

## Officials: Matty Throws in A Wrench . . .

Coach Matty Bell recently threw a wrench into outspoken criticism of fans, sports writers, and coaches against Southwest Conference football officials.

Irritated by statements that officiating made it difficult to beat SMU in the Cotton Bowl, Bell declared that if "their unjustified criticism of officials" didn't stop the time will soon come when "capable men will not be willing to work our games." This is only too true.

Officials, just like everyone else, are human and prone to make mistakes once in a while. Unfortunately, in football only one team can win; the one that loses may tend to magnify mistakes in officiating. Coaches, fans, and verbally patronizing sports writers whose favorite teams lose games due to what they loudly and many times erroneously consider faulty rulings should try to remember the many times they have kept their mouths and typewriters silent when their proteges won due to uncalled infractions.

"I have been coaching college football since 1920, and I think the officiating this year is just as fair and efficient as ever in the past," Bell added. He said that a

close study of moving pictures of Southern Methodist's football games with Texas, Kentucky, and Rice fail to show officiating had affected the outcome of the games.

But others do not agree. Jinx Tucker, Waco sports writer, said, "this year and last year, teams playing Southern Methodist University in the Cotton Bowl have been victims of terrible officiating." And officials were criticized at other conference schools. Johnny Vaught, coach of Mississippi, criticized officiating in his game with Texas Christian at Fort Worth when Mississippi lost 33 to 27.

These critics should realize that football rulings naturally are observed to varying degrees in different cities, states, conferences, and regions of the country. It may be that official of the Southwest Conference tend to be more strict in their rulings and dishing out of penalties than, say, officials in some of our Eastern conferences. Fans, sports writers, coaches for a team playing in another conference not its own should realize this.

The officials can make mistakes, but if they were not tops in their field, others would most definitely be taking their places.

## One of Every Twenty Will Be There . . .

Newsmen from many of the state papers are now in the midst of a state-conducted tour of Texas' institutions for the mentally ill. These newsmen are now sending their initial dispatches to their home offices on the conditions of state hospitals.

They seem to have discovered why the last legislature was asked to spend almost three million dollars at the San Antonio State Hospital alone. This institution, only one of the many under-staffed, under-equipped hospitals, is seriously overcrowded.

They saw in the hospital hundreds of mental patients with nothing to do all day but sit or stand, or perhaps wander aimlessly around their limited confines.

They saw the 1600 patients massed and eating in one undersized dining hall. They saw beds lining the hallways, having long since overflowed from the rooms and wards.

Attendants told them of the cold, zero nights of last winter when many of the patients slept on screened porches. All they could do was to "pile on the cover"—a noble gesture, but hardly effective.

The hospital in San Antonio is designed only to accommodate 1000 men and women, according to the latest standards. Trained psychiatrists, a necessity in treat-

ing the mentally ill, average only one to every 740 patients.

We could rant on for pages on the shortcomings of the state eleemosynary institutions. Why should these men and women have to look forward to another winter of sleeping in the cold, of meals without having room to eat properly? They work in buildings which either should be or have been condemned.

Mental sickness knows no class, no race, no religion. You or I could easily wind up there or in some similar institution some day. One of every twenty Texans, statistics say, will be there with us. Or perhaps you know some unfortunate person who must live in these surroundings now, though he should be receiving the best of care, or at least satisfactory care.

The state legislature will receive another request for the needed sum to improve these and other facilities in Texas when they meet in special session in January. We join with all straight-thinking Texans in hoping that the necessary action to improve these conditions will be taken then.

In the meantime, these people will be shivering through two months of winter weather.

## Cherchez la Femme With No Clothes On . . .

The average British layman may be enjoying it, but the Public Mortality Council of the island country is against the vogue for naked women.

Britain's top-censor, the Lord Chamberlain, has been requested to do something about it by the council. The Lord Chamberlain, perhaps a fun-loving man himself, has taken no action thus far.

"We are not morbid folk. We aren't giving to carping for its own sake," says a spokesman for the council. They claim to like good entertainment, but insist that some of the latest happenings on theater

row have not been too conducive to a "healthy mind."

Only a short while ago, the council berated some transient American striptease artists and passed a ruling against rustling a muscle. If the entertainers would stand stock-still, however, the council would call it "art." This ruling was accepted in good grace by the Lord Chamberlain.

We heartily agree with the Lord Chamberlain's definition, though we may provoke criticism from the Public Morality Council.



## Letters To The Editor

(All letters to the editor which are signed by a student or employee of the college and which do not contain obscene or libelous material will be published. Persons wishing to have their names withheld from publication may request such action and these names will not, without the consent of the writer, be divulged to any persons other than the editors.)

### PRONUNCIATION!

Editor, The Battalion:

Your Battalion columnist, Mr. Herman C. Gollob, needs a lesson in pronunciation. I would like to impress upon him, the other members of your staff, and any other person reading this that the proper name for the fair city situated 170 miles south of College Station is SAN ANTONIO. No other name, no abbreviation is applicable, desirable, nor even pleasant to the ear.

Even though we who live there deplore its politics, crooked streets, and slums, we still take pride in its beauty and its history. More than that, we like to hear our city called by its correct name just as you and your friends liked to be called by your correct names.

I reiterate. The name is NOT "santonio" nor "sanantonio". Please, please call it SAN ANTONIO. After all, there is only one extra syllable.

Sincerely,  
Marvin G. Rice '46

(Editor's Note—One half of the editors hail from your fair city. We have taken Mr. Gollob in hand, beaten him severely around the head and shoulders with a long bull whip and have received from him a promise to mend his ways. As a further punishment, we have taken to referring to his home town as Husten, a suburb of Galveston.)

### RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT

Editor, The Battalion:

I'm happy to be able to say that right now on our campus a definite religious movement is getting underway. Of course, we hope that it will soon be in full swing, and I wonder if it would be possible to use The Battalion to aid in this movement?

At present there are several separate groups meeting daily that are working, intimately, toward a sweeping movement that will finally engulf the whole student body. These are not fanatic groups of students who would simply like to see God have the full position of power here; students who would like to see the happiness that that power will bring to the hearts of all involved. If each of these groups can be given information as to what the others are doing, it will help immensely in getting a union of purpose and program.

Now, here's the part I'd like The Batt to play. If you will publish this letter, it will serve as a notice to each small group on the campus that is holding meetings now. I would like a short note from each group telling me when and where it meets and what its present program.

### Official Notice

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING  
November 5, 1949  
NOTICE—ID CARDS—Will all students in all schools having ID Cards numbered below please bring or call at the Dean of Engineering Office (phone 4-5744 or 4-8344) at 210 Petroleum Building and give the name corresponding to their card number. A new list will be published each day.

H. W. BARLOW,  
Dean of Engineering

Will the students with the following Identification Picture Numbers please contact the office of the Dean of Engineering (phone 4-5744 or 4-8344) as soon as possible:  
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Each candidate who expects to complete the requirements for the Master's Degree at the end of the current semester should file application for the degree with the Dean of the Graduate School and with the Registrar not later than December 1. Dr. Ide P. Trotter, Dean, Graduate School

### STUDENTS

There will be an assembly of all students in the School of Agriculture at 11 a. m. Thursday, November 19 in Guion Hall. Agricultural students will be excused from class at that hour for the purpose of attending this assembly.  
CHARLES N. SHEPARDSON  
Dean of Agriculture

Two representatives of the Veterans Administration Regional Office, Waco, will be in Room 260 Bizzell Hall between the hours of 9:30 a. m. and 3:00 p. m. Thursday, Nov. 10, for the purpose of assisting any veteran with their Veteran Administration problems. Any veteran with VA problems is urged to see these representatives regardless of what previous action has been taken.

gram is. Later I would like to compile the information sent me and get it published in The Batt along with interesting notes of progress.

May I also announce that anyone interested in getting with one of these groups, or in forming a new one, may feel welcome to visit the group that I represent. We meet every night at 10 p. m. in Room 211 of Dormitory 12.

Thank you sincerely for your aid.

Robert T. Terrell  
Box 5266

(Editor's Note—The Battalion policy is to print all letters written by student or employees of the college. We also try to give relatively equal publicity to any campus organization and will be glad to consider any articles concerning your movement. Space limitations and relative news value must, necessarily, govern our final treatment of any information.)

### SIS HAS HER SAY

Editor, The Battalion:

I have just finished reading Dave Coslett's article in the Lasso. He said he would like to know how we liked the idea of "news from the natives in this far-off land"—A&M. So here is my two-cents worth.

I think it is a very good idea, and I'm wondering why it wasn't started before. As I hardly ever see a Battalion, I would like to hear from my Aggie "brothers," being a very interested "sister."

I think that the series of stories on why women go to college would be enlightening as personally don't know any one reason why I came, except that I know TSCW was quite friendly with my A&M.

I guess that about closes this little epistle for now. I am looking forward to more articles from AggieLand.

Very sincerely,  
Joan Davis, '52

(Editor's Note—The reference in the letter is to a newly inaugurated weekly Aggie news column in the Daily Lasso-O, the TSCW student newspaper. The series to which Miss Davis refers is now running daily in The Battalion.)

### REPENT YE, OH REPENT

Editor, The Battalion:

In sorting over some old clippings, I came across this. Possibly the pipe smokers among the Aggies may be interested in it.

Way back in those forgotten days When time for man got ripe A tailless ape sat on a tree And smoked a penny pipe.

And as he smoked, lo thought began He knew that he enjoyed Be not surprised at this, you see, That ape was anthropoid.

Thus thought began and thought is all That makes a man a man So, be it known that thus in smoke The human race began.

But mark how in a circle move All subliminary things And as the monkey's pipe made thought And thought created man The cigarette shall take him back To just where he began.

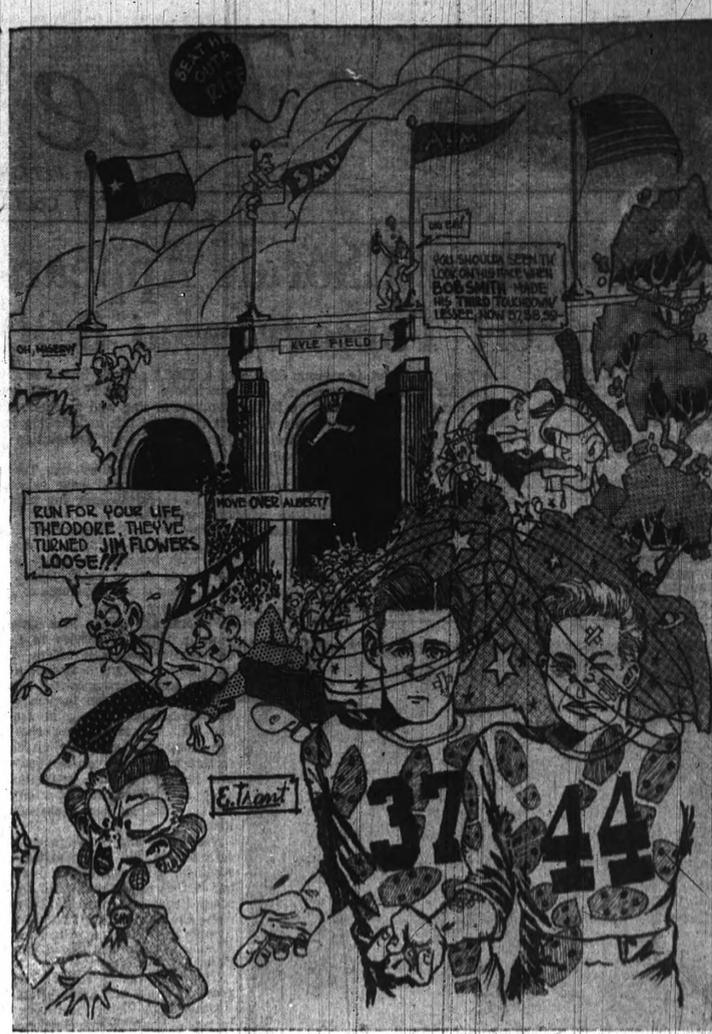
From Mark Sullivan's note book when he was in Normal School in West Chester, Penn., when he was fourteen years old.  
Charles Ross Taggart  
(Editor's Note—We prefer cigars.)

### Pilots Collide; Live To Tell of Incident

Manila, Nov. 8 (AP)—Two U. S. 13th Air Force fighter pilots today collided in the air over Luzon and lived to tell about it.

The two F-51 fighters suffered major damage when they brushed each other doing a routine training flight. Both pilots stuck with their planes and landed them at Clark Field Base.

The pilots were Lt. Harry E. Dugan of Norwalk, Calif., and Lt. Charles E. Schreffler of Anderson, Ind.



## Boyle's Column . . .

# America's Most Glamorous Girl Celebrates Birthday

BY HAL BOYLE

New York, (AP)—Happy birthday today to America's most glamorous girl!

She's 63 years old, but isn't looking forward to her old age pension. She still carries a torch for every man in the land, and she is true to each one that has stayed true to her.

A chubby lass who always wears the same old-fashioned dress, she has welcomed more people to New York than Grover Whelan. She never lifted her skirts for a cheese-cake photo, but she has posed for more snapshots than Greta Garbo ever hoped to avoid.

This national sweetheart—the number one U. S. pinup girl—is Miss Liberty, the statue that stands gazing seaward from from Bedloe Island, a 15-acre welcome mat outside the golden door.

Perhaps she had an even harder time getting set up here than the average immigrant. The idea of the Statue of Liberty was conceived by a French historian in 1876 on the 100th anniversary of American independence. She was modeled by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, a young Alsation sculptor.

She was a million-dollar baby. It took the French people four years to raise \$700,000 by popular subscription to build her. But it was nine years before the American people got around to taking her as a gift and raised \$300,000 for a pedestal to put her on her feet. The campaign was put over the top by Joseph Pulitzer's New York World.

The first rivet was put in place on July 12, 1886, and President Cleveland formally welcomed Miss Liberty to citizenship on Oct. 28 of that year.

She immediately took the country by storm and over the years has become a great national shrine. An odd fact: In all these years no one has committed suicide by jumping from her head. This might be because no one ever wanted to desecrate Miss Liberty. Or it could be because nobody but a midget could crawl through the windows in her crown.

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Tickets are on sale for those agricultural engineering students who have passed their freshman marks, Repper continued. The tickets are being sold at 80 cents each and

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