

FANDANCE

Tessie Craves Ag Who's Tall 'n' Thin

We got the biggest surprise yesterday in our entire association with The Battalion—a letter with no gripes, at us or anyone else. This is news!
The young lady sounds sincere, too.

The Editor of The Battalion
Texas A&M College
College Station, Texas

Dear Sir:

The other day some mighty fine lads came up to Tesseland and claimed brotherhood to us. That's all fine, but since we claim such relationships, I'd like to personally meet one lad I could enjoy in such a capacity. You see, I'm from Yankee Territory and I just haven't had a chance to keep up with all these relatives like I should.

Seriously, I would like to meet an Aggie who is majoring in some branch of agriculture and who wouldn't mind answering a few silly questions about crops; etc. I'm a farmer at heart and I would like to know more about farming down here. My Dad graduated from A&M in the class of '24 and we live on a farm in N. H. We have about 25 head of registered herfords and poultry and the love of the land seems to have rubbed off on me.

I'm nearly 22, of average intelligence and attractiveness. Occasionally I get in a rather strong argument about what N. H. has got that makes it as fine a state as Texas but otherwise I don't believe I have any serious faults. I would like to meet a tall skinny Aggie who enjoys horses and cattle and farming as a whole. (You know, the kind who heads for the livestock before the new cars at the Dallas Fair.) Do you suppose you could help me out?

Please don't think I'm writing this to be ridiculed because I mean it in all seriousness.

Sincerely,

Ann Graves.

Dear Ann,

We made a quick check of the Agriculture building and it's loaded with tall, skinny Aggies.

Anyone interested can contact Miss Graves by writing Box 2714 TSCW Sta., Denton, Texas.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR More About Boots

To the Editor:

The senior class Monday night passed what will probably be the most significant law concerning senior privileges and senior boots made since the war. In passing this law they have given back the undisputed prestige of senior boots and for what they stand.

In the past few years boots have lost much of their significance because of disputed eligibility. They did not necessarily mean that a man had completed a certain number of semesters as a freshman, sophomore and junior but only that by one method or another he had acquired senior privileges. Now we have a concrete law from which definite decisions concerning privileges may be made.

To most of us boots not only mean that we are taking senior privileges but they are a representation of what is behind us. They show that we have been through that long year as a freshman, the miserable year as a sophomore, and the hopeful year as a junior. No man that has not been through each of these years can possible have the same conception of senior boots as those of us who have looked forward to them for three years.

This law is many years overdue and it is to the credit of this year's senior class that they have passed on it—but in passing this law we are going to be blinded with our prospective goodness that we can not see the wrongs we are committing by denying to those men the privilege of wearing boots this year when they have accepted in good faith our word (until Monday night) that they will be intitled to wear them this year.

We are just as much at fault for their situation as they are themselves. If we are so religiously right, why didn't we deny them junior privileges last year when they came from the freshman area? If we had made them progress in order last year we would not have this problem now.

Assuming this law or tradition is passed on by the military department and it becomes a regulation of the cadet corps, a

transfer student will know from the day he arrives at A&M what is expected of him and he can plan accordingly.

This, however, is not true for the men who are presently affected by this law. They have met the previous requirements and now as they are about to put on their boots we change the requirements and slam the door in their face.

Senior boots stand for something big and impressive, something that can be obtained only one way and that is by time with a little guts and quite a bit of endurance. Are we going to belittle this supposed greatness by being so narrow-minded as to say that if a law is basically proper and just that it can not have valid exceptions.

Johnny Harris '54

Editors, The Battalion:

It is our opinion that the senior class did not act "disgracefully" in the boot problem at last night's (Monday) class meeting. We made a decision that A&M needs. It doesn't seem, however, that all understand that "special problems" are to be referred to the traditions committee. The "special problems" include transfers who have already skipped sophomore privileges. For these men it is too late to go back, and it isn't entirely their fault. We hope that the traditions committee will be lenient enough to allow these men to wear boots. It will then be the responsibility of the class of '54, and the classes to follow, to prevent any more privilege-skipping by transfer students.

- Olin Atkinson '54
- Bill Wiseman '54
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- Bob Williford '54
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The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions
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South African Student Is Impressed With US

By BOB HENDRY
Battalion Feature Editor

"I didn't know everything in the United States was so big," said Franz Van Zyl, A&M student from Africa, in explaining his first impression of America.

Franz saw America for the first time, other than in motion pictures, when he arrived in New York City Sept. 4. He is studying the principles of breeding sheep to specific environments so that he may adopt them to his farms in Central Cape province, Union of South Africa.

"I had never seen so many tall buildings or cars before in my life," he said. "Cars were lined up as far as I could see. It was terrific. I just looked."

Impressed by Roads

Our road system impressed him most, he said. "I had never seen so many roads running over and under each other. We have good roads in Africa, but none like these."

One thing that especially impressed him was the air conditioning systems found in many of America's buildings. "We don't have that in Africa," he said.

Corps Will March At Football Games

The Corps of Cadets will march into football games this year.

Fred Mitchell, colonel of the corps, said today that since enough students paid their student activity fee, the corps would march into games.

Almost all students in the corps—99.675 per cent—paid their student activity fee. Mitchell said earlier that the corps would march into the games if 95 per cent or more paid the fee.

C. G. (Spike) White, assistant dean of men for student activities, estimated that 93 per cent of the overall student body has paid the fee.

About 90 per cent of the old returning students have paid, and more than 99½ per cent of the new students paid at registration.

Batt Staff

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graduate of the University of Tennessee, will be women's editor of The Battalion.

She is married to Sherwin Rubin, a senior from Fort Worth. While at Tennessee, she worked for the Orange and White student newspaper and the school radio station. Her home is Knoxville, Tenn.

Bill Turner, assistant manager of student publications, will handle advertising for The Battalion and all other student publications.

He has a BA in journalism from Sam Houston State Teachers college and an MA from the State University of Iowa.

Turner's wife, Amelia Ann, is a Bryan girl. His home is Huntsville. He will enter the navy in January.

Carl Jobe, former assistant manager of student publications, will be manager of student publications for the year, while Roland Bing is in Austin working on his doctor's degree.

Other staff members are Jerry Estes, basic division editor; Joe Hipp, system reporter; Frank Hines, deans' offices reporter; Jerry Wizig, sports writer; George Manitzas, intramural writer; Clifton Bates, CHS sports correspondent; Jerry Neighbors, general assignment reporter.

YMCA Starts Year With Steak Fry

Members of the YMCA cabinet held a steak fry Monday night for their first meeting of the year at their cabin in Hensel Park.

Ronnie Hudson, president of the cabinet, headed the meeting and outlined plans for the coming year.

This year, the YMCA will be run by commissions. There are four commissions: Christian heritage, campus problems, personal problems and world affairs, including the U. N.

USDA

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industries to turn to hay and sorghums for feed, he said.

Morse pointed out that most of the land which normally would go into production of wheat and cotton would be planted in corn. This leaves the government with an even larger supply of corn on hand and no place to dump it, he said. However, he emphasized that the support price of 90 percent of parity would be continued.

Turning to the subject of soil conservation, Morse strongly advised the group that mere conservation was not enough, but that the building up of the soil was what was needed.

NEWS BRIEFS

A&M Directors Meet Saturday

THE A&M BOARD of directors will hold their regular September meeting here Saturday, Sept. 26. The board members will spend Friday visiting Prairie View A&M to look over new building and improvements.

DR. C. W. BANKS, associate professor of veterinary radiology, is spending two weeks in Oak Ridge, Tenn., to study techniques of using radioisotopes in medicine, especially on domestic animals.

THE CORROSION short course started here yesterday, with an attendance of 150 engineers, scientists and executives. J. D. Lindsay, head of the chemical engineering department, is chairman and director of the course.

DIARRHEA is leading the College Station—Bryan morbidity report for last week, with a total of 41 cases. Fifteen are in College Station and 26 are in Bryan. Strep throat is next with 22 cases, 14 in College Station.

RVs Now Accepting Junior's Applications

Applications for membership as a junior in the Ross Volunteers must be turned in by Sept. 30. They may be given to first sergeants.

Membership applications may be obtained from Kurt Nauch, first regiment sergeant major; John Benefield, first wing sergeant major or Ronald Hudson, first composite regiment information officer.

ARMY LT. Richard Ingles '52, has been awarded an Oak Leaf cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious service in Korea. He served as an aerial observer for the 25th infantry division, flying more than 60 missions. He is now with the 89th medium tank battalion.

WEST POINT Cadet Leonard H. Fuller Jr., an A&M former student, has been appointed a cadet lieutenant in the West Point corps. He is a veteran of 17 months in the army.

LT. COL. LAWRENCE E. Sommers '34, former senior artillery instructor here, has been assigned to Fourth Army headquarters at Fort Sam Houston. He will serve in the training division of the troop training and inspection branch of the G-3 section.

Pasadena hometown club meeting, room 305, Goodwin Hall. Important meeting, election of officers.

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