

Good Thing Gone

IT'S HARD to admit it, but Texas University beat A&M in something. They handled their blood donation campaign in a more ostentatious manner and as a result landed in Life magazine.

Their campaign was based on getting a large number of pledges instead of A&M's theory, or method, of just meeting the requirements of the mobile blood unit. In getting pledges they used everything from a can-can girl to a strip-tease artist. Those publicity stunts pulled in the pledges and as a result gave the university the national recognition.

At the same time A&M quietly stands by and gives blood. However, the only satisfaction we can have is the knowledge that our blood is working for the interest of our nation.

But let's admit it, national recognition would be a lot better than the quiet satisfaction of having done a good job. We had a chance to do a good job and have the recognition.

That is water under bridge. What are we doing now to correct the situation? Are we carrying on any move to get pledges of blood donations from any of the men under 21? If not, why not?

This is one place where A&M has a chance to get a lot of recognition and at the same time do a whale of a good job.

Remember, the men out on the battle fields need the blood and we are in a position to help them.

Corps Gets Good Idea

THE CORPS deserves a great deal of credit for a little thoughtfulness just before the Christmas Holidays. At a meeting of the Student Senate, they decided to try and write as many of the former students serving overseas as possible.

Today we received a letter from one of the recipients of the note from Aggie land. He was completely surprised and pleased with the letter. To him it meant someone was thinking of him personally at Christmas time.

For this man, who was in a hospital in Germany, it was one of the nicest things that could have happened.

It shows that many of the things we do daily are appreciated a great deal more than we can ever imagine.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR Exe Says Thanks

Editor, The Battalion:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the cadet corps for undertaking to send Christmas greetings to the many exes who are now serving in the armed forces throughout the world. I know that I am more fortunate than those serving on the battle front in Korea and I know they appreciate the remembrance greatly.

I am in a US Army hospital and there was really very little Christmas for me, so I doubly appreciate the greetings I received.

I would also like to thank those persons responsible for the idea of students writing interesting letters containing news from the campus and rendering a feeling of close comradeship among Aggies during this Christmas season.

I received such a well written interesting letter from Aggie R. Q. Landers, Jr., Maroon Band, Class of '54 and I'm sure other Aggie-exes also received similar letters.

Thanks so much, all you Aggies who took a little time out to inform those of us in uniform overseas.

John D. Shoemaker '49 Second Lt. Armor

GIVE Voluntarily TO MARCH OF DIMES FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS PATIENT CARE RESEARCH EDUCATION JANUARY 2-31

The Battalion

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

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Starts This Year

Raising Standard Boosts Probation Figures—Dean

By JOEL AUSTIN Battalion Associate Editor

A&M's overwhelming number of academic probation students may not seem quite so large when all the reasons, or many of them at least, are pointed out.

Figures after mid-term indicated that 43 percent of the Basic Division students are on probation, while an average of 20 percent of students in other schools are on the "dean's team."

The number one point which Dr. C. C. French, dean of the college, was quick to point out was the new 12-12 requirement for hours and grade points. Heretofore a student needed only to post 10 hours and 10 grade points to keep off the dean's list.

In the 1951-52 edition of college regulations the executive committee listed this change. Dr. French said the group believed that a student who couldn't maintain a 12-12 grade point ratio would easily get behind in his work and would probably have to stay in school longer than the usual eight semesters.

He said the 12-12 gpr requirements was instituted merely as a protective device to warn students who become that deficient in their work.

As an explanation for the higher number of Basic Division students on probation he gave several underlying causes.

Most significant, however, was the fact that the world situation has scared many of the boys of Texas to go to college—especially where ROTC is offered—as a means of escaping the draft immediately after high school graduation.

The dean pointed out that many boys are

in school now who would have normally attended a junior college or possibly no college whatsoever.

When asked what the college could do about the situation, he said only proper counseling could be applied to the situation. Dr. French said that in many cases some boys are here who are actually not capable of doing college work and if proper action were taken, they would be advised to go home.

He said, however, that if a boy has the proper requirements for admission, A&M must accept him. Where private institutions may weigh a man's potentialities before admittance, A&M must give him a chance to prove his ability because it is a state school.

The new 12-12 requirement, of course, was the other principal reason why the probation list was so large among the Basic Division students.

Commenting on the situation, Dr. French said, "It's better to have more students on probation at mid-semester because there is half a semester to do something about it. It is to be regarded primarily as a warning."

The dean pointed out that more students are scholastically deficient during the fall semester than in the spring because of the large number of activities which take place in the fall.

"There is no actual reason to say that the freshman class and sophomores still in the Basic Division are of a poorer academic level this year," Dr. French said.

"High schools have not changed their standards in the past year. I believe that there are many freshman boys at A&M who probably just aren't capable of doing college work," the dean added.



The World Today

US Knows Ike's Stand

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The American public knows exactly where General Eisenhower stands on foreign affairs but very little about what he thinks on domestic problems.

In the foreign field he's made it plain he's an internationalist: that he's for cooperation with, and help for, this country's allies in building a wall against Russia.

But on domestic issues he's been very unspecific. He's spoken almost always in generalities. Most of the talking was done during the brief time he was president of Columbia University.

He's said he's for free enterprise and a minimum of government interference. Since most people would say they feel the same, those views are completely safe for any man who might be thinking of getting into politics.

But yesterday he got into politics, whether he likes it or not, which is something he'll have to say for himself. Senator Lodge, Massachusetts Republican, put him in the race for the Republican presidential nomination.

The senator said he'll place the general's name in the New Hampshire primary. Until now the general has never dipped his toe into the political pool far enough to say publicly whether he's a Republican or Democrat.

After Lodge's statement, the general can't very well play it quiet much longer.

Meanwhile, the public is far better informed about the views,

foreign and domestic, of some of the other men who have been mentioned as possible candidates, or who have announced themselves as candidates, for the presidency.

To take two extreme opposites: President Truman and Senator Taft. Their views are known. And people already have been able to choose between them on the basis of their ideas and their performance.

Still, the opinion polls show the general—of whose domestic views the public knows practically nothing—is out in front of all the others mentioned as presidential possibilities.

Consider Personality

Maybe this means that at the moment a lot of people consider personality the issue in the coming campaign, not the big problems that usually go hand-in-hand with a presidential race.

If so, they may be looking, in this period which is uncertain for everyone, for a feeling of certainty in a candidate, one who appears serene and has been able to operate with unbroken success, a symbol of strength.

Neither Mr. Truman nor Senator Taft can provide such a picture of serenity or unbroken success. Having been in politics for years, both have suffered rebuffs and defeats along with successes.

So far the general has been a kind of American fair-haired boy. Because he's always stuck pretty close to his own business, soldiering, he's never had his hair mussed by the rough hand of politics.

Church Walls Save Israeli Youths Hundreds in Storm

By HAL BOYLE

New York.—(AP)—A young nun told how the stone walls of an old Parish church saved hundreds of lives during a typhoon that laid waste a part of the Philippines last month.

The tempest was described by Sister Maria Constancia Pena in a letter of appeal to the very Rev. Ulric Arcand, Apostolic Missionary of the Philippines rehabilitation, whose headquarters are in St. Paul, Minn.

"The sight of the debris is very sickening—it can drive you crazy if you don't stop thinking about it," she wrote in a graphic account of the storm.

Sister Maria Constancia is a teacher in Assumption College in Guayan, a town of 28,700 population on the Island of Samar in the Central Philippines.

"Ninety-five per cent of the houses were carried into the Pacific by the angry waves or crushed down in total ruin. All our eight big quonset huts which the U. S. Army left in 1945 were totally destroyed... not a post standing," she wrote.

And then she described how the stone wall of a centuries-old church shielded hundreds "as a fortress."

"We sisters couldn't stay standing up during the great disaster, for the walls were falling and the roofs flying," her letter continued. The nuns joined townspeople who had crowded by the hundreds into the Parish Church.

"Men, women, children, and babies were there—crying, shouting, praying, moaning with pain on account of the windows and doors of the church being blown down and hitting people. Broken window glass flew over our heads."

Torrential rains and a 135-mile-an-hour wind willed the church with a thick fog, although it was daylight, she said, adding:

"That time was the crisis—from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. we couldn't see

each other because of the fog, and nothing could be heard but the roaring of the winds and the cries of pain.

"I thought it was the end for everyone. Each one was just waiting for his death. So was I.

"Groups of people were blown away. We were all wet for hours and hours."

When the storm at last subsided, the survivors emerged to find their homes destroyed, many relatives dead beneath the wreckage or swept out to sea. Noting with a sore heart that "among the casualties were many of our 1,600 students," Sister Maria Constancia wrote:

"We have to begin from scrap again."

Correction

Rabbi Kahn will speak Wednesday night in the MSC instead of Monday night as was erroneously stated in yesterday's Battalion.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF

College Station State Bank

of College Station, Brazos County, Texas

at the close of business December 31, 1951, a State banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of the state and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

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Table with 2 columns: Asset description and amount. Includes Cash, balances with other banks, United States Government obligations, Corporate stocks, etc.

TOTAL ASSETS \$1,758,731.97

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Table with 2 columns: Liability description and amount. Includes Demand deposits, Deposits of United States Government, Deposits of States and political subdivisions, etc.

TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below) \$1,668,613.97

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TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$90,118.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$1,758,731.97

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MEMORANDA

Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes \$443,500.00

I, Thomas W. Lee, Cashier, of the above named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. (Signed) THOMAS W. LEE Correct—Attest: S. A. LIPSCOMB HAROLD SULLIVAN L. G. JONES, Directors (Notary Seal) State of Texas, County of Brazos ss: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 1952. LOIS BETHEA, Notary Public.

Wildlife Wives Set Farewell Party

Peg Meschkat, president of the Wildlife Wives' Society, called a meeting of club officers in her home, A-5-B College View, Monday evening to plan a farewell party for wives of graduating Wildlife Management students.

The social, set for 8 p. m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, will honor January graduates' wives Bobbie Jackson, Eny Holman, Betty Daniel, and Mackie Harris. It will be in the form of a Canasta party in the home of the president.

Rio Grande Valley Scene of Color Film

Everyone in the College Station area has an invitation to attend the free showing of the full-length movie, "The Outlaw of the Cameron," Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., in the Assembly Room of the MSC.

This color picture filmed in the Rio Grande Valley country of Texas, features the famed Snow Brothers, Luke and Bob, and their pack of hunting hounds.

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By Walt Kelly

LPL ABNER LPL ABNER presents FEARLESS FOSDICK By Al Capp. A strip of comic panels showing a man in a suit and a woman in a dress, with humorous dialogue about meat prices and living souls.

By Al Capp