

Letters to The Editor . . .

We had almost given up hope. In fact we had just about decided that summer sessions and hot weather had reduced our usually reactionary student body to complete passivity, but we had failed to take to consideration one of our most prolific nature writers and a new, but influential minority on the campus—our coeds.

Yes, after three weeks of waiting, the summer Batt received and printed its first Letter to the Editor last Friday. Since was aimed at "long beards and Senior Kings," we weren't surprised to receive a retaliatory bit of prose running in today's "Letters" column.

On any college campus, the letter column is, and should be, an open forum for discussion of topics of student interest. It is the one ideal place for student opinion to be voiced. But too many times in the past, students have been slow to speak up. When campus issues arise, whether controversial or not, student opinion

should be voiced through the letters column.

These two letters have started things off. Through the rest of the summer we hope to print student opinion on any and all issues. The topics for letters to the editor are unlimited. On page one today, there is a story on ID cards for next year and one on changes to be made in the Grove program. Both of these deserve and demand student comment.

Out at USC, "The Daily Californian" runs from five to eight letters every day. Writing a letter to the editor out there is an established tradition. At A&M, we've always been known for our many traditions, but this time they've got us beat badly on one.

We think a "Letters to the Editor Tradition" would be a good one to add to the list at A&M. If you agree, we'll be expecting to hear from you soon.

Truman Spoils the Spoil System . . .

Last Friday President Truman made a suggestion which, if enacted into law, would put more efficiency and less politics into our national government.

In a special message to Congress, the President urged enactment of a law to authorize the Postmaster General to appoint all postmasters, subject only to provisions of the civil service and classification acts.

In the past, the chief executive has appointed the 21,000 first-three-grade postmasters and the Senate has confirmed them. Although the postmaster applicants took a civil service exam, the legislators usually picked one of the first three passing the exam and the Senate has, for several years, had the final say on confirmation.

Because of the general duties of a postmaster, the position has been used many times as a political plum to reward party workers, with very little consideration of

any ability other than political.

The new system offers no absolute assurance that the Postmaster General, who is usually a political aide of the President, will not continue to appoint members of the party in power. But by removing the power of recommendation from members of the legislature, it should weaken the spoils system considerably.

Actually, Truman's motives may not be altogether altruistic. In the new system he may see a means of retaining some of his old appointments if he bows out in the next election. On the other hand, he may see in the Hoover recommendation a genuine means of bettering the post office department.

Whatever the President's motives, we support the idea. The spoils system has long been a drawback to better government, both state and national. Any time it is minimized our country will be the better for it.

A College by Any Other Name . . .

We'll just have to stop calling North Texas Agricultural College N-tac. What's more we can't even call it North Texas Agricultural College anymore.

By legislative decree the branch college to A&M has gained a more sophisticated handle—Arlington State College.

This is at least a step toward the day when Arlington State College will grow up and become a senior college as it deserves to be. The name is still a bit new to us and Arlington State College sounds a little strange. But it's a good name. And if former N-tacers like it, it suits us fine.

In Passing . . .

For those with an English sense of humor this little AP story:

LONDON, June 27, (AP)—What kind of a joke gives a preacher a real belly laugh?

This one made clergymen, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, guffaw for three full minutes today after it was told to the annual Church of England assembly of clergymen and laymen:

A woman bought a drinking bowl for her dog. The clerk asked if she wanted

the word "dog" painted on it.

"No thanks," said the woman. "My husband doesn't drink water and the dog can't read."

Another English-type story is the one about the man who pulled into a filling station.

"Where's your radiator cap?" the station attendant asked.

"Up in front, and don't call me 'Cap'" was the driver's stern reply.

W. Boyd Gatewood: Very few people go to a doctor when they have a cold. They go to a theatre instead.

John Mooney: There's nothing wrong with being a self-made man if you don't consider the job finished too soon.

The Battalion

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Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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Letters To The Editor

FROM THE BROWN FAMILY

To the Student Body: The expression of your kindness and sympathy will always be remembered with deep gratitude. You helped so much and we do appreciate more than words can express.

The Brown Family (Editor's Note: Marcus R. Brown died in the College Hospital May 23, 1949, from injuries received in a motorcycle accident.)

ANSWER TO THE ANSWER

Editor, The Battalion: In response to a letter written by one of our beloved (?) Aggie coeds for the summer that was printed in Friday's Battalion.

It seems to me as though our coeds think very little of us hard-working Aggies. She wants us to shave and be congenial when there is no reason to be congenial. And it makes my heart bleed when I think of the many unspoken thoughts that she and the rest like her have about us. She paints us up into barbaric monsters (which some of us are) that care little for the fairer sex. Not true—far be it from me to vouch for the other thousands of Aggies when I say we love 'em all. I feel the rest of you might stand back of me in that statement. For myself—I am no woman-hater, but when, just having been told off by one of the opposite sex because I'm away attending this glorious institution, I hear one of our fellow (how do you say it when it concerns a female) Aggies run us down for not shaving, not being on intimate terms with them and not wanting extra-curricular activities. All of that I, too, want very much. But when we try to be nice and friendly, and the "Aggettes" noses climb into the wild blue yonder—I actually wonder what they really want.

Now who this coed is—I don't know, but judging from the tone and content of her letter she is about in her third year at dear ol' Tasseland. I'll not commit myself on that for it's a wild guess at best.

Right now, I have no reason to shave daily—mainly because our "Aggettes" don't seem to want to have anything to do with me. Not that I blame them for I'm no Clark Gable, nor am I Boris Karloff's twin brother. When one of them asks me to shave I will gladly comply—otherwise I'll wait until I get good and ready.

As our "Friendly Coed" did not give her name I cannot look her up. Instead I'll give her my name and my address (I have no phone number, wife, fiancée, etc.) and I'll also tell her where I am most of the day. Bright and early at seven o'clock I hit the ME Building on the run so as not to miss out on an interesting and much needed course. I'm usually there for either one or two hours—depending on the day of the week. Then at nine o'clock sharp I enter room 108 in the Academic Building for two hours of analytics (such a course). At eleven o'clock

I return to my sack.

Judging from other schedules and long drawn-out faces on the rest of the Aggies I figure that this routine is a common business for them, too.

They (Aggettes) say they're faced with being old maids—I wonder if that's the reason they attend A&M to study during the summer.

My soft bed calls me so I really must say "good night, and sweet dreams" to our beautiful (I've not seen any) coeds.

Chuck Laakso, '51 68 Legett Hall

Loan Fund Hits All Time High

The Student Loan Fund has reached an all-time high in the amount of money available, announced G. A. Long, director of student loans.

The loan money is made available through donations to three loan funds, Long explained. The total of these three funds is now \$31,517.77. The Davis "Buck" Loan is the oldest. It was established in 1943 by William K. Davis, class of '46. Davis started the fund with a donation of five dollars and it has grown to a total of \$450 through other donations.

The largest fund is the Breastine Gaber Loan Fund which was established by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation through Mrs. Ester Taubenhaus in 1944. Since that time the fund has been sponsored mainly by Mrs. Leo Gaber of Houston. It has grown to a total of \$2,107.04.

A&M's newest fund is the Breazeeale Loan Fund which was originated in 1948 by "Breezy" Breazeeale, class of '35, in memory of his mother, Lucy Jane Breazeeale. Since that time the fund has grown to \$94.73.

Jobs for Summer Students Scarce

Jobs for students are more scarce this summer than they have been for several semesters, according to G. A. Long, director of student labor.

"A student must show that he must have work in order to stay in school before he can secure work through this office," said Long. Peak employment numbered 915 students last year but the average for most months is about 850. There are 250 students permanently employed this summer. Average wage received is sixty cents, although some skilled labor receives one dollar an hour.

Jobs are scarce because of their seasonal nature, Long stated.

Third Preview To Feature IE Films

Films on industrial education subjects will be featured at the third weekly film preview, according to Walter Barnes of the A&M Photographic and Visual Aids Laboratory. The show will be held in the Petroleum Engineering lecture room at 8:30 Wednesday afternoon.

Among the films to be shown are, "The Draftsman," a vocational guidance film; "Furniture Craftsmanship," which is also a vocational guidance film; "Furnival and Sons," which is a British film about an English family of makers of fine cutlery; and "Flat Hatting," which is an amusing animated cartoon on safety, Barnes stated.

Local FFA Group To Meet Tonight

The A&M collegiate chapter of The Future Farmers of America will hold their second meeting of this semester tonight, Charles Walker, acting president announced today.

The meeting will be held in the Agricultural Engineering Building at 8 p.m., Walker concluded.

Boyle's Column . . .

This Ball Club Is By No Means On Its Last Leg

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK — (AP)—Capt. Bob Anderson isn't worried about his own team.

But he is worried about the caliber of the enemy ball team that will trot in the Polo Grounds against his outfit the night of July 26th. And, of course, he's fretting already about the attendance.

"Last year we drew only about 9,000," he said indignantly. "What do you think we play in—wheelchairs? This year we're hoping for 30,000."

The game is one of the most unusual sports events in New York. It'll be the 17th annual baseball contest between amputee war veterans.

"We're trying to raise \$100,000 for an amputee information and

research center here," said Anderson. "But the main thing is to get the public out so we can show them an amputee can do anything they can."

Bob, 25, lost his left arm to a German artillery shell in 1945. He is a shortstop and captain of the arm amputee team. The rival team is made up of leg amputees.

"All the players on both teams are vets from the second World War," he said. "The first World War vets are getting paunchy and slowing up. We want to keep the game fast. And these leg amps are really fast, too. They say their pitcher, Bert Shepard, can still run a hundred yards in around 12 seconds."

Shepard, a former big leaguer, is now player-manager with the

Waterbury, Conn. Timers in the Colonial league. Several other amputees are semi-pro players.

Like many another amputee young Anderson is angry at what he believes is senseless job discrimination against men who have lost arms or legs in war or industrial accidents.

"It isn't a personal problem with Bob."

Bob started a small retail egg route and saved enough to buy a truck. Now he has four trucks, four employees and a \$12,000 a year income.

"Most people think it's a disadvantage to lose an arm," he said. "I think it's an asset. It teaches you to use your head instead of your brawn. And I don't regret a minute I spent in the army. It made me grow up fast."

A&M Men Largest Hood Cadet Group

A&M is represented by the largest single group of cadets at the 1949 ROTC camp, which opened at Camp Hood last week. Nine hundred cadets, from 26 colleges in 13 states, arrived there for a six-week training course in Infantry, Armored Cavalry, and Military Police instruction, according to a release from 2nd Armored Division Headquarters.

Brig. Gen. Rupert E. Starr, commanding general of Combat Command B, greeted and welcomed the students to Camp Hood in an address delivered to the entire group. Brig. Gen. John H. Collier, commanding general of the 2nd Armored at Camp Hood, is camp commander and Col. Robert W. Strong is deputy camp commander of ROTC. Col. H. Keltner, PMS&T at Arlington State College is executive officer.

Southwest Colleges The Southwest has the largest representation at the summer camp.

Officers at Meade Plan ROTC Party

Nine former students, officers at Ft. Meade, Maryland, are planning a get-together with the Aggies who are serving in Company K, ROTC Summer Training Camp.

Major Leon H. Durst, Public Information Officer, is also attempting to arrange a junket of members representing the Texas Hatis Society and the Capital City Texas A&M Club to come out to Ft. Meade to observe the ROTC trainees in action.

The nine officers serving at Second Army Headquarters are Colonel Frank Millani, AG; Colonel Barlow Winston QM; Major Durst, Major R. W. Carpenter, G-3; Captain Joseph A. Ford AG-Misc; Captain C. R. Lewis, Second Army Medical Lab; Captain Victor B. Penul Jr., Signal Corps; Lieutenant F. L. Bowers, Ordnance; and Major James E. Brewster, 3rd Armored, Cavalry Regiment.

Foreign Ministers Conference Hailed

LONDON, June 24, (AP)—The big four foreign ministers Paris conference was hailed from both sides of the Iron Curtain today as a step toward better East-West relations.

Moscow's Communist party organ, Pravda, carried a long review of the talks. The Soviet paper worked in a few jabs at "American businessmen" and other pet targets, but generally concluded that the conference had aided in "easing" the international atmosphere.

Home "Scotch" Finis

Washington, June 27—(AP)—American distillers can't make Scotch whiskey any more.

The Internal Revenue Bureau ruled Friday that they may make "Scotch Type" whiskey, and use typically Scotch names such as "Highlands," "Kilts," "Scots," etc., but only Scotland may make plain "Scotch."

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PHA Compiles Engineer Lists

A roster of sanitary and public health engineer citizens of the US is being prepared by the American Public Health Association in conjunction with the National Security Resources Board, according to a news release by the Association.

It will bring the War Manpower Commission roster up to date and will provide a means of assuring proper utilization of professional training to trained sanitary and public health engineers should another national emergency arise.

Distribution of questionnaires to be used in gathering information for the roster was begun July 1. Files of the War Manpower Commission, lists of engineers from the Surgeon General of the US Army, membership lists of several national engineering societies, and individual information are being used as a basis for a mailing list in sending out the questionnaire.

However, it is recognized that many engineers are not registered in these places. Any engineer who does not receive a copy of the questionnaire within the next two or three months should notify the Engineering Section Project, American Public Health Association, 1790 Broadway, New York, so that his name can be entered in the master file and a questionnaire sent to him. In this way his name can be included in the roster.

Certain basic information will be made available to engineering societies and organizations cooperating in the preparation of the roster by the American Public Health Association.

Texas and California Best Business Spots

Dallas, June 27—(AP)—The head of the world's largest real estate board said today Texas and California are now the nation's best business spots.

Philip M. Rea, president of the 1,500-member Los Angeles Realty Board, is visiting here.

He said there is no reason for a depression, although business men are concerned about taxation and government interference with private enterprise.

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