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Seniors Politely Ask Juniors to 'Speak'

MEMBERS of the senior class feel they are being punished unjustly by members of the junior class. They voted a resolution last night asking the juniors to start "speaking" to them.

Famous for our traditional "Howdy" on the campus, A&M has been many times ridiculed of this tradition because some people feel underclassmen are forced to "speak" and seniors do as they please.

Nevertheless the seniors decided to "encourage" juniors to use the usual greeting. They went so far as to adopt a resolution to be passed on to the third year class.

Whether anyone can prove the juniors are speaking any less now than the present seniors did at this time last year, we don't know. But at least the seniors were somewhat polite in their demands.

Associate with men of good quality, if you esteem your own reputation; it is better to be alone than in bad company.

—Washington

Education System Faces Change Soon

HARVARD UNIVERSITY'S President James B. Conant explained that Americans face a series of important changes during the next five or ten years in their education system.

Because of the expected 50 per cent increase of school-age population, Dr. Conant expects:

Rising expenses in operating expanding secondary schools. This will mean increased taxes in most communities.

Federal aid to states which cannot raise the necessary funds should be re-examined as a revenue source.

Remarking of the curriculum and increasing successful "work experience programs" used in many schools. At the same time developing the principle of the comprehensive high school with a common core of studies and differentiated special programs.

Four year programs in colleges and universities should not be expanded. "Too many persons are prolonging their education," Dr. Conant says, "many because they can afford to do is in fashion." The four year college should become the foundation to university work for persons interested in entering a profession.

Giving two year colleges the same prestige, allowing them to grant degrees, such as a Bachelor of General Studies.

Need of good administrators and good teachers who are leaving the scholastic profession because of fantastically low salaries."

The changes which Dr. Conant has predicted undoubtedly are on their way. But like he, we also wonder, "how will education meet its new challenge?"

'Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam, Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home.—Richard Cecil

The resolution unanimously approved by the class was as follows:

WHEREAS, we the members of the class of '53 can now see that speaking, like so many other old traditions on this campus, is, like an old soldier, fading away; and

WHEREAS, we are of the opinion that speaking is one of our oldest and greatest traditions and as such, is one of which we would endeavor to keep alive; and

WHEREAS, we, as seniors, who have come to love and honor traditions, realize that in years past it has been a tradition to let the Junior Class enforce policies set by the senior class, and

WHEREAS, there is, at the present time, considerable doubt in our minds concerning this issue, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the class of '53 formally and officially urge the officers of the class of '54 to call a class meeting for the express purpose of deciding whether or not they desire to speak this year, and be it

RESOLVED, that should this first proposal be met with a negative answer, we inquire whether or not they will be so kind as to answer us when we greet them with the traditional "Howdy."

House Masters Neglect Duty?

HEALTHY SITUATION was started yes- es to a rhythm that never lags in terday by a letter from civilian students concerning the conditions of their dormitor-

What has been done? The Dean of Men's of its songs, musical numbers are office has explained its side of the story and performed with enough enthusiboth sides are represented in today's paper their infrequency.

for all to see.

dents at British universities has the small drop in the s

For every dormitory there's a house master. What does he do? Why should students living in these civilian dormitories have to 'All My Sons' ask the Dean of Men's office for someone to keep the latrines clean, replace mattresses Tryouts Tonight and other housing problems.

Aren't the house masters informed? We feel they are neglecting their duty when desks are cracked and chairs falling apart. today in the first floor of the All this could and should be reported to and Music Hall, C. K. Esten, faculty by him

We feel that both sides are right: the housing office and the students. But, house ers was postponed until the next masters can help in keeping the dormitories meeting. Not enough persons were in better condition with consistent checking.

Plays which the group will

Because of a heavy enrollment of civilian sent during the ensuing year were students, three to a room living is necessary discussed. "All My Sons," a dra- at Oxford and Cambridge, 18,000 the schedule was announced in the in some housing units. But other conditions "Marvey," a comedy recently mak- English universities and university Up until are avoidable. Additional help should be ing a second tour as a movie, will colleges. There were 5,000 at the hired, if necessary, to keep the facilities in be the second production of the better condition, for these students who are players, Esten said.

During the short business meetliving in unusual quarters.

Everyone working together can provide gie a continued healthy situation.

The Battalion

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

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ARTS AND DARTS

'Merry Widow' Has Kisses, Few Songs

By JERRY BENNETT **Battalion Amusement Editor**

("The Merry Widow" starring Lana Turner and Fernan-do Lamas—MGM—Palace The-

"The Merry Widow", a practical The happiest moments of my life have film version of Franz Lehar's the bosom of my family.—Jefferson

demonstration by Lana Turner and Fernando Lamas on the art of kissing, is Hollywood's latest film version of Franz Lehar's famous operetta.

Although the film

phasis on amorous strangle holds and Miss Turner's legs than the Lehar melodies, MGM has shown good taste in its liberties with the original operetta.

The production splashed with music, dances, technicolor costumes, and smeared lipstick, waltz-

Music Infrequent

Although the movie version accents the operetta's plot in favor

Election of officers for the Play-

Cherry Returns From Canada Tax Conference

Bob Cherry, assistant professor of agriculture economics, has re-

MGM has made better musicals up to its adjective.

story's light theme from being crushed between the stars' fre-

Lamas Sings, Too

Fernando Lamas occasionally manages to break away from Lana and other assorted starlets to sing several tuneful solos. Near the film's conclusion, Miss Turner dis-covers a new use for her lips and breaks into song herself. Otherwise she spends the mapority of her time modeling expensive fur pieces, evening clothes, and nineteenth century underware.

but "The Merry Widow" still lives Now it's big business.

At other conference schools, favorable conditions prevail. Faculty members at Rice receive two tickets for each home game for the price of tax alone and can buy additional tickets at a small charge for other members of their immediate family. Southern Methodist also treats its faculty in a decent manner as do the other conference schools. Even the University of Texas allows its faculty to buy "blanket tax tickets." Preference Shown to Some

FRANKLY SPEAKING

came first, the home or the church?"

Students, Faculty

Ignored on Tickets

By FRANK N. MANITZAS Battalion Co-Editor

nected with everything we do.

When we first started school, we were asked "What came first, the chicken or the egg?" This is a form of leadership, to know what is first. Later, in high school, "What

Beginning college, we pondered "What came first, learning or the grade?" And now, "What came first the school or

Students, Faculty-Little Consideration

The State Federation of Mothers Clubs is attempting something which has been tried unsuccessfully for many years: a proposed query into the price reduction of football date tickets.

It's amazing the little consideration students and faculty members have been given concerning athletic contests. Under present conditions, a football week end starts at five dollars for an A&M student and skyrockets upward as the game progresses.

And the faculty is given priority No. 34,589. That's the seat nearly each teacher gate. Faculty members not only get and gare

nearly each teacher gets. Faculty members not only get end zone seats but must pay \$3.60 a game, Hence, the reason for many professors holding little sympathy for athletics is understandable. It isn't the athletes fault, however.

The answer to all of the above questions is: Each needs

Leadership. It always has been an American trait. Leadership is con-

But A&M is democratic. It doesn't show preference to its faculty and treats them as any other citizen of Texas. There are exceptions to the legislature members (who get free tickets) and football players (who get free tickets) and scouts of other schools (who get free tickets) and contributors to Aggie athletics (who get the best seats).

What are we getting at? Who comes first, the student or the school? Without the student, there would be no athletic contests. The same reasoning applies to school. Intercollegiate contests were started to further the school. started to further and better relations between colleges

What can be done?

Small Drop In Enrollment

Most British Students Have Some Assistance

From The Manchester Guardian Weekly: English Universities and univer-

scenes of song and dance is just cording to figures given by the of increased number in England. enough nonsense to keep the University Grants Committee in In Scottish universities there were

expenditure of the universities and university colleges was 24,269,892 pounds, compared with 21,767,940 pounds in 1949-50.

Recent Report

107 fewer than the previous year, but 1,624 more than in 1948-49. There were also 16,698 part-time

In the whole of Great Britain, dred. ing, Esten explained that the Ag- 72.5 per cent of the students held gie Players was "strictly business." Lack of a suitable stage will bring the first production to its audience as a "Theatre in the of the students had some form of enjoy and be proud of. If we are available. Round," Esten added.

Persons interested in joining the Players can contact me through the English department or at my office Room 302 Academic Building, Esten said.

Second of Scotland 63.1 to keep it this way, we must have proceed to keep it this way, we must have proceed a definition of pictures.

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Clarks Visit Here

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W. K. Clark received his Ph. D. degree in zoology at the Univer- charge for having the picture sity of Texas, having taught bi- made.
ology at the University of Rich-. If everyone will cooperate on mond

Complete coverage of the conference is given in the latest issue of "The Wall Street Journal."

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Guy Delangy gineering.

its annual report supplying to the 797 fewer men and 182 fewer dormitories and why a nationally Treasury statistical returns from women. In England there were universities and university colleges in receipt of Treasury grants for the academic year 1950-51.

During the year the recurrent

LETTERS

Editor, The Battalion:

The recent report states there up or the freshmen care very little were 85,314 full-time students— about having their picture in the about having their picture in the military dormitories. In many in-'53 Aggieland.

distributed to the first sergeants few as one man. students-962 fewer than the year last week, the first sergeants were

Up until this letter was written, only thirteen freshmen had had University of Wales and 16,000 in their picture made when there Scotish universities. should have been around two hun-

enjoy and be proud of. If we are available. to keep it this way, we must have

fit brass and \$2, which is the a combat zone?

LETTERS Civilian Students Ask Improvements

Editors, The Battalion:

We, the members of the noncorps element of Texas A&M, desire to know the reasons for the inadequate living conditions in our recognized and government suptaken steps to correct the abnormal living conditions provided for their students.

The following list of discrepate cies are general throughout the non-military dormitory area:

• Inadequate living spaceditor, The Battalion:

There seems to either be a mix that the third man's room rent is being used to repair and maintain stances, rooms in the military dor-Freshmen picture schedules were mitory area are occupied by as

> • Plaster on walls and ceiling is cracked, and walls are in dire need of paint.

• Mattresses are lumpy and are in need of renovation, if ample funds are not available for new mattresses. • Latrines originally furnished

dred.

Most likely there are a few by twelve (12) men. These latrines freshmen that do not know that are cleaned only twice weekly.

at the Aggieland Studio. All the being taken advantage of because freshmen need to bring is his out- we are used to living conditions in

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By Al Capp DON'T! DON'T TAKE

