

Support, Both Positive and Negative . . .

Sunday night two A&M sophomores received a forcible demonstration of the old adage about how people who play with fire frequently get burned.

In a moment filled with more enthusiasm than thought, they set fire to one of several stacks of wood being readied for the University of Texas' bonfire. Being careless with their gasoline and matches, however, they set fire to themselves at the same time, and received some not-too-serious, but rather painful burns.

A portion of the university's wood supply, and the sophomore student's pants, weren't the only things damaged by the flames. A&M's chances of becoming the first Southwest Conference Sportsmanship trophy winner to repeat were seriously singed by the burning. Until Sunday, the Aggies grip on the trophy was solid and growing more secure by the day. But the bonfire-burning incident is precisely the type of thing that is played up across the state and sticks in the minds of its citizens.

Considering the discomfort they are suffering over the little damage they did

to the TU bonfire, it is difficult to be angry with the two sophomores. But when you consider the negative effect their actions had, it's a different story.

Instead of helping make the A & M bonfire the largest and best in our history, they were off in Austin, trying to undo the efforts of the university students. In a few minutes time they nullified a lot of the good will 8,000 Aggies had worked long and hard for and denied themselves a long-standing tradition to build up.

This negative-type of support isn't the type of support that wins trophies, commands other people's respect, or does the football team a service. Bonfire-burning and campus-painting does nothing to build team spirit or support. It serves only to indicate to the opposition that you can't meet them on an even basis, but have to stoop to underhanded tactics to take them on a football field.

We don't think our ball club needs, or wants, that kind of backing from anybody. Let's quit pushing over other people's playhouses, and get behind our own building program. That's the kind of fire that wins football games.

Small Steps, But In the Right Direction . . .

The first bit of encouraging news we have received on the state hospital situation passed into our hands today. With the state legislature out of session until January, there appeared to be no hope that any money could be appropriated to help the state hospitals and mental institutions during the fall and winter months.

Federal money, however, channeled to the states for construction of hospitals, has been doubled. The program of deferral assistance to this construction has been extended through June, 1955.

Early this month representatives of Texas newspapers toured the eleemosynary institutions in Austin, San Antonio and other cities. On this tour conducted by state officials, the newsmen found only what everyone seemed to know, but found it in greater quantities.

Texas hospitals are vastly overcrowded; many contained twice their capacity of patients. The institutions were clean, however—an improvement made since the

last newspaper crusade. Cleanliness may be next to godliness, but health should enter the picture somewhere.

The hospitals are vastly undermanned; there are too often hundreds of patients per doctor, per psychologist, per nurse. Last winter many patients were forced to sleep on screened porches, with the cold air playing havoc with their ills. They have little else to expect this winter.

Prior to October, when the federal aid became effective, the state would provide one-third the expense of building and maintaining these hospitals. Now, under the new provisions, the state will foot two-thirds of the bill, while the local area in which the hospital is built has its percentage reduced to one-third.

Our state legislature will meet in special session come January. We only hope that aid for these people—who come from all classes, races, and religions—will be the first appropriation on their agenda.

The Grave Digger Must Be A Party-liner

Wanted: Man under 40 years of age to dig graves. Must be politically reliable and demonstrate a positive attitude towards the peoples' democratic regime. Applications should be addressed to the Council of Duchcov, Bohemia.

This quaint, and curious, and startling want ad appeared in a Czechoslovakian newspaper last week. The Council of Duchcov apparently were seeking the employment of a grave digger, but as a condition of employment, said grave-digger must be a rosey-red party-liner.

Of all the jobs on this earth, we would think that digging graves is the farthest

removed from politics. It is too late for the deceased to concern himself over politics, and we'd think that the ideological bent of the grave-digger would have no effect upon the grave for souls already passed from this earth.

But over-zealous Czechoslovak communists seem to possess the disposition that dirt and rocks from mother earth to make a final resting place for some mortal clay must be removed by hands purged of all individualistic habits. The grave should be dug by hands that are guided by minds that embrace the hammer and sickle.

BANG UP PLAY, BUT WHO'S CARRYING THE BALL



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 obscenity 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.)

NO COMMENT

Editor, The Battalion: I am writing this letter because I feel it an appropriate time to do so. It deals with grades and some of the profs at A&M.

It has been brought to my attention that a number of the profs at A&M consider it a point of honor to conduct a class in which a great number of students are busted. The same profs look down on the prof who manages to pass the majority of his students.

In all fairness to the profs who are able to pass most of their students, I believe that a statement on their half is in order. The profs who are looked down upon because of their ability to get the work they are teaching across to the student should look down upon the profs who flunk the majority of their students because, by flunking so many, the prof is merely demonstrating his inability to teach.

Thank God all of the teachers at A&M aren't misfits as these men certainly are.

Name withheld by request

OUR EARS ARE BURNING

Editor, The Battalion: I have recently moved and would appreciate it greatly if you would change the address on my Battalion subscription to;

James T. Bonnen
Room 83, Perkins Hall
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

While you are noting the comments of different newspapers on the A&M vs. SMU game, you might record the fact that we got a full page, head line on the sports page of The New York Times (Sunday, November 6) which usually never bothers to give a column inch to Southwest Conference football.

Sincerely yours,
Jim Bonnen, '48

Murdoch Honored By AICHE Plaque

The South Texas Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers recently honored Dr. P. G. Murdoch, research professor of the Chemical Engineering Department.

Dr. Murdoch was recipient of the "Publication Award" which was instituted this year as annual award by the section. It was a bronze plaque given to the member who published the best paper in a technical journal during the previous year.

The subject of Dr. Murdoch's paper was "Multicomponent Distillation," which appeared in the November, 1948, issue of Chemical Engineering Progress. This publication is the official journal of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Since this initial publication on the subject, three additional papers have been prepared on further phases.

From the 300 members of the organization, 16 papers were submitted for consideration. A committee of six studied the papers and judged them on the basis of originality of subject treatment, clarity and completeness of presentation, and usefulness to the profession.

Rice Campus Site Of Science Meet

Rice Institute's campus will be the site of the annual convention of the Texas Academy of Sciences December 3 and 4.

The Collegiate and Executive Committees of the T. A. S. recently completed their program for the annual meeting when they met at Southwestern University in Georgetown.

Headquarters of the meet will be the new Fondren Library at Rice, where registration will begin Friday morning, December 3.

Events on the agenda for the convention include special motion pictures, exhibits and demonstrations. Two speeches will be delivered, "What Should Texas Expect from Science" and "Science and the Development of the Southwest."

The convention will be terminated at a banquet where Dr. J. Brian Eby, former president of the organization, will speak.

Hickman Asks For 30 Traffic Aides

Thirty students will be needed to help handle traffic and parking on Thanksgiving Day, according to Fred Hickman, chief of the Campus Security Office.

Any student interested in such work is asked to report to Hickman in his office in Goodwin Hall before Tuesday, November 22, for an assignment of place and hours.

Issuing of Year Book Continues Till Thursday

Issuing of the Aggrieland 1949 will continue each day until Thanksgiving from 8 a. m. through 5 p. m. in room 204 A, Goodwin Hall, Roland Bing, manager of student publications said today.

Any student who has not received his Aggrieland '49 may secure it by presenting his ID card or yellow fee slip to the staff issuing the annuals, Bing added.

No Aggrieland will be given out after 5 p. m. Wednesday, Bing said, but issuance will probably resume after the Thanksgiving holidays.

Official Notice

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING
November 5, 1949

NOTICE—ID CARDS—Will all students in all schools having ID Cards numbered below please phone or call at the Dean of Engineering Office (Phone 4-5744 or 4-5544) 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 Office 4-5524 as soon as possible:
26, 49, 56, 74, 98, 107, 121, 285, 287, 287, 306, 420, 425, 434, 436, 437, 440, 447, 452, 455, 460, 464, 480, 486, 488, 491, 495, 502, 504, 505, 507, 510, 529, 537, 539, 539, 546, 518, 521, 749, 789, 844, 866, 868, 2204, 2257, 2438, 2828, 3110, 3136, 3177, 3760, 3768, 3778, 3322, 3337, 3390, 3411, 3412, 3445, 3481, 3485, 3511, 3550, 3610, 3689, 3709, 3792, 3514, 3820, 3822, 3851, 3857, 3858, 3890, 3936, 3944, 3969, 4004, 4019, 4047, 4050, 4058, 4059, 4157, 4180, 4189.

Boyle's Column . . .

Good Hunting in Alaska For Matrimony-Minded Women

BY HAL BOYLE

New York, Nov. 21 (AP)—Looking for a good strong man to build your life around, sister?

Well, if you're a robust, warm-blooded girl, don't overlook Alaska. The odds are in your favor there.

"It's a great place for a girl to find a husband," said Maurice T. Johnson, mayor of Fairbanks, which he says is the third largest city in Alaska and "the largest one farthest north."

It has 12,000 people, counting its far-flung suburbs. "There are about three men to every woman — maybe more — throughout the territory," said Johnson, adding this note of caution:

"But a lot of young girls who came up there and saw our rough-hewn old miners might feel disappointed. They might even want to turn around and come back."

However, though the men are as rugged as the scenery, a girl needn't worry about there being any lack of heat in the long-Alaskan winter.

Mayor Johnson and City Clerk E. A. Tonseth came to Manhattan to fix that. They had the chore of signing a \$4,500,000 bond issue to build Fairbanks a new municipally owned power plant and water treatment system.

"It was the first revenue bond issued here," said Johnson.

Johnson said Times Square failed to come up to the northern lights in splendor, and said the climate here didn't equal that of Alaska.

"In June we can play baseball at midnight without artificial lights," he remarked. "It never gets dark in summer."

The mayor, before taking off for Fairbanks, expressed relief he had been able to complete his business in New York before winter trapped him here.

"I understand you had a 25-inch snowfall in one day a couple of years ago, he said. "Why, we never have a snow like that up home. Only had 31 inches all told last year. Don't see how you handle it all."

Crops Judges To Fort Worth

The Crops Judging team left Friday for Fort Worth, where they visited the United State Department of Agriculture grain grading laboratory.

From Fort Worth, the team journeys to Oklahoma A&M College, then to Kansas City. There they will participate in the Kansas City National Collegiate Crops Judging Contest.

The team will visit the Chicago Grain Exchange, the Chicago International Livestock Exposition, Hay and Grain Show after leaving Kansas City.

While in Chicago, the crops team will compete in the International Crops Judging contest and attend a meeting of the student section of the American Society of Agronomy. The society is scheduled to hold an election of national officers at the meeting.

On the return trip, the team will pass through St. Louis, where they will tour the Corneli Seed Company.

Members making the trip are Willie Kelling, Leo Mikeska, Joe Walzel, and Jack Williams.

—Beat TU—

Aggrieland Orch to Play For Dance at Annex

The Aggrieland Orchestra will play for a pre-Thanksgiving dance Wednesday night after the bonfire in the Annex Student Center.

Tommy Butler, of Abilene, is featured vocalist.

Jerry Steves will play tenor sax, Gordon Keller will provide musical background, and Glenn Torrence will sing and play the trumpet.

Aggrieland 1950 Deadlines Near

Noon, November 24 is the final deadline for non-corps individual pictures to be made. Chuch Cabanis, non-corps editor of the Aggrieland 1950, has announced.

Today, tomorrow, and the morning of Thanksgiving Day are the last opportunities for non-corps students to have pictures made at the Aggrieland Studio, he said.

Unit commanders of the Sixth Regiments and those unit commanders of the other regiments who failed to have their pictures made at the scheduled time must have their pictures made prior to noon Thanksgiving Day, Jim Woodall, corps editor of the annual reported.

Only about half of the scheduled unit commander pictures have been made, and unless the men have their pictures made before the holidays begin, work on mounting the pictures will be delayed, Woodall explained.

All men who have not picked up their proofs or who have not returned their proofs to the studio should do so before Thursday so that the studio personnel can work on the photographs during the period while the students are away from the campus, the editors added.

I'M BACK AGAIN

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★ "Is this village lighted by electricity?" ★
★ "Only when there's a thunderstorm." ★

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