

# Battalion Editorials

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## Forgotten Men

EVERY NOW and then a die hard can still be heard voicing the idea that the MSC is for the "exes" and the faculty while the students are getting it in the neck. Usually these people don't take the time to find just what does go on at the Center.

If you asked them they probably wouldn't know that the room reservations for the year were drawn from a hat which was the only equitable way that it could be done. If they applied for a room and weren't lucky enough to get it, they know that some influential "ex" or "big gun" staff member got the room they should have.

Another common gripe is that they can't get meeting rooms. Of course they usually neglect to mention that each year a sign-up time is announced and they neglected to get their room application in until a couple of weeks after the deadline.

If we would go over to the Center and take an interest and part in the activities instead of just talking about it, then we would really have a cracker-jack STUDENT organization.

To keep it a STUDENT CENTER it will take effort and participation on the part of the students. If we, as students, take an active part in the committees, clubs, and activities of the Center it can't be anything but a STUDENT CENTER.

The average student takes too long to learn too little.

## Tell Your Troubles

AN IDEA has been formulated whereby the student body will have a chance to meet the press. In the meetings the students would have a chance to not only air their grievances but pass out the few if any orchids.

As the idea has been advanced, it calls for a meeting every other week. The meeting would be a question and answer affair with a smattering of informal debate. If the Battalion ran an editorial or article a student disagreed with, then he would have the chance to personally tell the editor so and the reasons for his disagreement.

The meetings would at the same time give the editors a chance to go into a more lengthy explanation as to why they adopted such an attitude than is possible in the paper.

If you like the idea or have any suggestions to make on the proposal, then send them to the Editorial Department, The Battalion, Goodwin Hall.

## Boyer Stayed for Masters Now He Just Wants to Stay

When a man loves a place, he hates to leave, and that is how Chief of Housing Harry Boyer feels about A&M.

As Chief of Housing this year, Boyer is starting his 22 year of being associated with the college. He first came to A&M as a student in 1929, and graduated in 1931 with a degree in entomology.

"After I graduated, jobs weren't the easiest thing to get, so I stayed at A&M and started working toward a master's degree in sociology," Boyer said.

With the exception of recitation, he had finished all his work toward gaining his master's degree when he was offered the job as housing officer of the college. In reality, it was the same position he now holds except that during the early thirties the housing was under the Commandant's office. The school was also somewhat smaller at that time, Boyer recalled.

When Boyer first took the position, the only dormitory space on the campus was Bizzell, Goodwin, Foster, Garthright, Ross, Law, Mitchell, Milner, Post Graduate, Hollywood, the "Old Bachelor's Club," and Alpha and Beta.

Civilian students were known as "casuals" at that time and lived in Hollywood Hall, which was located opposite the Campus theater, Boyer said. The civilian students also lived in Post Graduate Hall and Alpha and Beta Hall, which was located where Walton is today.

Born in Blanket, Tex., Boyer attended school in nearby Brownwood, where he completed his high school education. He then attended John Tarleton College for three years and worked for the College Store as assistant manager.

In 1929 he entered A&M as a student and has remained in College Station since he was graduated. His official title of Chief of Housing was established from the Dean of Men's office was



## Library Service Meets Demands

By WILLIAM DICKENS BATTALION FEATURE EDITOR

To keep pace with the growth of the college system, the Cushing Memorial Library has started an expansion program to build a collection of 400,000 volumes, which will increase reading and reference facilities for students and faculty members, according to Librarian Robert A. Houze.

The new expansion program calls for an addition of 20,000 volumes to the library each year, filling back files of key periodicals, and adding new periodical subscriptions.

Houze, who began the survey two years ago to determine the needs of the library, said, "With the current expansion program and increased budget, we will soon be on a par with the leading land grant college libraries of the nation."

The need for a program for development of the library was first discovered at the end of World War II, when the demands increased for research by branches of the A&M College System and returning veterans seeking graduate work at A&M.

Two outstanding librarians of land grant colleges in the country were called upon to analyze the college library. Robert W. Orr, director of the Iowa State College Library, and William H. Carlson, director of the Oregon State System libraries, spent two weeks analyzing the A&M library situation and three months in compiling their report.

Through their analysis, the noted librarians found that the A&M library, through lack of funds, failed to keep pace with growth of the college on the graduate and research level.

At that time, there were 163,000 volumes in the library, when 400,000 volumes were needed to serve the field which A&M serves, Orr and Carlson recommended nine new professional positions and eight non-professional positions on the library staff.

In line with the recommendation, four professional and three non-professional positions have been created to give expanded service, Houze said.

Agriculture and science reference librarians, and a gifts-and-exchanges librarian were added to the staff. Additional catalogers, clerk typists and a bookkeeper were also employed. Today, the entire library staff has been increased from 18 employees in 1945 to 37.

At the present time, the number of volumes has been built up to 200,000, and the building program will continue several more years, Houze said. A new wing is being planned to be added to the library building to take care of the additional books, while new steel stacks to hold 40,000 volumes have been added as a temporary measure.

In an effort to show that a college education is the instrument by which a student learns how to learn, Houze is planning his program to teach students to use the library to keep one step ahead of their chosen field all through life.

As a step in this direction, the freshman library instruction program was revived last year, after a lapse of several years. As a part of the Basic Division's orientation program, freshmen are taught how to use the library through lectures by Houze and through tours and exercises in which freshmen use the library facilities.

Library instructions for junior and seniors are now being planned by Houze in an effort to familiarize all students of the college with library and its facilities.

## Notes From Grad School

On Master's degree programs not more than four hours of credit may be transferred from any other graduate school. On Ph.D. programs no hour limit is specified for transfer work but all other requirements of residence, time limit and so forth automatically set reasonable limits.

In order to transfer graduate credits there must be certification that the course and the graduate were acceptable for graduate credit at the original institution and for the level of degree the candidate seeks here.

Transferred credits at the graduate level are regarded as provisional, and are subject to cancellation if the student's later work in the Graduate School here proves unsatisfactory.

## Painter

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group will travel by bus to Austin and San Antonio. Upon their arrival in Austin, the educators will tour the University of Texas campus.

Dr. Painter To Speak

Principal speaker for the association luncheon in Austin will be Dr. T. N. Painter, president of the University of Texas, who will speak on "Brief History of University of Texas."

Following the luncheon, the educators will go to San Antonio where they will be guests of Trinity University for a barbecue supper before attending the A&M-Trinity game.

## LETTERS

### Corps or Pastor

Editor, The Battalion:

In answer to Rev. Anderson's letter appearing in last Wednesday's Battalion, I ask the following question: Are we, the Corps of Cadets, going to run our own affairs, or are the pastors of North Gate going to run them for us?

I have yet to hear anyone say that the greeting "Beat the Hell out of—" is profane language. Instead it is an honorable Aggie tradition, a custom through which we express our desire that our team will win the next Saturday's game.

Furthermore, if we were to drop that handle, we might just as well use "Howdy" all the time—since "Beat—" doesn't carry any feeling what so ever of school spirit in it.

In closing, I suggest to those who do think the "Beat the Hell" is profane to leave this up to the Corps of Cadets to decide. As stated beneath that letter in Wednesday's Battalion, the senior traditions committee is working on that problem right now.

The word "hell" can be used in many profane ways, but the way we use it, does not speak of profanity at all.

Bill Mebane '50

## School Papers Show Attitude On Sportsmanship to 'Howdys'

Southern Methodist's Campus follows through with a little comment on the Sportsmanship award overlooked by a great number of the Southwest Conference schools.

"Winning the sportsmanship trophy for the third time would be flattering, but that shouldn't be the reason to behave like civilized human beings Saturday night.

"The manners of SMU students will be showing—and SMU has a splendid reputation to maintain."

From the Daily Texan of the University of Texas an editorial shows where a problem has finally been solved.

"University men should be heartened by the fact that the ratio between the sexes this year has taken a turn in their favor.

"A year ago, there were 10,331 men and 3,370 women enrolled in the University—a ratio of 2.77.

"A glance at the figures (enrollment figures, that is) by date-conscious males also shows that, despite an overall enrollment drop, there are more of the fairer sex in school this fall."

"Ornery Upperclassmen" are discussed by the Texas Christian Skill.

"We need a Howdy Week for upperclassmen.

"Freshmen, you're swell. A friendlier bunch we've never seen. "But you ornery, uppity sophomores, juniors, and seniors are strictly drags.

"Things are in a heck'ova shape when you've been seeing each other around as long as we have and can't even speak.

"TCU has been tagged an unfriendly campus by transfers from other schools. And no wonder.

"Why those frozen faces and down at the corner mouths would scare Old Joe himself.

"Sophomores, juniors, and seniors let's take a lesson from the freshmen. Let's get acquainted. Come on, smile.

"How about it?"

A course in "Human Relations for Girls," the first of its kind in the history of the college, is being offered at Baylor University. The Baylor Lariat said that the purpose of the course is to help the college girl take stock of herself and her problems and aid her in becoming a happy useful member of society.

They hope to accomplish this by motion pictures, panel discussions, round tables, and a court of human relations in which girls can discuss personal problems.

University of Arkansas students were rightly confused, bothered and bewildered at the opening of the school year.

It seems eight of the campus' fraternities, half of the total number, moved to new houses. What added to the confusion, however, was that one of the clubs moved into the old building.

Something happened to a couple of other clubs. During rush week, as one can well imagine, the water really came out of the kettle.

# Be Happy-Go Lucky!

At crossword puzzles I'm adept. Five letters, you'll agree, for "perfect taste in cigarettes" Are L.S./M.F.T.

William Wymard Duquesne University

## LUCKIES TASTE BETTER THAN ANY OTHER CIGARETTE!

It takes fine tobacco to give you a better-tasting cigarette. And Lucky Strike means fine tobacco. But it takes something else, too—superior workmanship. Luckies are the world's best-made cigarette. That's why Luckies taste better than any other cigarette. So, Be Happy-Go Lucky! Get a carton today!

If writing themes is cause for screams, then do yourself a favor—Get Lucky Strike, the brand you'll like; it rates an "A" for flavor.

Miles Klein New York University

If you've ever smoked a Lucky Strike, I'm sure you will agree that fine tobacco tastes just right. And L.S./M.F.T.

Gene Dwyer Northeastern University

## STUDENTS!

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## L.S./M.F.T.-Lucky Strike Means Fine Tobacco

