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Honesty and Quality . . .

THE big weekend has come and gone, and thousands of parents have made their way back home well satisfied with the way their tax money is being spent at A&M.

There is hardly room to question that we put on a great show for them.

But the show of only one group—A&M's

track team—was outright proof of their abilities, the quality of their training, and their hard work.

Unfortunately, the exhibits and shows of other departments did not necessarily prove that they are doing the best possible job. Each of us—students, profs, staff members—know that there is plenty here that is not top quality.

• Students go about their class work lazily and in most cases, with contempt for learning, as such.

• Some classes are almost a total loss because of the professor's unconcern.

• Like contented reactionaries, many departments plod along seldom looking for or trying new and better methods.

• Our schools of "this and that" continue to hog their students' time by cramming in technical courses, and refusing to take into account that students should be training for living as well as for working.

• "Be a cadet first and a student second," continues to be the unwritten, unspoken, but much enforced rule of our military department.

• And finally, though they claim to know them and their lives well, the administrative staff continues to demonstrate a gross lack of understanding of the things which daily shape the attitude and thinking of A&M students.

It is indeed unfortunate that none of these things protrude through the pomp and sparkle of open house.

If we are honest, we will think about these things and we will begin now to make our top quality open house truly reflective of a top quality A&M.

Let the public sing our praises, but let's be certain they're not singing a lie.

Who Is Worried About Who?

THERE was an exchange between Senator McMahon (D-Conn.) and General MacArthur during the Senate hearings last week that may be a little more revealing than some of our Washington politics would like to admit.

The senator was rattling off to MacArthur some quotes from Defense Mobilizer Charles Wilson concerning the date this country would be prepared to withstand a Russian attack.

"If we can get by," said McMahon "until 1953 without an attack, we will be so strong that they can't attack us, because by that time we will have the planes, we will have the bombs . . . we will have the men in uniform."

Retorted MacArthur: "And in two years what will be your casualty rate of American boys in Korea?"

Replied the senator: "And general, I ask you what our casualty rate will be in Washington, D. C. if they put on an atomic attack . . . ?"

Our comment: "All the boys in Korea, if we can only save our necks in Washington, eh senator?"

Nothing Has Changed, He Reports

Ivan Yantis Returns; Spys On Senior Court Meeting

Few of our readers will remember Yantis. The eminent free-lance writer hasn't graced the pages of The Battalion for several years. As a roving and oftentimes raving correspondent, Ivan was last seen being shipped along with goats and pigs to the Bikini atoll in 1946.

He survived the atom blast, has been acting as an aide to Perle Mesta in Luxembourg, and recently attended Egyptian King Farouk's wedding. Ivan is now back on the campus, attempting to receive his degree. The registrar's office, he claims, is holding it up since he failed to take freshman orientation.—The Editor.

By IVAN YANTIS
Nightly Gentleman

Ah, home! This campus is my home, y'know. Since 1937 I have been in and out of school here, having more ups and downs than

a chaperone on a ferris wheel. But the place hasn't changed . . . a few physical alterations, perhaps, but nothing drastic.

Only last Tuesday night I had fond memories of my days as an old corpse man revived for me. I was quietly tip-toeing down the mellowed halls of Old Academic, seeking to slaughter in cold blood a janitor in order to find that P. O. quiz, when I heard low mumbblings in a room.

I stopped, gradually halting my pace so as not to arouse suspicion. I am as shrewd an Ivan as before, dear readers.

The mumbblings continued, and I could see heat being generated and wiffing through a keyhole. I donned my anti-everything mask which saved me on Bikini and thrust my eye to the keyhole, at the same time tying a shoe lace so as to appear inconspicuous. Lo and behold, 'twas Senior Court! Gad, how well I remember

my debut before that noble group. I had, unfortunately, forgotten to genuflect before an upperclassman and was promptly sent to this highest judicial body for cadets.

"Cadet Yantis," they said, "you are a disgrace to the Corps of Cadets. Not only did you not bow, but you did not whistle 'God Save the King' when the court entered tonight. Fie on you, Yantis! You shall receive an oral reprimand from Louput.

"In addition, you will remove cigarette butts from the Ross Hall area each morning for the duration, will not be allowed to curve but the 'A' on your 'AMC', since you are only one-third a cadet; cannot wear your cap on back of your head, nor sport white socks and loafers next year; nor wear pink caps with olive drab shirts as a senior."

"Furthermore, you must wear your senior ring on your little finger!" The Gods had spoken. I had sinned.

The Strain That Ended Pain



Bill Stalter

. . . broke a ten-year-old record Saturday when he won both the 100-yard dash and the 220 for A&M. The Aggies had never won both of these events in a decade, but the fleet-footed Stalter covered these 220 yards to beat out in 21.4 seconds teammate James

Baker, Steer Carl Mays, B. M. Carroll of Baylor, Jim Kellett of TCU, Arkansas' Tom Britt and Aggie Buddy Shaeffer. Stalter's time on the 100 was 9.5, and those wins, plus a leg on the winning 440 relay, made him high point man with 12½.

Texas Trailed By 54

Point Mark Snapped

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Ragsdale and Stalter composed winning team. Second high point man of the meet was once again another Aggie sophomore, James Baker took second in the 220, fourth in the 100 and ran on both winning relays to score 11 points and edge Hooper who had 10.

Texas' Charley Meeks completed the season undefeated in the broad jump as he leaped 23' 10¾". Steer Ray Marek won the only other Texas first by throwing the javelin 202' 7¾".

Bill Graf of Rice outlasted teammate and defending champion Otha Byrd to win the 880 in 1:55.3 minutes. Byrd set the conference record of 1:53.6 last year.

Arkansas's Ollie Gatchell added the mile title to their 2-mile win to make a Razorback sweep of the distance events. Gatchell beat John Garmany of A&M by 20 yards with a 4:20.3 time. Defending champion Julian Herring of A&M was far back in fourth.

There will be no more team track meets for the Aggies this season, but in the near future there will be at least two big events which will see the performances of Aggie track and field aces.

At least two Cadets, high jumper Buddy and weight man Darrow Hooper, will be going to the Coliseum Relays which is annually held in Los Angeles' gigantic Coliseum. Entries there come only upon invitation and there are hopes that an Aggie relay quartet may be invited.

The other event will be the National Collegiate Athletic Association's track and field meet which will be held later in the summer. Ragsdale, Bill Stalter; 2) Texas; 3) Arkansas; 4) Rice. (No fifth place; only four teams entered. 0:42.4.

100-Yard Dash—1) Bill Stalter, Texas A&M; 2) Billy Carroll, Baylor; 3) Floyd Rogers, Texas; 4) James Baker, Texas A&M; 5) Bobby Dillon, Texas, 0:09.8.

440-Yard Dash—1) Don Mitchell, Texas A&M; 2) Bernie Place, Texas A&M; 3) James McCarty, Texas A&M; 4) Norman Price, Arkansas; 5) Bob Eschenburg, Texas, 0:48.1

High Jump—1) Walter Davis by Ragsdale, Texas A&M 23-7½;

23-1¼; 4-5) Morris Johnson, Texas, 22-8½.

Discus Throw—1) Darrow Hooper, Texas A&M, 162 feet 8¼ inches; 2) Bill Forester, SMU, 152-9; 3) Bill Milburn, Texas, 138-5; 4) Dan Pratt, Texas A&M, 127-7; 5) Jim Gerhardt, Rice, 127-3.

120-Yard High Hurdles—1) Val Joe Walker, SMU; 2) Paul Leming, Texas A&M; 3) Bill Howton, Rice; 4) Gerald Scallorn, Texas; 5) Jack (See SUMMARY, Page 4)

How Did He Make It?



Walter "Buddy" Davis

. . . gives the amazed spectators a peek at the unorthodox, but winning form which took him over 6' 6" and to a victory in the high jump. Davis picked up five first-place points on the leap and left the rest of the field at 8' 2". He tried to make 6' 8" three other times but failed.

Look Out Below!



Jack Simpson

. . . flies through the air with apparent ease as he clears the winning SWC pole vault leap of 13' 7". After leaving his nearest competitors at 13' 1", the Aggie track Captain tried three times to go over 14' and establish a new SWC record, but was unsuccessful.

Golf Clinic Being Held

The A&M College Golf Clinic got off to a rollicking start last week at the A&M College Golf Course as some 25 faculty, staff, students and wives watched four of A&M's best shot makers demonstrate their various golf shots.

Miller Barber, Jimmie Burke, J. C. Fletcher and Johnnie Barrett, the last two being members of the A&M Golf team, were the "show" boys as they demonstrated everything from putting to full wood shots.

Good Shot



Tony Guerrero

. . . gets out of one of the many rugged hazards on the A&M College Golf Course. Guerrero was the lowest-shooting Aggie in the SWC Individual Championship Meet with a 305.

Weaver Repeats As Conference Individual Ace

By ANDY ANDERSON
Battalion Campus Editor

Buddy Weaver of Rice was successful in his bid as repeater for Individual Golf Champion of the Southwest Conference as he fired rounds of 73, 72, 73 and 70, the latter a course record, for a 72 hole total of 288 in the meet played on the A&M College Golf Course Thursday and Friday.

Far behind in second place was Wesley Ellis of Texas with 296, followed by Ray Moore of SMU with 301 and Dan Jenkins of TCU with 304.

Tony Guerrero was A&M's only man to finish in the top five as he tied with SMU's Ross Mitchell with 305 for fifth place. Weaver was never in serious trouble throughout the 72 hole grand. On Friday afternoon's 18, he hit a tree with his drive on number 5 but the ball bounced back into the fairway from where he promptly laced it onto the green for two putts and an easy par 4. On number 8, with the wind at his back, he wallowed a drive about 260 yards down the left side of the fairway and then laid a sharp five iron shot within 14 feet of the pin from where a sank for a birdie 3.

1-Under

He parred number 9 for a 1-under 35.

Coming in, Weaver went over on the twelfth hole where he carded a bogie 5, but he made up for it on 18 as he chipped in from the frog-hair for a par 3 and parred in for 35, even par for the nine, to set the course record.

The old record of 71 over the long (6,715 yards) par 71 layout was previously held jointly by A&M's Billy Baker and Bart Halton, a member of last year's golf team and now a professional.

Don Addington, SMU, holder of the second slot after the first 36, blew himself out of possible contention with a terrible 82 and came back in 77 to wind up far back in eighth place, one stroke behind another Rice entry, Elwyn Stobaugh.

A&M's contingent of Johnny Barrett, J. C. Fletcher, Bob Dahoney and Billy Baker didn't fare too well. Dahoney had 311, Fletcher 323, and Barrett 321. Baker withdrew after posting 171 on the first 36 holes.

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Ten Points



Don Mitchell

. . . collects 2½ points to add to a previous five, which he garnered on the 440 as he breezes home a good 20 yards ahead of the nearest competitor in the mile relay

LETTERS

Editor, The Battalion:

Through this column, we of the Campus Grass Committee want to express our appreciation to the student body, faculty, and staff for their sincere support and cooperation in the program carried on to improve the campus.

The Grounds and Maintenance Department under Mr. DeWorth has done its whole hearted best to cooperate with us, and we feel sure that they will continue to do so in the future if this program is carried on.

The little effort on our part was more than matched by the student body, and the program has met with considerably more success than we had expected.

We think you can see that this project is well worth more work next year, and if possible, we would like to see a tradition more or less started to keep the campus as good looking as possible.

The problem is primarily one of inadequate walking facilities; but it will take money to solve this problem, and of course, years, since money for this sort of work seems to be badly lacking.

We hope the newly appointed Campus Planning Board will see the attitude of the students, and will try to do every thing in their power to make better facilities available to the students and faculty.

As a whole the campus looks pretty good—at least better than it did, so we the student body can look with pride upon our accomplishment.

Brad McAllister
"Pat" Patterson
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The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions
"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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