

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## Back to Its Pre-War Level . . .

At their last meeting the Senior Ring Committee set this year's policy regarding delivery of Senior Rings.

Their decision was merely to strip the old rule of its exceptions and return to the hard and fast rules of the pre-war days.

To receive the ring now the student must be a classified Senior in his major subject, have an overall grade-point ratio of one, and have no sophomore deficiencies.

A motion to permit ring delivery to men passing their sophomore deficiencies at mid-semester, and men having a one-point grade-point ratio at mid-semester together with the Senior classification in their major subject died in the Committee for want of a second.

We endorse this rigid policy of the Senior Ring Committee.

We want the Senior Ring to be a sign of achievement as well as a symbol of Texas A&M. The exceptions of past years do not fit today because the conditions of past years are no longer present. There are no large numbers being called from

school by the draft. The wartime emergency has been removed.

In many other colleges and universities throughout the country there is no difficulty in securing, and little significance attached to, school rings. Their ring means little more than interest in a particular school. Some require enrollment; some do not.

But the Aggie Senior ring is not so easy to obtain, and there is much significance and sentiment attached to it. The Senior Ring is one of the truly great traditions of A&M. Spot it anywhere and you know its wearer is an Aggie and a friend.

In 1922 the College decided that a Senior was one who satisfied the three qualifications which the Senior Ring Committee is observing. This criterion is admittedly rigid, but somewhere a line has to be drawn.

Now that the line has been drawn we are one step nearer to our revered "pre-war" conditions.

The Aggie Ring is a Senior Ring again.

## From the Gridiron to the Hardwood . . .

Psychologists tell us we learn actions by imitations.

There is one action, however, we hope the local boys don't pick up.

The SWC basketball melee is under way, and it's send off has been auspicious, if not enviable. Several intersectional scrimmages have resulted in ragged play all the way from the center circle to the top row in the grandstands. The foul-out rate has been terrific and Joe Fan has helped the cause along by doing everything except swing from the rafters.

Our own hardwood athletes got a taste of this sort of fan conduct two days ago in a city famous for the suppression of assault and rioting. Evidently the things you are deansed of on the outskirts of Huntsville are condoned downtown.

That isn't our primary issue, however. We aren't unduly concerned with the brand of ball our neighboring conference prefers. Our big worry is that some of it might develop in our own back yard.

Basketball is a rich field for the growth of bad manners. The action is fast; the lead changes hand frequently; officials' decisions must be quick and frequently err; and finally, a man taking a free shot

is the next most vulnerable thing to the American fleet at Pearl Harbor.

For these reasons we'd like to ask the DeWare Field house fans to keep a grip on themselves this year. Particularly on free throws we ask your indulgence. Usually a man gets a free toss for being fouled. Let's not make it another one by verbally fouling him from the stands.

When you get the temptation to yell down a man taking a free toss this year, look down the row at that jerk doing the same thing. Looks stupid, doesn't he? He obviously doesn't know much about the game, and has darn sure never played it or he'd keep his mouth shut.

Let's try to keep this type down to a minimum this year.

Without being smug, we think the Aggies distinguished themselves in football sportsmanship this year. The school is still basking in the light of praise from across the state.

In basketball, however, we're right back where we were September 18 in football.

The first chapter in this sportsmanship manual was a bright one. Let's keep the rest of the book up to par.

## The Passing Parade . . .

Here is a note from the "students will be students" department.

Rioting students shouting Palestine and anti-government slogans killed police chief Selim Zaki Pasha with a grenade today.

Police sources said three other policemen were killed and 18 wounded, in the battle at Faud I University Medical School. Two hundred fifty-nine students,

most of them injured, were arrested.

Here we take the attitude of the rooster showing the football to the hens.

You men who make up the justly famous 2 one hundredths of our student body shouldn't be satisfied with hooting at the performers in Guion Hall and painting up valuable property at other schools.

See what students at other schools can do when they put their minds to it?

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## Letters To The Editor

### BLOOD BOILS

**Editor, The Battalion:**  
I just finished reading the two accounts in The Batt of Wednesday, December 8 from TSCW. I mean, not being in the Corps I guess I should keep quiet and not say anything.

But I can't. It makes my blood boil for a couple of Tessies to write down here and eat the whole school out. Maybe A&M was in the wrong. I will not say anything about that, but why don't you tell them that "People

who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones?"

I mean by this, how many Aggies have ever been stood up by a Teasie? Well, here's one who waited two hours on a Dallas street corner for one to show, and needless to say, she didn't!

Also where do they get off telling us we're not Frat men! As if I care a helluva lot.

It appears to me that most college women have an enlarged opinion of themselves. I don't know why, maybe it's their first time away from home, and they feel that they have to show off a certain amount.

Please, Ed, write an editorial on the Aggie's point of view. I'm not bitter, just confused.

**John H. Mjoseth**  
A&M Annex

**(Editor's Note: We believe that the A&M students can best express the Aggie's point of view by letters to the TSCW Daily Lass-O.**

Since several copies of The Battalion are sent to TSCW, The Batt Letters to the Editor Column is certainly open for replies.)

## Think of This

"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Matt. 6:10

The kingdom of heaven can be realized only in proportion as God's children do his will. And surely there is nothing of greater importance in his sight than publishing the gospel of the kingdom to all men. This prayer, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven," if earnestly prayed, will show that it is our desire that God's will be done in our lives. Let us not only pray it, but let us live accordingly.

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(3) December 14—Fire Prevention and Engineering Bureau of Texas will interview civil, electrical, mechanical and chemical engineers.

(4) December 14-15—Associated Factory Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Chicago, Illinois, will interview mechanical, electrical, civil, and chemical engineers.

(5) December 15—Southern Alkali Corporation to interview chemical engineers and chemists.

(6) December 15—Young Men's Christian Associations to interview men interested in group work secretary positions and physical education secretary positions. General Meeting 9 a. m., YMCA Chapel.

(7) December 15—Socony Vacuum Oil Company to interview mechanical, chemical, and petroleum engineers interested in foreign service. General meeting at 9:30 a. m., YMCA Cabinet Room.

(8) December 15—Magnolia Petroleum Company to interview mechanical and chemical engineers interested in refining work. General meeting 9:30 a. m. YMCA Cabinet Room.

(9) December 15-16—Carter Oil Company to interview petroleum, mechanical, electrical and chemical engineers interested in junior petroleum engineering positions.

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(4) The Standard-Times San Angelo newspaper, has an opening for a man qualified to work as a livestock and farm reporter.

## Campus

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