

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## Let's Have Eight Thousand Recruiters . . .

The current wooing of outstanding high school athletes is at a fever pitch. Representatives from all types of colleges from the Ivy League to the Brush Conference are busily trying to convince burly guards and speedy half backs that their particular alma mater dispenses the best brand of education.

Regardless of how we feel about the evils of present day recruiting methods, the system must be recognized and, if we are to play in the conference, participated in.

Our coaching staff and friends of the college, in their public and private speaking appearances, have accomplished a great deal. We, as students, can also make many accomplishments. Throughout the state there are undoubtedly many outstanding athletes whom the coaches could not contact. They can all be approached if each student will contact the better athletes in his home town during the semes-

ter break. The time and effort spent would be negligible; the results would not.

As a home town boy in college, your opinions on colleges will be respected. The good we can do collectively toward improving our athletic set-up is amazing.

Your conversations need not be limited strictly to football players. Outstanding student leaders in all fields should be sought out. Standouts in student government, journalism, debating, and any other scholastic activity can make for a better A&M.

It is amazing how many high school graduates choose a college simply because that college convinces them, through an alumnus or student, that it was interested in them personally.

The surest way we can strengthen our school is to see that it receives the best in students. In this work, we students currently enrolled can carry a large share of the load.

## He's Come A Long Way From Missouri . . .

In Washington yesterday an estimated million people shivered, shoved, waited, waved, and welcomed the Inaugural Parade and the inauguration of Harry S. Truman as President of the United States and Alben William Barkley, Vice-President.

Our capital city took on the combined appearance of a Mardi Gras and a huge political rally. From all over the nation people, politicians, floats, bands, and good wishes came to honor the President. It was a "Roman holiday" as charged a sour-grapes Republican Congressman. It was "stupendous" exulted the Democrats.

A hundred thousand dollars had been appropriated by the "second worst . . . do nothing Eightieth Congress," who were anticipating a Republican victory. Lloyds of London had insured the Inaugural ceremonies for two-hundred thousand dollars. Actually it was more of a one-to-twenty bet that President Truman would be present to take the oath.

Hours before the solemn oath President Harry Truman ate breakfast with the former members of "Battery D" whom he commanded in World War I. He reminded them he was "Captain Harry" to the boys in the old outfit.

Along the parade avenue, which looked like a mile long, very narrow, football stadium, people shouted, "Hi, Harry." All through the greatest parade in the nation's history the President displayed his usual broad smile.

To those present the man from Missouri was a hero. To some he was Captain Harry; to others he was the ex-farm boy from Missouri who fought his way into the White House.

There was about the whole scene something typically American—a lot of fanfare, a lot of band playing, hand shaking, and hulla balloo.

It was the installation of the nation's chief executive, it was the installation of the western world's leader, it was the installation of the people's friend.

## The Passing Parade . . .

It seems only yesterday that General MacArthur was having an altercation with the press in Tokyo. Now he seems to be having his troubles with another division of the journalism trade as witness this release from New York. (quote)

A magazine article claiming Gen. Douglas MacArthur has "mised the American people" about the extent of Communism in Japan today brought sharp criticism from MacArthur himself, the magazine said.

The article in the current issue of Look magazine, written by Hallett Abend,

former foreign correspondent, said MacArthur has "lulled us into a false sense of security about the perilous situation in the Far East."

The magazine said MacArthur had replied in a cablegram to Gardner Cowles, editor of Look, that the article was completely unrealistic. (end quote)

Although we aren't familiar with the details of this tiff, we are anxious to see how the General deals with the publication.

There's always the possibility he could ban it from Japan.

The meek may inherit the earth but they won't have it long if they stay that way.

Harry Truman has been giving the public opinion polls a public pole-axing.

Band Leader Harry James said that while he was playing for a Navy Day dance, his automobile was looted of clothing worth more than \$200. That'll teach him not to leave a suit in his car.

## The Battalion

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"Well, we have Infantry, Cavalry, Field Artillery, and Navy but no Waves . . . yet!"

## The CLMS is Coming . . .

### Early Hour Marchers Awaken Irate Leggett Late Sleepers

T. J. TEEJAY

One of the weirder formations in A&M history appeared on Military Walk at 1 a. m. Thursday. Semi-military and super-sloppy, about 35 strong, the Club Leggett Marching Society moved south toward Hart Hall.

The CLMS, a group of involuntary early risers who inhabit the west side of Leggett, are characterized chiefly by their evil dispositions in the early part of the day.

They blame their plight entirely on the military units in Hart Hall, which count cadence under their windows as they march down military walk to breakfast every morning at 7.

In a militant pre-final exam mood Wednesday night, this motley crew decided that the time had come to act.

Armed with tin cans and sticks to beat them with, the formation moved toward Hart. The performance, which began slightly after 1 a. m., was highly satisfactory. The tin cans proved to be loud, if not durable, and the "hup, hoo, hee, here" never sounded louder or more offensive.

Results came with gratifying speed. Lights came on all over Hart. One confused citizen stuck his head out a window and bawled "What the hell's going on?"

Another man dashed out into the chill night in his skivvies, determined to investigate personally.

Remembering that several large football players lived in Hart, the CLMS retired in good order to their home grounds, feeling happier than they had at any time since the Hart units began eating in Sbis.

Thursday morning at 7 a. m. the Hart military units passed Leggett on their way to breakfast. They were never in better voice.

They even woke up the men on the east side of Leggett.

## Official Notices

### School of Arts and Sciences

Wives of Veteran students who wish to take college extension courses next semester are invited to meet January 25 at 7:30 p. m. in the solarium of the YMCA. At this meeting it will be decided which extension courses will be offered.

T. F. MAYO  
English Department

### NOTICE TO DEFICIENT STUDENTS

All students who are on probation for the fall semester 1948 and all students passing less than ten hours or making less than ten grade points at the end of the semester must secure the approval of their respective deans to register for the spring semester 1949. The deans will require a copy of the grades before passing on the eligibility of a deficient or probation student to register. It is the student's responsibility to provide the dean with his grades. This may be done by obtaining a special grade report form at the Registrar's Office on which the student records his posted grades. Grades will be posted on departmental bulletin boards not later than 8:00 a. m. Monday, January 31. Deans or their representatives will be in their offices ready for an interview as soon as a complete report of grades can be obtained. Permits to register will be issued from the deans' offices only.

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Last Day

## Sticking My Neck Out . . .

# Golfing Provides Exercise But No Body Wear And Tear

By CHUCK CABANISS

Without considering the campus golf course from the angle of whether the \$75,000 ear-marked for it could have been used better elsewhere, I feel that an effort should be made to impress upon Aggies the multi-benefits to be derived from the game itself. And naturally one must have a golf course if one is to learn to play golf.

A man who has devoted a great deal of time to studying the human body and its frailties—a local physician—says that golf is very beneficial for participants. He further states that golf is actually more healthful for the infrequent sportsman than are more strenuous exercises.

The reasoning behind this statement is that golf calls for constant exercise during a 2 or 3 hour period while sports like football, basketball, and even tennis demand a quick tremendous output of effort followed by a "slow-up" period. Such stop-and-go play can be detrimental to the person who is not in good physical condition.

Improves Health  
Even the layman can see that walking over 6000 yards and

swinging at the little white pellet more than 72 times—very optimistic figures, you'll notice—will improve the health of even the duffer. Actually it would seem that the duffer might get more exercise out of the game since he walks more and swings more than the advanced player.

FUTURE, publication of the Jaycees, advises: "When you get to the brow of the hill (about 34 years of age) and gaze down that next 34 years, it's a bit too late to really enjoy learning the social sports that will keep you toned up." So, for health's sake, one should learn to play early a sport which can be used after the days of boundless energy are mere memories.

Still another aspect which is very favorable to golf is the "contact" angle. It is more than just a saying that a greater number of

business deals are consummated on the putting greens than in the offices. An exaggeration, no doubt, but one based on shrewd observations of professional men.

Sometime during the past fall a representative of a big oil company was telling students the four accomplishments above and beyond technical training which his firm looks for in future employees. These attributes included dancing, ability to make "small talk," manners acceptable in any surroundings, and playing golf.

That company and many others realize the need for a common ground where its employees can meet and influence prospective customers. Although the firm's primary purpose is to help itself by (See GOLFING, Page 4)

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"He bringeth them unto their desired haven," Psalm 107:30b

An old seacaptain in a novel by Conan Doyle, "Micah Clarke," explains his personal precaution against temptation by saying: "He (God) is a pilot in course; when I had a pilot aboard o' my ship, however, it was always my way to keep my own weather eye open, d'ye see? The Pilot don't think none the worse of ye for it." We must watch carefully and stay on the course with God.

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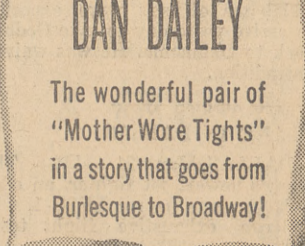
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