

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## Think . . .

Wednesday night a prominent member of our student body distributed a large number of green and gold slips of paper about the campus.

On the gold-shaded paper in green letters was printed a rather amateurish poem, short on meter but long on insults and taunts toward our football team and student body.

The paper did not originate from Baylor. Concealed, printed and distributed here, each little sheet, was completely a local product.

As we understand it, the theory behind it all was to infuriate our team into such a blinding rage that they would go up to Baylor and annihilate the Bear's ball club.

Like so many other good theories, this one almost blew up the laboratory when the ingredients were mixed together.

The reason it didn't work on the ball club of course, is that our athletes are normally intelligent. When we asked a group of them cold yesterday afternoon what they thought of the pamphlets, three-fourths of them immediately put their fingers on it as a locally instigated job. George "Primo" Kadera phrased most of their sentiments by saying, "It was a pretty childish thing to do."

A majority of the student body were as quick to perceive the situation. Remembering similar incidents in previous years most of the dorm dwellers picked up the pamphlets Thursday morning with a "here they go again" attitude.

It isn't from these thinking groups that the slips could have drawn trouble. The match in the powder keg would have come from that low percentage of easily angered, short thinking, red blooded, one more beer, individuals within our student body.

Just two quick-tempered men, prompt-

## We're Off to Waco . . .

This weekend will mark our first conference mass migration away from home. There will be many eyes on us.

It has been our paper which was one of the prime movers in revitalizing sportsmanship in the Southwest Conference. It is our student body which has gotten off to such an illustrious start in good football behavior that the general public has begun to take notice. It is our ball club which has played hard ball and hard luck ball, but clean ball.

People will be watching to see if it has all been a fluke—to see if it was just a neatly applied veneer that will soon peel off to reveal the same rough finish that we have received credit for a great deal in the past.

We will be mingling with people from

ed by such a slip, could have roared up to Baylor and smashed all the delicate framework of good feeling that our team, coaches, students, ex-students, and followers have been building in the conference. And along with the framework would have gone all the time, money, and effort spent by the school, as well as our chances of restoring good feelings again.

It was only a few short years ago that this same type of incident flared into a riot at an A&M-Baylor game. The results were one person killed and a suspension of school relations for four years. The dividing line between incidents and brawls is extremely thin.

And the ironical thing is that the man, or men, who printed and distributed the handbills thought they were doing the school a service.

When we contacted him after secret practice, Coach Harry Stiteler echoed this thought.

"I'm just sorry," said Stiteler, "that those boys thought they had to do something to get us mad at the other team in order to win."

"If they could only see that anything you do to make the other fellow mad at you, anything that keeps him from liking you, is to your disadvantage."

Speaking of the team, Stiteler concluded, "These boys are playing their level best. That sort of thing just doesn't help."

Coach, you've taken the words right out of our mouths. Now we'd like to use some of yours.

When a ball player makes a blunder or a foolish play, there is a coach's expression to cover it. It fits well for pamphlet distributors or anyone else who, by not thinking, jeopardizes our teams' chances and our own stature in the eyes of the rest of the world.

"Men, get your heads in the game!"

all over the state who will judge us closely on this, our first away-from-home conference appearance. Everything we do, good or bad, will be magnified.

To a large extent, our showing will determine the general attitude toward good feeling throughout the conference. If we mar the weekend with one shoddy incident, they will be quick to say, "What a fine bunch of pace setters they turned out to be!" And the cause will be gone.

So be off for Waco. Be football fans, and be Aggies, but be considerate of the guy next to you.

When we leave the field we want a win naturally. And we want to enjoy the trip. But most of all, we want a cordial invitation to come back next year.

That's the real test of good ball game.

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"Every seat will be occupied!"

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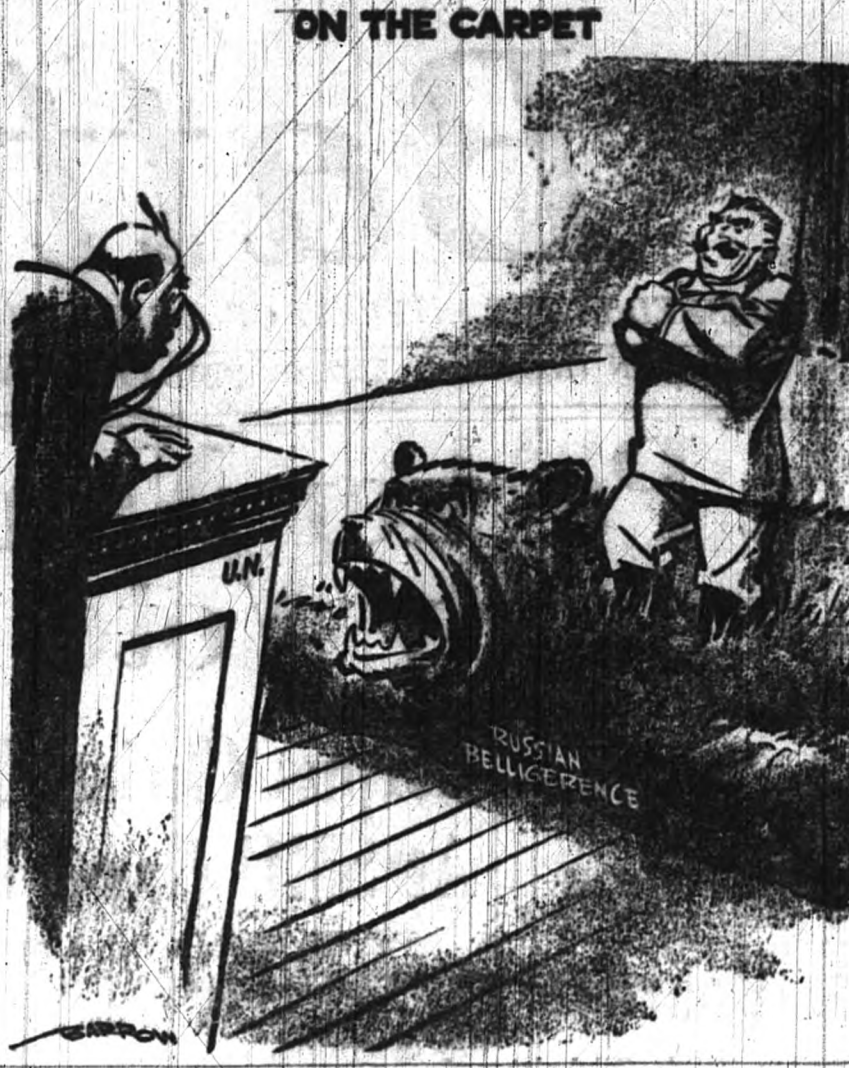
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By CARROLL TRAIL

Dear Sir:

I eat daily at Sbsa Mess Hall, and I never cease to marvel at the efficient help they have there. For instance, the gentleman who serves the beans in the line on the extreme left is the shrewdest man I have ever seen. Every time I get beans, he always gives me exactly 23, not 22 or 24, but always 23.

Now I don't believe this is an accident. I have checked with my friends, and they all have the same story: 23. With loving care he meticulously dips his spoon in the pan and always comes up with the same number.

What's his secret? How does he do it?

Sincerely, K. B.  
Answer: Well, K. B., you can at least tell ability when you see it. The bean man has studied extensively to get the position he now holds. He is an artist in his own right, and his colleagues respect his ability.

To reach the position, one must study and pass rigid examination. The quiz is an exhaustive one. To pass, one must be able to tell how many beans are in a spoon simply by feeling the weight of the spoon and beans in the hand.  
But this isn't all. Boogie factors

are introduced into the quiz, such as rocks being mixed with the beans to simulate actual working conditions.

So you can see that the bean server is indeed a talented man. He generally takes a personal interest in his work, and quite often he develops a deep affection for each bean. You probably won't believe this, but I have known some waiters who gave the appearance that they actually hated to part with their wares.

## Think of This

"Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." Hebrews 12:1b.

Here at A&M we have been fortunate lately to have a very strong track team. They were good enough to win the Conference last spring. But they could not have won if each man who ran or jumped or threw, had been loaded down with heavy iron weights, so that he could not move. Yet you and I try to win in the moral race of life, even though we are weighed down with sins that make it impossible for us to move. (Read Hebrews 12:1-3.)

## Letters To The Editor

THE SENATOR SPEAKS

Editor, The Battalion:  
I would like to use your columns to reply to Chuck Maisel's letter which you carried on October 20.  
First, I would like to challenge some of the statements made by Maisel concerning the workings of the Student Senate. Of course, these statements will only be my opinions as Student Senator from Dorm 15. I haven't discussed them with any College or Senate officials.  
The Constitution for the Student Body of the A&M College of Texas explains the composition and functions of the Executive Committee of the student senate in Article Four, Section III, Pa. I quote:

"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."

This explanation is of course quite general in language, but that does not give the executive committee, or individuals on that committee, license to assume powers which the Senate as a whole has not given them. True, the senate did not forbid the committee to act on this matter, but then the matter was never presented to the senate assembled as a whole. The time element played a large part in this situation, but still it was not handled to the student body's satisfaction.

The words "shall concern itself" do not in my opinion give the Executive Committee the final word in matters which the senate has not specifically told them to decide upon. It is not necessary to say that 8,000 should have been asked about the seating matter. Only the 43 representatives of the student body would have had to decide, and if their decision was not satisfactory, then a referendum

is available to the student body under the provisions of the Constitution.

Maisel states that "this action (splitting section 132) was taken . . . because . . . some petty people were planning a demonstration at the TCU game . . ." One of the veteran members of the committee has assured me that the situation in his dorm was the same as mine, that is, the men in the dorm felt that the seating arrangement was not fair to them. It was for this reason—"some 4500 petty people" wanted the seating arrangement changed, that the emergency meeting was called. After all, Chuck, we were elected to do what our constituents want (that is a \$1 word for dorm buddies). That was the real reason the seating arrangement was corrected.

These next remarks are not mine in the sense that I arrived at them without talking to someone else. I felt that I should discuss them, so I got a few opinions from others. In the first place I am not a veteran senior (nappy day, when I am one!) by quite a few hours of work.

You state that a corps senior works harder to get more than a vet senior does, and that privileges (I have taken the liberty to supply a few words here which you implied) should be granted to corps seniors as reward for their extra effort.

In a personal conversation with you, you told me that the vet didn't have to go through "fish year", or "wehead year", or the next year in order to become a senior. Well I believe that about 95% of the vet seniors (and a lot of the underclassmen) now at A&M had it a lot tougher than you or the Class of '49 as "fish". The college administration seems to feel that service in the armed forces was good enough to substitute for these years in the corps.

And after a student's sophomore year (you'll pardon me, I hope, for using a little different terminology than you did), he takes advanced bull-text only if he wants to. Since when do people demand

extra privileges for doing something of their own accord? If the student body wants to give Corps seniors special privileges, that's one thing, but saying a man isn't "big" if he doesn't want to is rather foolish in my mind.

I believe that the seating arrangement as it was decided upon Saturday morning is a very fair plan. I'm glad that a majority of the executive committee realized that they were elected to serve their dorm buddies, not to dictate to them, and followed the dictates of their electors in arriving at a sensible solution to the problem.

CHUCK CABANISS  
Student Senator, Dorm 15

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