee. There shall be their duty to

Trampling Out The Vintage . . .

Sportsmen Shudder At Young Huntress' Radical Technique

By FRANK CUSHING

The better game clubs will no doubt severely criticize the hunting technique demonstrated by an 18 year old girl in California recently. All those who enjoy the excitement of the hunt will probably deplore the methods she used in bagging a deer. Nevertheless, when all is said and done, she did cause the unfortunate animal's death, and so may be credited with a kill.

The young huntress sighted the deer and took careful aim and fired. The bullet merely wounded the deer in the leg. To this point the hunt had progressed in the accustomed manner. Here entered the unusual.

The injured deer took a hurried if wounded departure down a steep embankment leading to a creek. Hot upon the trail, the girl plunged after the animal in the true sense of the word plunged, she slipped. Her fall brought her to an overhanging ledge in close proximity to both the deer and the stream.

The deer, who harbored no strong affection for the young miss, turned and charged her. Undaunted, the huntress proceeded to strike the animal smartly, breaking her rifle barrel with the blow. The stunned and discouraged deer fell into the water and suffered the final indignity. He drowned.

The type of ingenuity that made this country what it is today was demonstrated in Kansas City lately. A patrolman, rubbing his hands in anticipation of the nice fat fine

he was about to impose stopped a driver of a decrepit vehicle. The officer pointed out that his vision was greatly hindered by the dirty and cracked condition of the car's rear window, a costly violation of the law in that city.

The quick thinking driver asked if he could be released from the forthcoming ticket if the situation was rectified in two minutes. The soft-hearted cop, evidently there are such things, assented to the conditions and waited.

The motorist snatched up a crank handle smashed out all traces of the window, and happily drove on his way.

If one were indicted towards the low form of humor termed puns, he might say that a family in Porterville, Calif., had a vine homecoming recently. Since this writer is not, no such statement will be made.

The afore mentioned family returned from their vacation to find their living room a fair imitation of a jungle. The spectacle was explained by an exploring Thompson Seedless grapevine which had sneaked one of its tendrils through a tiny crack. The weather conditions described by the California Chamber of Commerce did the rest for the wandering vine.

These people were actually lucky. If they had a post-war built home they might have had a full grown oak tree wander in and out of the cracks commonly found in these structures.

Letters

SEE HERE, C. C.

I should like to take this opportunity to speak in defense of some of the policies of the library, and of some of the practices which Mr. Trail condemned so vehemently.

The present library building was completed and occupied in 1930, only 18 years ago, but even so, many of the modern library features were not included in this structure. For instance, adequate offices and work rooms were not provided. It is now impossible to provide adequate work rooms and offices for the staff without taking public reading room space.

Mr. Trail may be interested in knowing that there are no "back rooms" where the reference librarians may go to do their typing. Furthermore, if the reference librarian is in some other place typing she will not be able to assist the patrons, namely students and faculty. Both of the reference librarians are needed at the reference desk to assist students and faculty in finding the things they came to the library seeking. It is necessary that the reference librarians keep a number of files for the purpose of helping patrons find information. The most practical way to keep a record of the desired information is on 3x5 cards, and for permanency this information is typed rather than written.

Many of the modern and up-to-date libraries provide glass enclosed work rooms or offices near at hand so the assistants will be available at all times, but on the other hand the enclosed space conceals some of the noise. This library was not planned originally for work rooms or offices, as I have mentioned, and they cannot be provided now.

Mr. Trail would ask our librarians to work a forty-five or forty-six hour week by remaining until 10:20 or 10:30, in order to completely close the building after 10 o'clock. Our librarians already work a longer work week than any of the other librarians in Texas libraries. All librarians work on a 29-hour week at the University of Texas. We have found from experience that if no signal is given until the exact hour of closing that students will request arm loads of books and periodicals at five minutes to the hour, and the librarians would be charging this material to them after the closing hour only to have the periodicals and books returned not used.

Furthermore, several of the ladies who work at night live in Bryan and they rely upon the bus for transportation; if they are delayed more than a few minutes after 10, they are compelled to wait a full hour for another bus.

If the complainant had ever tried to close the windows in the library he would understand that the type metal windows there cannot be closed noiselessly. It actually takes a student assistant 20 to 25 minutes to close all of the windows. The window closing should be performed by janitors and not by librarians, but the janitorial force arrives at 9 a. m. and leaves at 5:45 p. m. therefore the window closing task becomes the duty of the library assistants.

The library is only another service organization on this campus trying to do a satisfactory job. The library can do a better job by having cooperation from its patrons, namely students and faculty. The librarian welcomes suggestions and criticism, if it is constructive criticism, but destructive criticism profits no one.

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Librarian

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