

More Campaigns To Tax Your Earnings

THE RED CROSS has announced it will not take part in the annual College Station Community Chest drive.

This announcement came after local chest officials advised the Red Cross they could have \$2,000 instead of \$2,500 requested from College Station Community Chest receipts.

Red Cross officials also say the Community Chest directors refused to "cooperate" according to their proposals. Their proposals included: The Red Cross be named as a principal in the money-raising campaign, and the local Red Cross chapter could set the amount needed in the chest budget.

We can understand why the Red Cross

Big Job Ahead For Safety Group

A CAMPUS COMMITTEE for safety held its first meeting yesterday. Some people were rather surprised to find what a big job is in store for this group recently appointed by the president.

Safety is something few people have deemed important at A&M until now because we have relatively few accidents—at least we think there are few accidents.

Who reports auto mishaps, cuts, falls, acid burns, and other minor accidents on our campus? No one records how many broken bones or injured knees were the results of falls from bicycles on the campus. We have no accidents you say, or is our problem mainly in the fact that no one records what actually happens to let us know about the little things which happen from day to day?

How about traffic safety on the campus? Do we have any dangerous corners? Should there be more one-way streets? Should certain streets be closed to motor vehicles during class hours?

Are our buildings safely protected from fire? Does the slick floor near showers in the dormitories cause falls? Are proper safety precautions being taken in chemistry laboratories?

These are just a few of the questions facing the new committee. Does it have a big job? We'll let you answer that question. And another thing we would like to direct to every person on this campus:

The safety committee can find certain things wrong and may then make some sort of proposal to correct these habards. It will be up to every person on this campus to follow the safety suggestions made by this committee.

Cooperate with the committee—live, work, and play a little safer.

Saturnine No. 8

NOTICE TO Mr. Saturnine. Have hope. You have spoken. Now you are answered.

Be not discouraged by the response but enlightened. Remember that expressing opinion is everyone's privilege which usually results in knowledge gained.

The Battalion

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Answers to What Non-Regs Give U.S.

Saturnine No. 1

Editors, The Battalion:

In a letter published Oct. 21, 1952 (written) by a Mr. Saturnine, he made some statements which we would like to take exception.

As to his statement of what the government will be getting from the non-regs, maybe he'd better stop and think before he eats any more shoe leather. For his information, a large percentage of those living in the non-reg dorms have either spent their four years in the corps or are veterans. For various reasons, we are still here for one or more semesters. Many of us who will graduate this year will be in the Army or Air Force and will have finished our tours of duty before he and his classmates of the class of '55 have senior boots well broken in.

Mr. Saturnine, we realize that you had an awfully tough life in the corps last year and our hearts really bleed for you. We can see how these trials that you suffered last year have wounded you deeply and have made you vengeful and prompted you to lash out at members of those classes who persecuted you so severely.

Yours for harder and faster flag waving,

J. D. Cloud '52 F. E. Wilcox '50 W. M. Witty '51 J. C. McReynolds '52 E. H. Martin '54

Saturnine No. 2

Editors, The Battalion:

It seems that more and more people are reading The Batt than ever before. Of course, this can be partially explained by the fact that more people are learning to read than ever before. Many of these new-found readers, however, lack the ability to think and understand what they have read.

This is particularly true of some of the young scholars who, after being convinced that they know nothing their first year at A&M, come back the second year with their handbands stretched double.

Hello, John Hargis Saturnine, '55. I can't begin to tell you how much we of the non-regs enjoyed your letter in The Batt yesterday. There are a few errors in your letter though, Hargis.

In the first place A&M is a state supported school and does not receive aid from the federal government for the nourishment of its students, civilian or ROTC. The only direct federal aid to students, other than veteran's checks, is in the form of ROTC contract checks which are more than earned by their recipients.

Another glaring error in your manuscript is that you said non-reg undergraduates may live off the campus. By consulting your nearest counselor you may obtain information to the opposite. Also you may be interested to know that just because a person doesn't like the way a school or country is being run is no sign that he should move or run away as you suggested. In America and at A&M constructive criticism may be offered to the public's judgment in the hope of obtaining a more democratic government.

These little errors in judgment and fact may be overlooked by some, however.

But the thing that struck in most of our craws was when you stated in your letter "we are in the service more than the servicemen, cause at least when they are off duty, their duty being eight hours a day, they can go around "non-

reg." We are "on-duty" 24 hours a day.

Since you have it tougher than those easy-going soldiers in Korea, I'm sure that you would be glad to change places with any one of them so that you could enjoy their "non-reg privileges" as you call them. And if you ever get to Korea, after you have served your eight hours each day you can wash up, take off those nasty Army clothes and go dancing or something.

Also if you're old enough to remember the last world war, you will also remember there are a few veterans now enrolled at A&M who deserve a few privileges also. But then as you said "The government is getting soldiers out of us, so it sees fit to feed us, but what will it be getting from the non-regs?"

I don't want to discourage you, Hargis, but getting in the non-regs does not exempt a man from serving in the Army. In fact, if you stay in school the full six years that your law course requires, by the time you get into the army most of us will have just about served our stretch.

Roger H. Terk '53

Saturnine No. 3

Editors, The Battalion:

In answer to Messrs. Sparks, Scott, Zeek, East and Thornton's letter of Oct. 21, I would like to express a few of my ideas.

Primarily, the non-reg's biggest headache is the housing situation. I sincerely believe that every non-reg would agree that the housing situation is critical. Mr. Terk's letter was not aimed at military students, as implied by the abovementioned men. They seemed to think that Terk was giving vent to a pet peeve concerning regs. No non-reg envies a reg. We do envy their housing, but that is all.

A few figures I have tabulated should well illustrate my point. Each room in Puryear and Law is 13' x 10' or 180 square feet. Two beds, each occupying 21 square feet, take away 42 of these valuable square feet. Then three desks require 22.5 square feet; three chairs take 12.0 square feet; a dresser covers 4.5 square feet; and miscellaneous items (lavatory and area required by door to open and close) grab six more those fast-winding squares. This total equals 87 square feet. That leaves 53 square feet in which we can do just as we please. Of course, we have wastebaskets, footlockers, and suit cases to place somewhere.

So that's the non-regs main gripe. Nobody blames the regs. But who is there to blame?

The food is another problem. I won't attempt to elaborate on this; however, there is enough material there for a good-sized letter.

And concerning Mr. Saturnine's remarks about there being no college regulation preventing a non-reg from living off the campus, I have only one thing to say. The only possible way for a non-reg (other than graduate students) to live off the campus is for him to be married, and believe me, brother, it ain't worth it.

John P. Sutton '54

(Editors' Note: As to the value of being married, we take it Mr. Sutton is not and has no immediate plans for marriage. Would you married men agree it "ain't worth it?")

Saturnine No. 4

Editors, The Battalion:

Since John Hargis Saturnine '55 contrived to have his statements published in The Battalion on Oct.

21, 1952, we sincerely hope you will accord us the consideration of printing this answer.

Mr. Saturnine, is your mind indeed so "dull and laden" as your name implies (see page 884 of Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, fifth edition), that you did not comprehend the falsity of your statements concerning service duty? To refresh your memory, you stated: "Another thing is the fact that we are almost in the service. In fact we are in the service more than the servicemen, cause at least when they are off duty, their duty being eight hours a day, they can go around "non-reg". We are "on duty" 24 hours a day."

You evidently have not the slightest idea what "duty" is in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps implies. Do you, Mr. Saturnine, stand a midnight to 4 a. m. graveyard watch after an 18-hour day of course, and calisthenics? Or stand a 12-hour watch in the front lines while under fire or on the deck of a ship scanning the seas for enemy subs? No, Mr. Saturnine, your so-called "duty" at Texas A&M is kindergarten compared with full-time duty in the service.

No doubt the soldiers, sailors and marines fighting in Korea will be overjoyed to hear that they are on 8 hours of duty. But then they don't have a nice modern MSC in which to enjoy their duty hours drinking coffee, or a Tessie with whom to spend an enjoyable football weekend. Any serviceman past or present, would be glad to trade places with you and stand your "24 hours" of duty instead of his "eight hours". You are leisurely receiving in four years of 24-hour duty the military indoctrination which we received in three to four months of "eight-hour" duty.

We would suggest that hereafter you think twice before casting about thoughtless statements. Mr. Saturnine, you still have three years of your so-called "duty" at Texas A&M to endure before you enter the ranks of men in the Armed Forces. Use them wisely and enjoy them. Above all, avail yourself of the opportunities to enlarge your mind. We sincerely hope that after this you will no longer degrade the Aggie tradition by uttering such rash statements.

N. E. Linnartz '53 (Navy) W. D. Warren '52 (USMC) S. R. Chapman '49 (Army)

Saturnine No. 5

Editors, The Battalion:

(To Mr. Saturnine). Since you suggest that if we don't like living three to a room we can go elsewhere, I have a like proposal for you.

If this 24-hour duty at A&M is getting you down, why don't you volunteer for duty in Korea so you can spread the word to the troops over there that they only have to fight eight hours a day. Someone ought to let them in on the secret, don't you agree? As a matter of fact there are several ex-servicemen here who have already served four years or more and they didn't even know about it.

You further imply that seniors can live three to a room just as well as freshmen. I don't agree. I think that by the time we become seniors we are entitled to a few privileges; or has the class of '55 done away with all this?

Since when, Mr. Saturnine, does being a non-reg exempt one from military duty? We will become cannon fodder as well as you and a heck of a lot sooner. Next time you feel like writing a letter

please at least get your facts straight first.

From now on when the seniors need any more advice, I am sure they will be more than glad to hear from you.

Alfred Walter '52 Duane Boenig '52 Robert Bradshaw '52 Nick Dragna '51 Ronald Dokell '53

Saturnine No. 6

Editors, The Battalion:

In writing this letter, we are not trying to further any argument between the corps and the non-regs, we're all Aggies! We simply would like to express our opinion on a letter written by John Saturnine.

Few times have we ever read a letter that was completely biased and narrowminded. Mr. "Assinine", rather Saturnine, made the statement "The government is getting soldiers out of us, so it sees fit to feed us, but what will it be getting from the non-regs?"

We don't suppose he ever stopped to think that plenty of the non-regs have already given their time to the services and, furthermore, that most of the non-regs have had more military at A&M than he has had. Before anyone sits back and says "I'm in the corps; you're not, which means I have more to offer my country," he had better check the facts! A simple thing like sinus, asthma, or an uncorrectable eye has kept a lot of top notch men from becoming officers, and has kept a lot of top notch men out of the corps.

As far as the price of food goes, no one is looking for a hand-out, but it is rather discouraging to buy a meal at the Sbisca cafeteria and have to pay competitive prices for it. We're not asking the college to sell us food at below costs, but neither are we pleased with a system that allows a profit to be made from us. We're as much a part of this school as anyone, and we would like to see a non-profit cafeteria set up that would give us decent meals at decent prices.

If we have misinterpreted Mr. Saturnine's remarks about the non-regs having nothing to offer to their country, he has our apologies.

Rodney Heath '54 Rodney De Pue '54 Wm. G. Felix '54 Glenn G. Finkbinger '54 Frank J. Koenig Jr. '52 Thad M. Howard '51 Raymond D. Broussard '54 Tom Garbett '55 John Oliver '55 Arthur L. Herzogg '55

Saturnine No. 7

Editors, The Battalion:

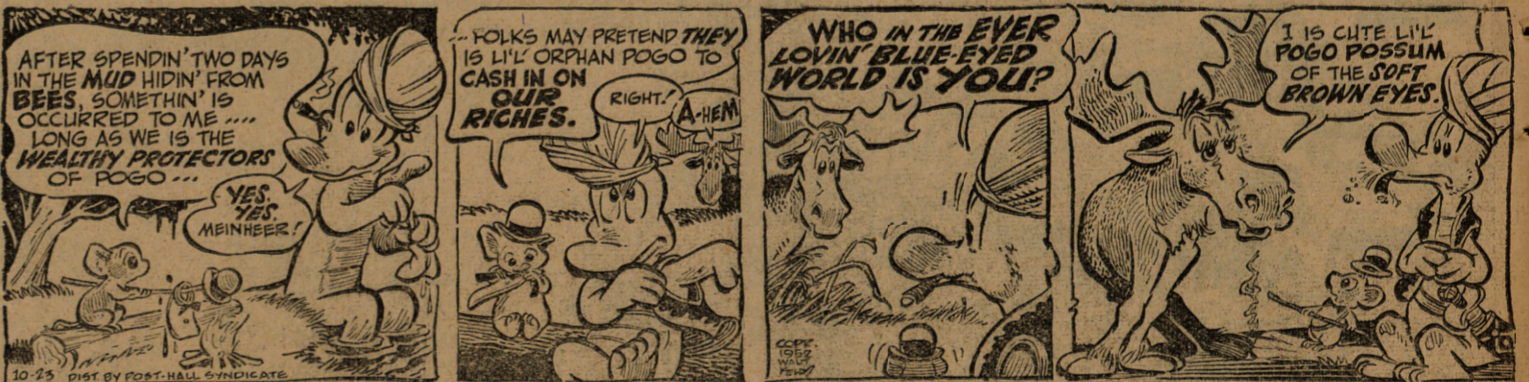
This letter is submitted for publication to apologize to all readers of The Battalion for the letter which was in reality a farce written by one John Hargis Saturnine.

Dear John:

Below appears several quotations from your letter published in the Oct. 21 edition of The Battalion. I have commented on them for the purpose of furthering your knowledge and preventing the readers of The Battalion from being misinformed.

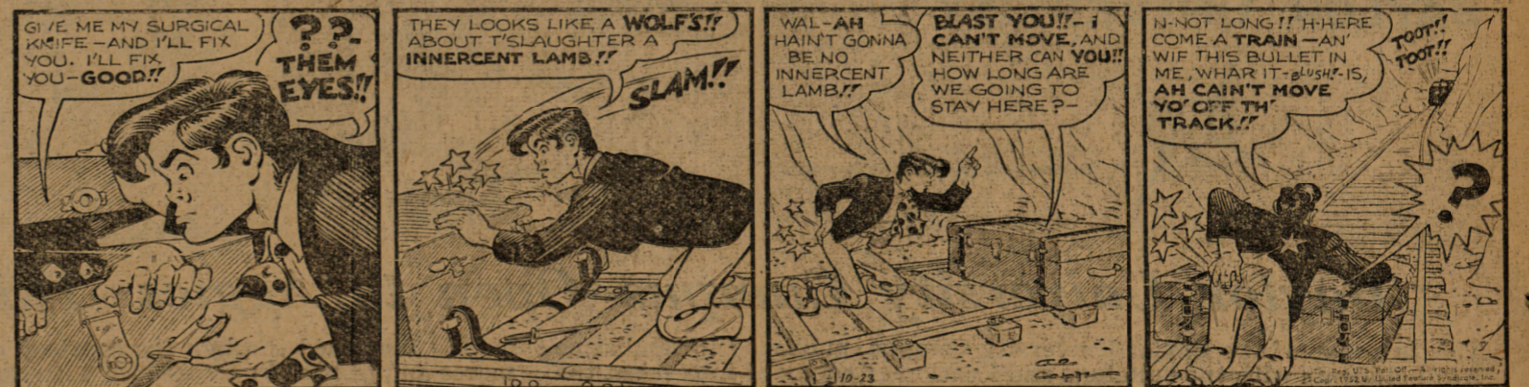
Concerning the extreme differences in the expense of meals between the corps and the non-regs you said: "... sure we get our meals cheaper for being in the Army and you all don't ... in fact we are in the service more than the servicemen ..." (See LETTERS, Page 4)

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By Walt Kelly

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By Al Capp