

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## Telephones, Pro and Con . . .

The question of placing telephones in dormitories at A&M is the subject of many discussions by Aggies.

For this reason we have gathered material on the subject and have attempted to organize this material, both pro and con, so that the question of having telephones can be understood completely.

Locating a number of telephones at a centralized place (the YMCA) was the plan developed by the Office of the Dean of Men. This plan was adopted to replace having single telephones in each dormitory.

Several conditions led that office to make this decision.

1. Complaints had been voiced by students who disliked the noise of the telephone bell ringing at all hours of the day or night.

2. Damage had been caused to telephone equipment and college property when an irate student would tear a telephone off its wiring because of his tiring of the noise.

3. With someone always on duty at the centralized telephone location, no calls went unanswered. In this way, all calls, regardless of importance, could be received, and the student called could be notified. Thus no important calls were lost through no one answering the telephone.

4. Pay phones could be installed so that outgoing long distance pay calls could be placed from A&M. At the present time there is a shortage of pay phones, and the telephone company has none available for installing in dormitories.

Where business type telephones are

used, only collect long distance calls can be made. Calls for which charges are accepted by the receiving party.

Other conditions are offered by students desiring telephones in their dormitories.

1. A telephone located in a dormitory is much more convenient for the student to use than one several blocks away.

2. A student can place a long distance call and while he is waiting for a cable out of Bryan to open or for the operator to ring the number again, he can either go back to his room or study or read in the lounge. If he wants to return to his room he can simply ask a friend to get him when the operator calls back.

3. A soft bell can be placed on the telephone so that no one will be disturbed by the ringing.

4. The monthly bill for the telephone could be paid out of the dormitory's Coca-Cola fund. Since no outgoing long distance pay calls can be placed on a business type telephone, and no pay phones are available, this bill would only be the regular monthly bill such as is paid for any residential telephone. Of course, the telephone can be used for long distance collect calls where charges are accepted by the receiving person.

These are the principal reasons given for and against the installation of telephones in the dormitories.

If it is decided to have a telephone in a dormitory, permission will have to be received for the installation from the Dean of Men before the telephone company will make the installation.

## The Great Northern Migration . . .

Today the classrooms held fewer students than usual. Tomorrow, all day, Aggies will be streaming northward. And by Saturday, Dallasites will be wondering if SMU has gone military.

The bi-annual Dallas corps trip is under way. Aggies and Tessies are converging on the big central Texas city for another pleasure packed weekend.

Most of us are looking forward to this as the biggest weekend of the corps-trip year.

It is customary for our editorial columns to carry a cautioning message prior to each big away-from-home movement. In this case we don't feel it's necessary.

Before our first two big games we did ask everyone to be on their toes. The response was amazing. The student body not only curbed their own emotions, but

politely asked some overt outsiders to watch their bottle-tossing as well.

In each of the succeeding games, the conduct has improved steadily.

For these reasons we are assured there will be no school smearing incidents in Dallas this weekend. The things we must watch are the little, unthinking acts that group up to form an unpleasant feeling. The things we do at the height of the party and promptly forget may more unfavorably impress the hospitable people of Dallas.

There are two things we want very much—to win the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Award this year, and to be invited back by the people of Dallas year after next.

With these two things in mind, be off to Dallas and we'll meet you on the hilltop.

## The Passing Parade . . .

When the little man from Missouri came in under the wire with the rest of the field choking in the dust, there were many wails heard around the pari-mutuel window. Here is one of the best from Governor Dewey's headquarters.

"Women members of Dewey's staff, present for Hagerty's announcement, were in tears.

Seldom had a man been more confi-

dent of success than Dewey was up to last evening. When Hagerty's announcement was relayed downstairs in the hotel, Miss Willie Schilling, 22, a stenographer on the governor's staff at Albany, broke into tears.

"It's awful," she wept. "It was my first vote."

Shucks lady, don't cry. After all, it was Dewey's second campaign.

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AND WHEN HE GETS THERE, SHE'LL PROBABLY ALREADY HAVE A DATE

## TSCW Dateline . . .

### Tessies, to A Woman, Prepare For Annual Safari to Big D

By JEANINE BROWN

Echoes of Aggie War Hymn, Twelfth Man, and other spirited Aggie songs have been sounding up and down the hills this weekend in preparation for the midnight yell practice this coming Friday night and the game Saturday. All this buzzing around the campus gives one the impression that everybody is "settin' on dead ready" for the Corps Trip.

Since Denton is too busy a place to have trains going to Dallas, we decided on the bus as our main means of transportation. A special schedule of buses has been set up for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. I don't mind carrying my hat box, but how am I ever going to get my trunk over there?

The lucky ones who had friends in or around Dallas and who got reservations this summer for the main event of this fall have been checking on them. But if eight in a double room feels rather crowded, there's always plenty of room down in the lobby. I can look on the bright side—maybe I'm an extrovert and just haven't yet realized it!

Last Thursday we were reminded once again that lines must be inevitable, inescapable—a sort of hard to keep from having in other words. At 1 tickets for the game went on sale. Even though groans of "I don't have a cent" had been uttered by nearly every Tessie I saw last week, there was a line a hundred miles long of Tessies who had found enough cents for a football ticket. And you think you have a hard time! We agree—you surely must have!

We're wondering if we are going to have a hard time attending all the events which have been planned. I'm hoping there will be souls brave enough to rise early Saturday morning for the breakfast Sanger Brothers is having at 6:30 for students of TSCW and their dates. Free food and a style show of the latest fashions will probably bring quite a number out even after the late dates of the previous night.

Also that morning will be a reception at W. A. Green's with representatives from the four classes acting as hostesses. But, naturally these social functions take the buck seat when pressure time rolls around! And, if that Aggie band is in its usual form that day, we will truly be proud of it.

I'm rather pleased about one thing this week—some clever people who helped plan our social calendar were the type to look into the future, and had designated pledge week to begin this Wednesday.

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## Letters To The Editor

RAH, SPOT FOR MASCOT

Editor, The Battalion:  
The other day I met Old Spot wondering along the path between the M. E. Building and Academic House. Old Spot, you may remember, has been suggested as a possible mascot, in line with my previous letter.  
I asked Old Spot if he would like the job. "Why not?" he barked. "A dog's gotta live."  
Spot gave a satisfactory answer to forty out of the fifty famous

questions. Therefore I withdraw my original suggestion of Old Rattler for A&M mascot, and endorse the candidacy of Old Spot.

Wick van Kowenhoven

## Think of This

Romans 13:1 "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God and those that exist have been instituted by God."

It was the night of our annual Cornhuskin' Bee. Before the time for square dancing, however, there was a series of contests. Prizes were given to the fastest corn shucker, the loudest hog caller, the best singing group, but (beware, boys, beware) the s. p. (Note: Grand Prize—in small letters) went to the most successful husband caller. This is just a word to the wise. Some may still be practicing this weekend!

If all of you at A&M are looking forward to this weekend with as much anticipation as the Tessies are—it's bound to be a hula-hula-oo of a time! Just seventy-three hours to pack and get ready. I'd best go find my sweet little helpful pledge!

(Editor's Note: Apparently Spot is very well known about the Campus. According to reports from students in Hart Hall, Spot is a regular member of the team. He sleeps in the lounge of Hart Hall and eats in Shisa Hall with the rest of the ball players.  
Spot, however, has one fault. He likes to sleep even though the rest of the team is practicing. Spot dropped off to sleep near the top of the Stadium recently and fell off the stadium. He had to be patched up by the Veterinary Hospital.)

## NO "CUTS" FOR SPOT

Editor, The Battalion:  
Re the discussion in letters to the editor concerning a mascot. We would also like to recommend "ole Spot" (or as we call him "Dal" for Dalmatian) since he has shown his faithfulness by taking E.E. 307 Lab for three terms. He also participates in extra-curricular activities such as attendance at the AIEE meetings, and he sometimes sleeps at the YMCA.

W. F. ADAMS  
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