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THE BATTALION

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A New Suggestion For Kyle Field Seating

THE STUDENT SENATE labored for many hours trying to decide on a seating arrangement for A&M students in Kyle Field.

Result: It didn't work. Not because their collective ability was unsatisfactory for coming up with a suitable solution, but the area designated for A&M students is not large enough to "seat" the people who try to find room there.

Anyone who so desires may go into that student section, no matter what his ticket stub says. Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, friends, enemies, and other people who accompany A&M students to their section may stay there. The main violator in the section is the former student who comes back to be with his Aggie buddies in the senior section.

If the section is so crowded we can't get all our students and their dates in, who is going to go?

You can't require freshmen to sit under Kyle Field and listen to the game on radios,

Too many men are out in the back yard looking for four-leaf clovers when opportunity knocks at the front door.—Forum

Please Pay The Electricity Bill!

BLACKOUT AREA: That's the new name for the upperclassmen dormitory area. For some unappreciated reason, the streetlights in that section of the campus have been off for several days.

Not that we great big "he-men" are afraid of the dark, it's just a little discouraging to stumble around in the dark while walking down a sidewalk or when looking for a car in the parking lot.

Won't somebody please pay the electric bill so we can have lights again?

Our job is to save America for ourselves and our way of life. The soul of that way of life is the supremacy and freedom of the individual in a state organized to serve him, not to enslave him.—Basil C. Walker.

Headlines Tell Story?

READING NEWSPAPERS from different papers present startling revelations.

We however, are happy to say that neither of the following two articles will appear soon in your paper:

From the Purdue Exponent: Dean Of Men Releases Rules About Women Being In Fraternities

From the personal want ad section of the UCLA Daily:

"Will the blond young lady who wore sun glasses Thursday morning (besides other things) be in the cafeteria between 11 and 12 a. m.?"

Do you know why?

The Battalion

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

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they have a right to be in the student section.

Why then, should a former student who has purchased a seat in another part of the stadium, crowd out a senior from his rightful place in the senior section?

It happens at every game, and each time it gets just a little worse. At each game the A&M student section gets a little more crowded.

The practical solution we see to provide adequate space for all students and their dates is to place strict regulations on who is allowed in the Aggie section. If a student buys his mother a date ticket, then that's a different story. The main thing that harms our student section is the person who buys an end zone ticket and then looks for a place in the student section before the corps students march in. He can at least get a seat on the 40 yard line.

Why can't the Student Senate require every person who sits in that section to show proper identification to justify his being there?

A corps student's uniform would be his admission to the student section, while a non-corps man could easily, and quickly show an ID card.

This proposition would cause a little extra trouble, but in our estimation it is the practical solution to the crowded situation which prevailed in Kyle Field Saturday.

In essentials, Unity.
In non-essentials, Freedom.
In all things, Charity.—Lincoln.
Politeness to superiors is duty—to equals

Inebriation: A Great Tradition?

"SOME MAY boast with prowess bold, of the school they think so grand—"

Khat's so grand about dozens of drunken Aggies trying to take part in the great tradition of Midnight Yell Practice?

Perhaps some seniors should quit worrying about how loud the juniors yell and sober each other up before they go to yell practice.

".....our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty....."—Lincoln.

Adlai, Ike---Phooey

SOMETIMES WE wish neither Eisenhower nor Stevenson were running for the presidency.

If you should see the way the Democrat's and GOP's propaganda is thrown on the promenade floors in the MSC you would too,

courtesy—to inferiors nobleness.—Franklin
Men fail through lack of purpose rather than through lack of talent.—Billy Sunday



WIN OR LOSE—Carrying the football players off Kyle Field Saturday, A&M students again displayed one of their many sportsmanlike traditions—win, lose, or draw. (Staff photo by Wilkerson.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Civilian's Views Attacked by Corps

Editors, The Battalion:

Concerning the letter which appeared in The Battalion on Oct. 16, we would like to correct some of Mr. Terk's unfounded criticism. In the letter Mr. Terk stated that his non-regs had only 5 out of 40 places in the Student Senate. Well, well, Mr. Terk, the senior class held an election two weeks ago in which there were 48 seniors in the running for the class' 15 places.

Not one of them was a non-reg senior, although all members of the senior class, both corps and non-reg, were eligible. This is a zero percentage participation on the part of the senior non-regs. Fewer than two dozen non-reg seniors voted in the election at all.

The Class of '53 held its initial meeting of the year two weeks ago in the MSC and only two non-regs came. Approximately 450 members of the class attended this meeting, Mr. Terk, this is a participation percentage of less than one half of one per cent. Mr. Terk, how can you expect to be given more representation in the senate if you don't show any more interest than has been shown by the non-regs up to now this year?

From our meager experience in this life we've found out that it is very seldom you get something for nothing, so in the future Mr. Terk try to get the non-regs to participate in class meetings, elections and so on, and we think that you'll find that it will bring results.

Gene Sparks '53
C. M. "Red" Scott '53
R. M. Zeek '53
Willie East '53
William S. Thornton '53

Seating Completed

Editors, The Battalion:

From a letter in Thursday's Battalion, we learn that Roger Terk and his non-reg buddies have many complaints. However, there

is one thing they have no cause to despair over, and that is the seating arrangement at home football games.

When the first cadet unit moves into Kyle Field, the senior section is already packed with non-military students.

Here's hoping that the Student Senate sets aside a section for corps seniors only at their next meeting!

Joe A. Riddle '53

(Editor's note: For Mr. Riddle's information, the senate did establish a separate section for non-corps seniors last Thursday, the day Mr. Terk's letter was published in The Battalion.)

Athletic Dept.

Editors, The Battalion:

This letter is directed to officials of the Athletic Department . . .

Dear Sirs:

Your present system of selling tickets to the students of A&M seems to be in a terrible shape.

It is a very pleasant feeling, after standing in line to purchase tickets, to hear the sales girl say "Sorry, we can't cash a check for students."

Considering the facts, it just shows the cooperation the students have with the department.

How many seats does Kyle Field contain? A mere 40,000 seats in our stadium and four home games played here with approximately 27,500 people attending each game makes your net income from the football games near the following:

4,000 students at \$1.20 (\$ 4,800)
1,000 dates at 3.60 (3,600)
250 wives at 1.20 (300)
22,000 others at 3.50 (77,000)
Total \$ 84,300 per game
Times 4 (home games)
Total \$337,200 (home games)
These figures may contain some error, but to the best of our knowledge they do not. Although we (See LETTERS, Page 5)

The Aggie-Nizer

Aggies Fool UK As Well As Selves

By JOEL AUSTIN
Battalion Sports Editor

The A&M-Kentucky game is long forgotten by the Aggies by now, but the three-week-old meeting with that South-eastern Conference school is still a matter of discussion around the Lexington, Ky. campus.

The Kentuckians were favorably impressed with the conduct of A&M students at the game, in fact so impressed they have used that game as a means of trying to arouse a little school spirit among their own students.

Evidently these long-time practices of the Aggies is something not often found around other campuses in the United States. Perhaps A&M is finally gaining the recognition it has so long deserved for Sportsmanlike practices.

A lead editorial in the Kentucky Kernel said recently:

Students Put to Shame

"Students at Texas A&M put UK to shame last week even though the Wildcats came home with a win after fighting off the hard-driving Texas team right down to the last five seconds of the game.

"We've nothing but praise for the football team—they racked up one of the finest performances of any UK team ever—but the school spirit and sportsmanship displayed by the host school certainly contrasted vividly with past performances by UK rooters here at home. "Down at Texas A&M, an all-

male school, the students march into the game in a body . . . At the kick-off, the A&M students rise to their feet and stay there until the game is over. Then win or lose, they sweep down on the field in a body and carry both teams off on their shoulders.

"At Stoll Field the picture in somewhat different. Dressed to the teeth in their latest tea dresses, and drape suits, our docile rooters file in, accompanied by the inevitable bottles and the frame of mind that makes for frequent displays of poor sportsmanship."

(Perhaps we could compare this statement with the yell practice last Friday night. The Aggies would rank about the same, from their inebriated appearance at our great traditional gathering at mid-night before a home game.)

"At the kick-off our would-be sophisticates look at one another and chew over the latest campus gossip. They rise to their feet only to boo a referee who has ruled against UK. Needless to say, the gentleman in the striped shirt is almost always right.

"During the game, UK's 'looks only' cheerleaders lounge gracefully on their pretty blue blanket. When a time is about over, they languorously get up and half-heartedly beg the student body to

struggle through an out-dated, unexciting cheer . . .

" . . . The football players landed at Blue Grass airport, last Sunday afternoon and were met—not by a cheering crowd of students that had been told when and where to meet the team to welcome them back—but by empty runways.

"In our opinion no one group can be blamed for UK's shame—it falls equally on the lackadaisical members of Suky, the inept cheerleaders, and the prideless students."

Football Captain Speaks

The paper wasn't the only official source of lambasting the Kentucky students received. Their football captain, John Griggs, had a few words to say:

"I was very much impressed with the spirit, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship shown by the Texas A&M students at the football game when we played there last week. I had heard much about their cheering section beforehand, it being referred to as the '12th man' on A&M's football team, but I actually had no conception of its true strength until I saw and heard with my own eyes and ears.

"From a player's standpoint, I can vouch for the fact that such a cheering section has a very strong psychological effect on the visiting team.

"At A&M, the entire student body (6,000 students) is required to be at the game an hour before game time, and the yelling starts before either team takes the field.

Believe me, the yells are deafening and are at a perfection. They have yell practices for the entire student body through the week, and they really take pride in their cheering.

"As soon as the final whistle of the game is blown, their student body comes leaping out of the stadium and converges on the playing field. Not only do they carry the entire team off the field on their shoulders, win or lose, but the visiting players also get a boost to their shoulders and are carried off.

"The conduct of the A&M players was equally as sportsmanlike as the student body. In all my years of football, I don't think I have ever played in a cleaner football game."

Which Way Twelfth Man?

This praise is certainly well deserved by members of the A&M student body, but perhaps only for that game in particular. It seems as though we are beginning to lose our interest in the true meaning of the Twelfth Man by coming to yell practice so filled with spirit of a kind other than displayed at football games. Mid-night yell practice Friday

was a disgrace to A&M's Twelfth Man and more like it could lead to the discontinuance of this fine old tradition. Must we load ourselves with liquor to be in condition to yell?

We would like to hear more praise such as what the Kentuckians had to say. Which way will our Twelfth Man go?

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By Walt Kelly



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