

On SMU's Letter of Apology . . .

Bob Gibson, president of the SMU Students' Association, has sent a letter of apology to the student body of A&M for the incident which occurred there the night of February 7. That night, several SMU students attempted to capture an Aggie mascot, and a fight developed involving students from both schools.

There is not, nor has there ever been, the slightest suspicion that this action by a handful of SMU students was anything but a "spur of the moment" idea conceived by one and put into action by that small group without further thought. Their hasty, and unsportsmanlike action has brought not only a condition of strained relations between our student bodies, but also the condemnation of their own student body.

"All of us regret the incident," Gibson's letter stated, "and we are doing all we can to see that a similar situation does not arise. We students are not permitting this matter to go unnoticed, but we are currently conducting a joint investigation with the administration."

His letter continues, "We feel that relations between our two student bodies have been very excellent, and we hope that such satisfactory relations may be resumed in the very near future."

Relations between student bodies very

often parallel those between nations. A border incident or a small skirmish has been known to provoke a complete breakdown between the nations involved in the affair. Letters of protest or investigation are filed by the attacked nation, and letters of apology or letters of condemnation are sent in reply by the aggressor nation. Letters of condemnation make matters worse and they usually could deteriorate into more serious attacks. Letters of apology, are intended to smooth the troubled seas of discord.

Gibson's letter on behalf of the student body of SMU makes an honest and sincere attempt to both apologize for something a small and independent number of their students did, and to attempt an improvement of the relations between our schools.

We cannot overlook the incident which occurred, but we can view it in its proper perspective—an isolated incident. Our friendship with the SMU student body has been too satisfactory and too sincerely rendered in the past to be destroyed by this lone incident.

While we do not hold the SMU student body accountable for the incident, we do hold the SMU students who precipitated this whole affair responsible for their actions and subject to disciplinary action.

Dominic Serabino Sends His Valentines . . .

Dominic Serabino, the frustrated poet of the Club Leggett, was dusting his desk yesterday and noticed that today was St. Valentine's day. In commemoration of the occasion (Valentines, not the dusting) Dominic dropped his duster, took up his pen, and inscribed these deathless words:

Today sheesa Valentines, a most especial day,
Whena peopla senda presents, to friends far away,
Lace hearts ana candies, weeth lotsa peppermint,
Are somma da prasents, I should oughta have sent,
To my gori I shoulda send, a heart witha lace,

Cause inna my heart, sheesa gotta forst place.

To my prof I'mma send, a "comic" thatsa whiz,

For da curve heesa throw me, onna today's pop a'quiz.

To mi familia I'mma never, can send quite enough,

For da help they give me, alla love and da stuff.

Theesa presents I can think off, an eacha one I intend,

To buy and to-wrap, and to right away send,

But I guess I'mma not do it, at least right away,

My check she ain't in, for another fifteen day.

On Bouncing Out of the Presidential Office . . .

The Associated Press teletype in The Battalion office clacked out this news brief yesterday:

"A White House visitor who urged President Truman to run again for president in 1952 quoted him today as replying, 'If we should have the same team as last time, maybe we can do something.'"

"The visitor was George Luckey, California Democratic vice chairman. Asked what the president meant by 'the same

team,' Luckey said he meant 'the people who supported Mr. Truman in 1948.'"

"Luckey bounced out of Mr. Truman's office after today's visit and asserted:

"I just talked to the next president of the United States."

We cannot help wondering if Luckey is going to be the only person bounced out of the presidential office in the not too distant future in spite of statements which indicate that its present occupant intends to stick around a while longer.

"Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us to the end,

dare to do our duty as we understand it." — Abraham Lincoln

The Battalion

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BREEZES FROM THE ANNEX

Editors, The Battalion:

We wish to congratulate the Editors of the "Batt", the best collegiate daily in the land, on their tireless efforts to create a bigger and better college newspaper, one filled with timely, interesting, and provocative advertisements. Instead of being a sounding board for unimportant and irrelevant opinions of a minority group, the editorials are most stimulating and in the interest of every true Aggie.

We have noticed a definite improvement since the beginning of last semester, and we know that the quality of the "Batt" will remain on the same high plane as long as it remains in such capable hands. We may add that the arrival of the newspaper is awaited with great enthusiasm, once or twice a week so that one can find out what is on at the movies. In closing we offer our best wishes for the continued success of the Battalion, the most complete shoppers' guide in Brazos County.
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say what we think when we want to say it.

The generally accepted ratio of news-to-advertising is 35% to 65%, varying with location and rates. The Battalion tries for a 50-50 ratio, usually gives more news than ads, and still makes money.

With that margin of financial safety we can print unbiased news and our own editorial thoughts. We are currently engaged in refusing an advertiser because we disagree with his objectives and business principles.

We choose to run ads (and a minimum of ads at that) and be our own boss. How would you run the newspaper?

I&E Dept. To Sponsor 2nd Industrial Meet

The second tri-club Industrial Teacher Conference will be held on the campus during March 3 and 4. C. H. Groneman, head of the Industrial Education Department at A&M and chairman of the conference, announced today.

The featured speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Hoyt H. London, head of the Industrial Education Department at the University of Missouri, Groneman said. London has been at the University of Missouri for the past ten years and before that time he served as consultant to federal agencies and as an instructor in teacher training department in Georgia, Mississippi and Texas.

He has also held various offices in national educational organizations, according to Groneman. London will speak at the opening session on Friday evening, March 3 and at the noon luncheon on Saturday, March 4.

This conference promises to be far more outstanding than the first one, Groneman stated. Saturday morning will be devoted to making a tour of the Industrial Education facilities on the campus and the Industrial Arts programs at the College Station and the Bryan High Schools. Some excellent demonstrations are also being planned for the forenoon, Groneman pointed out.

The conference is being sponsored jointly by the Industrial Education Department and the Industrial Division of Engineering Extension Service.

Registration will be held from 4 to 8 p. m. on Friday, March 3, in the Industrial Education Office. The registration fee will be fifty cents. All lectures and demonstrations will be held in the Petroleum Engineering lecture room and in the Industrial Education Shops.

Attendees of the conference will be housed in Ramps I, J, and K of Walton Hall but will be required to vacate these rooms by 9 a. m. on Saturday morning. This is necessary in order that the rooms may be prepared for dates of students attending the Sophomore Ball.

A luncheon will be held at 12:30 p. m. on Saturday in Sbis's Hall. Tickets for the luncheon will be on sale for \$1.50 at the registration desk. The estimated attendance of the luncheon is 125, Lucian Morgan, assistant director of the short course committee, said.

Corn Replaces Cupid . . .

'Three Little Words' Gone, Insults Now Fill the Mail

By JOHN WHITMORE

A usually gentle postman comes home today, beats his wife, kicks his dog, and spansks his children. Why? Well, kiddies, it's St. Valentine's Day.

Mr. Postman has trudged a long and weary way today with a pack of letters twice the usual size. He might well have good cause to be tired and irritable.

But let's look at this surplus mail that has shattered domestic tranquility. Of course, some of it contains the red, lacy sweet-nothings that have made Feb. 14 so eagerly looked for since a good old saint named Valentine started the whole business.

What about the real bulk of the extra matter? Does it aid and abet the beautiful institution of courtship and love? Does it convey the burning affection of some lovesick female for an attractively rich bachelor?

No! Instead we find a day of sentimentality changed to an excuse to take a poetic poke at your fellow man. The comic valentine rears its leering head.

Let's take a look at a few examples of this legalized libel. There's this one to an employer, for instance—

A boss you are fit as can be
But as any fool can plainly see,

If it were left up to me, I'd rather work for Simon Legree.

That is what is supposed to be poetry in honor of a very special day. Shakespeare would turn over in his grave and demand that the low-life that thought up such trash be shot at dawn.

There are such things as this little ode to the college prof—
You spend many an hour,
Looking over something punk,
In some secluded bower,
Thinking of who to flunk.

Then, you run up on a little gem that sounds like it was written by a cadet staggering out of Duncan Mess Hall. It reads . . .

Maybe you are only a cook,
Who has to check in every book,
For even how to cook a margarine,
But rather than eat it I'd hangue.

I know! It's shocking to most college students to know that such works are published. We should rebel and put St. Valentine's Day back on the old foot; that made it a great holiday in times gone by.

Just think how nice it would be to open a valentine and see some old fashioned phrase such as—
For you I pine,
My Valentine,
I have brought these examples

up to strengthen my appeal for members of the RSPCVIUS (Royal Society for the Prevention of Comic Valentines in the United States). This organization would, with proper support, revoke such valentines from the market and get an injunction passed to prevent the author of the above 'poems' from printing such drivel and corrupting the minds of people in institutions of higher learning.

Remember, without support such items as the following will fill my mail box next year, too:
Your looks sure ain't the best,
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But, without a good shot of eye,
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Tornado Damage Told By Disaster Agencies

Austin, Tex., Feb. 14.—(AP)—The Texas Highway Patrol reported to the state disaster relief headquarters here Monday the following conditions in 18 communities, hit by tornadoes:

Baileyville community near Rosebud: Estimated property damage \$75,000; 40 homeless; 20 houses damaged or destroyed; 3 people injured, none seriously; all utilities are back in order; Red Cross is sending disaster unit to take care of needy.

Groesbeck: Property damage estimated at \$15,000; 8 people homeless; no injuries; all utilities working; 4 houses completely destroyed.

Chapel Hill Community: Estimated property damage \$40,000; 2 families homeless; 2 persons injured.

Hughes Springs: Estimated property damage \$50,000; 2 families homeless; 6 injured, 1 critically.

Corley: Estimated property damage \$35,000; 4 families homeless; 6 injured; 1 dead.

Omaha: Estimated property damage \$70,000; 2 families homeless; high school damaged.

Camp County: Estimated property damage \$18,000; 2 homeless; 3 injured.

Gill: (8 miles south of Marshall): Estimated property damage \$20,000; three families homeless; 2 injured.

10 miles west of Tyler: Estimated property damage \$25,000; 3 families homeless.

Anderson County: Estimated property damage \$30,000; 3 families homeless; 2 injured.

Lovell Lake near Beaumont: Estimated property damage \$40,000; 10 persons homeless; 1 injured.

Donation to Help Market Analysis

An additional deposit of \$1,000 to make an organizational and economic analysis of agricultural marketing cooperatives in Texas, has been received by the Agricultural Experiment Station.

The initial \$1,000 contribution was received January 17, 1950. Dr. R. D. Lewis, director of the TAES says. The money is from George E. Blair, executive secretary and treasurer of the Texas Federation of Cooperatives, Dallas.

A&M Consolidated Hears Rabbi Malev

Rabbi William Malev, spiritual leader of the congregation Beth Yeshurun, of Houston, addressed the A&M Consolidated student body yesterday at 2 p. m., L. E. Boze, principal said today. Rabbi Malev is holding open forums and special discussions on the A & M campus during Religious Emphasis week.

A&M Consolidated is observing a religious emphasis week of its own this week with speakers scheduled at 2 p. m. every day, Boze added.

Today's speaker will be a Catholic and Wednesday's will be Protestant. Speakers for the remainder of the week have not been announced. The A&M Consolidated Student Council is in charge of these programs, he said.

Miller Selected To Enter Contest

C. A. Miller, civil engineering major, has been selected by the ASCE student chapter to enter a contest on technical papers held in Fort Worth Monday by the Texas Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

The winner of this contest will represent Texas at the Western regional contest this spring in California.

S. R. Wright of the Civil Engineering Department was a guest at the dinner given Monday night by the Fort Worth chapter of the ASCE.



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