

Battalion Editorials

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1949

Open Letter to the TU Football Squad . . .

Gentlemen: We have delayed writing this for a week, in the belief that things might look differently after a seven-day cooling-off period. They don't.

Last Thursday afternoon, on Kyle Field, you gave us a magnificent demonstration of football. Your play was terrific. You also gave us an outstanding demonstration of dirty football, with slugging and piling on the rule, rather than the exception. It looked like hell.

The paradoxical part about it all was that you could have beaten us quite handily without the rough stuff. It seemed to us rather foolish to mar good football with back-alley brawling.

It would be difficult to say just how the final score would have been affected if you had stuck strictly to blocking and tackling and left out the slugging and piling-on. We won't hazard a guess whether the difference in score would have been larger or smaller.

But there is one thing that seems certain. You cost our very fine sophomore fullback, Bob Smith, quite a bit of personal distinction. As a result of being slugged by one of your ends—and that incident was only the most outstanding of a long series of shoddy and illegal tactics—Smith missed a little more than half of the game.

While he was idle he lost several places in the conference standings for leading ground gainers and scorers. By the same token, he has already missed one all-conference team, and may lose recognition on other mythical elevens.

It could be that we have the wrong

Quick, the Smelling Salts! I'm Out . . .

There was big news among the nation's bluebloods last week. With publication of the 1950 Social Register, the carriage trade had a field day thumbing through its pages, seeing just who was included and who was not.

Changes always occur in the Social Register, but the publishing association never tells why. This is left to the wondering and curious minds of the so-called elite.

We have never carried hopes of someday being included in this book of books. We do not especially care. Yet we can visualize the thousands of people who waited anxiously for many days, hoping against hope that their name would appear in this publication of the select, the pure-bred.

Yet there are probably many people

idea about football. Maybe, as a few people suggest, we should do anything to draw a bigger gate and pile up a more sensational score. But we can't help believing that just about as many fans will turn out, and that one of the two teams will usually win if football is played according to its own rules and boxing and wrestling are left to fend for themselves.

Although it may sound like a sour-grapes statement, we are pretty proud of our '49 football squad and their record. Scorewise, they were pretty sad. But they gave everything they had in every game. They didn't quit and they kept it clean. That's all we expect of anybody's football team.

Next year it looks like the University of Texas, with your depth of good sophomores and juniors will be the power of the conference. On Turkey Day, 1950, it's possible you may be undefeated and on the way to the SWC championship.

But when you meet the Aggies in Memorial Stadium that afternoon, you can ignore the records. We will try to impress on you that afternoon that an inspired team can play clean football, which is also good football.

You may rest assured that we will use your dirty play of Thursday against you as much as possible. We will mention it to our football team and student body on several occasions before the game.

On that Thanksgiving afternoon you will be playing two teams—our 1950 team and your squad of 1949. You might begin thinking about, and working toward, the game right now.

We are.

included in these supposedly revered pages who care no more than you or we as to its content. Their minds are probably occupied by many more weighty problems, which require much more mentality and character than it takes to score a hit in the Register.

Variations in those included have many alleged reasons for being. Divorces, marriages out of class, scandals, politics—all have a bearing on the selection.

Place this bluebook by such a publication as "Who's Who," the annual edition of greats and near-greats by their own workings, and try to find a comparison. We can see none.

Let this carriage trade have their fun. It's big news to them, even if nobody else particularly cares.

tickets away.

Now the students claim the dictionary defines a spouse as a fiancee or fiancee as well as a bride or bridegroom.

The college is taking a dim view of the argument.

As ingenious as Aggies sometimes are, we doubt if any have lately equaled this dictionary feat. We don't read dictionaries; by reading them one might get educated.



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.)

NOSE POWDERING

Editor, The Battalion: Open letter to Aggies—will you heed some frank and sisterly advice from an ex-Tessie who feels sorry for her modest sex who suffer needlessly from the carelessness of their Aggie dates?

I have often wondered why, Aggies, when asking a girl down for the bonfire and game for the first time didn't give the girl some warning of the one to three hour stand she'll have at the bonfire with no chance to sit down (or go powder their noses). I have seen and talked to many girls who suffer the agonies of the damned (with a bright smile on her face) from wearing high heels from their arrival clear through supper and the hours of the bonfire, because no one had given them an inkling of the time elements or the circumstances awaiting them. Of course, some girls will wear what they please anyway, or high heels all the time, but I've heard too many others moan. "If I'd only known . . ."

Now boys can be men, can't they? It may be asking too much that you tactfully afford an opportunity for your date to go powder her nose during a long day, here, but at least you can write her that for the most part, there's no sitting down on a weekend at AggieLand!

Name withheld by request

EXPLANATION WANTED

Editor, The Battalion: The object of this letter is to find out why in the world the Dean of Men should put two senior yell leaders on conduct probation for the rest of their days at this fair school, and also to campus them for the rest of this semester. We understand that the jokes (some of them) were out of place in front of ladies, but since this is a boys school, it was not conduct rating such a "chicken" act.

Name withheld by request (Editors' Note—The action taken against the two men was by faculty panel. Since panel cases are open to The Battalion for observation only (with approval of men involved and panel members) and not for public comment, we refer you to the two yell leaders for the explanation.)

Party Planned By Brush Countrymen

The Brush Country A&M Club will hold its annual Christmas party and dance December 27 at the VFW Hall in Alice, Joe Salch, president of the club, said this morning.

Arrangements for an orchestra, refreshments, and entertainment are being made, and if present plans materialize "this should be the best party the club has ever held," Salch said.

All members of the club and students from the Brush country have been asked by Salch to meet tonight in Room 805 of the Academic Building at 7:15 p. m. when party plans will be concluded.

A Freshman edition of the Brush Country Club is now being organized at the Annex, Calch concluded.

Hawg Catching C.O. Represents Outfit

Scott Howell, Company Commander of A Company Transportation Corps, will represent his company in the Pig Catching Contest to be held as a feature on the program of the Intercollegiate Rodeo, which will be held on the campus this week-end.

Scott has had previous experience in such contests. He successfully caught two Aberdeen-Angus calves on two different occasions at the Houston Fat Stock Show while he was a member of the Waller County 4-H Club.

The pigs will be thoroughly greased and turned loose in the arena of the A. H. Pavilion. The contestants try to catch as many as they can.

Official Notice

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING November 8, 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 4-5244) 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 49, 51, 74, 95, 147, 248, 283, 287, 420, 425, 424, 436, 440, 447, 455, 469, 490, 486, 488, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 510, 521, 529, 537, 571, 572, 1782, 1783, 1785, 1863, 2828, 2911, 3177, 3178, 3222, 3248, 3432, 3443, 3461, 3511, 3610, 3709, 3732, 3814, 3851, 3888, 3896, 3936, 3944, 4018, 4028, 4055, 4190, 4199, 4284, 4300, 4382, 4479, 4485, 4561, 4672, 5085, 5079, 5015, 5011, 5016, 5285, 5341.

Lamar County Sets Christmas Dance

Preparations are now being made for the annual Lamar County A&M Club Christmas Dinner Dance to be held in Paris, Dec. 24.

There is to be a special meeting of the club tonight at 7 in the YMCA Assembly Room.

Persons from that vicinity interested in attending the dance are asked to contact Bob Gregg, room 317, Dormitory 10, or Charles Seerest, room 302, Dormitory 15, immediately.

Behind the Barricades . . .

Batt Editors Read Texan After 'Go to TU' Invite

BY C. C. MUNROE

Having successfully dodged the explosive missiles, brickbats, clouds of dirt, and old Battalion boxes tossed our way during the past several weeks, those of us with thwarted ambitions to "do a column" have decided to take the plunge. We took a fling at "doing" columns last year but in our haste to put our names in print, we mistakenly placed our writings under the headline, "Sticking My Neck Out."

At the time we thought it was a good little, but everybody expected us to denounce those who pay us our bread and butter money, so the effort at columnizing went the way of all good intentions. This year we're going to make another attempt. Instead of three times a week as we tried to make "Sticking My Neck", we plan to bend over our typewriters only once during each seven days to produce our epics.

Since we have received several written, and countless verbal invitations, to "go to work for the Daily Texan", we have taken particular notice of the University's

paper just in case popular opinion forced such a move. Our intention has turned up what might be a valuable tip for those extending us an invitation to head Austinward.

Dick Elam, editor of the Texan who has been voted one of the ten most hated men on the campus, was recently condemned for "gross mismanagement of the Daily Texan" by the Mica Executive Council, a student organization. The Micas, referring to what they called "complete and deliberate incompetence on the part of the editor" voted 22 to 3 for sending a report of their disapproval to the Student Publications Board.

Final blow came when the president of the organization said, "I think that the editor of the Daily Texan is holding personal, petty gripes above the well-being of the paper and in so doing is causing it to degenerate into a useless 'rag'."

We haven't been able to contact Elam, but believe he might be willing to exchange with us.

Added Note—In the same issue of the Texan in which Elam was condemned was a report that his paper had placed first in Sigma Delta Chi's general newswriting contest for college newspapers. SDX is the largest professional journalism organization in the world.

PS to Added Note—We cannot help but remember an incident last year when the Southern Methodist student council made a formal investigation of The SMU Campus, that university's paper. The president of the council, Joe Patterson, in a classic statement regarding the Mustang's paper, said—with a deep insight, "We've got to have freedom of the press, but they can't go around saying things like that."

One final word on college Journalism—A news clipping on The

Mexico to Halt Tax-Free Import

Mexico City—(P)—Some changes in buying across the U. S.-Mexico border may come after Dec. 3. On that day there will expire temporary permission for some frontier towns to import the 207 articles on a prohibited list issued June 21.

So far President Miguel Aleman has shown no disposition to enlarge the special rights of border people to buy in the United States and to bring goods to Mexico without paying duty. Under a law passed Nov. 27, 1948, the president is authorized to create, alter or abolish free zones. His one major action was the 15-year extension, beginning Jan. 1, 1952, of the lower California privilege.

Nogales, Ariz., frequently has been mentioned as a candidate for free zone rights but so far there is no indication that the president will authorize them. His disposition, as represented by the treasury department, has been more toward tightening than loosening restrictions, all aimed toward discouraging the spending of dollars abroad by Mexicans.

Sales Classes To Hear Smith Talk

George Smith, district manager of the Houston office of the Dictaphone Corporation, will address salesmanship and sales management classes in the Business and Accounting Department Monday, December 5. Professor Ernest R. Bulow said yesterday. A member of the class of '30, Smith is a past president of the Former Students Association.

Smith's talk will be on the techniques of demonstration in selling, Bulow states. He will also give a demonstration of the latest model Dictaphone which his company now sells.

Smith will also give some tips on how to overcome price obstacles and how to delay the discussion of cost until after the sales presentation is completed, Bulow added.

Bulow concluded by stating that all persons interested in hearing Smith were invited to attend any of the sales classes next Monday.

Teachers Sought For Philippines

Seven agricultural teaching positions are open in Burma and the Philippines under the Fulbright Educational Exchange Program, according to a release from the Federal Security Agency.

Two teachers of agriculture in secondary schools are needed at the Central State High School in Rangon. At the National Agricultural School at Bukidnon in the Philippines, five teachers are needed. One is needed in farm mechanics, farm management, animal husbandry, horticulture, and agricultural teacher education.

Applications for these teaching positions should be filed before Dec. 31, 1949. Application blanks may be secured from the Division of International Educational Relations, Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, Washington 25, D. C.

Singing Cops Canned

Breghen—(P)—After a drinking party, seven German policemen drove through this city singing Nazi songs. They were discharged from the force, police headquarters reported.

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FARLEY GRANGER CHARLES BICKFORD ROSEMARY MCKAY RAYMOND MASSEY JOHN EDGAR

Battalion's bulletin board has this headline: "College Editor Shot and Killed on Frat Lawn"

Regarding Letters to the Editor—We would appreciate it if they could be typed and double spaced. Not for our convenience, but the night Linotype man has a hard time reading some of the longhand turned in. Double spacing permits easier insertion of printing instruction to the Linotype man. Also, to avoid misspelled names, would you please sign and print your handles?

We were glad to see Trail (Coke) Street converted from two-way to one-way traffic with diagonal parking. Moving of the bus stops was a good blow, too. The Batt had asked for one-way traffic for Trail Street last year, and had editorialized for it again this year. Same treatment had been accorded the bus stop location. The diagonal parking was thrown in for good measure so more cars could be parked on one side.

With the end of the month upon us, it is only natural to let our minds dwell on money. With that thought in mind, we dropped in to see George Long in the Student Labor Office. For those who are well heeled all the time, let it be known that the campus loan funds are also administered from that office.

We asked Long if he had gotten the \$304.21 which was earmarked for the loan funds by the Student Life Committee. The money had been left over from the funds of Dormitories One, Three, Nine, and Bizzell.

Long said, yes, he had gotten the money and it had been split into three parts. One third went out to the Annex where the Davis Book Fund is kept. Another third went to the Gaher Loan Fund, and the remainder went into the Bizzell fund.

The word of the financial reinforcements to the depleted funds got around fast for Long said all the money received from Student Life was loaned out in 35 minutes.

Guion Hall THURSDAY & FRIDAY WARNER BROS. LAUGH HOLLYWOOD! The Girl From Jones Beach REAGAN-MAYO-BRACKEN PETER GODFREY

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