

Gold Bar Guessing Game Gives Cadets Good Gamble

The air force seems to have changed its mind again concerning student qualifications for an officer's commission.

Now the service has announced that a few seniors who are not eligible for flying or not enrolled in a technical course of study, will be commissioned upon graduation.

Before this policy change, these students were out of the gold bar line-up until they had served two years as an enlisted man.

But air force seniors should remember

that only a small number of cadets throughout the nation will get these commissions. And eligibility will be put on a competitive basis.

It might be wise then, for these men not to ease up in air science studies.

The air force commission situation has become a guessing game with no one seeming to know the right answer.

Continued effort in AFOTC courses might be a good gamble.

Ball Game Could Be Highway Death Trap

Seven Aggies who left school to see a football game already have been added to the Highway department's auto smashup statistics.

Six were involved in a crash with another car near Waco. Three of them are still in a hospital waiting for their broken bodies to mend.

Another student's car overturned on highway 6 between Hearne and Bryan. It is reported he fell asleep at the wheel.

Luckily no one was killed in the accidents. But another out-of-town football game is set for this weekend. Once again the highways will be crowded with Aggies going to and from the game.

Unless these students obey all highway safety rules, they may be added to the ever mounting list of auto tragedies.

No Aggie has died on the highway this school year.

Not yet.



TRES BIEN—Gaby Andre, one of France's most glamorous young actresses, will make her American screen debut in "The Two Million Dollar Bank Robbery". Until then she doesn't have anything to do but pose for pictures like this.

Job Interviews

The Pan Am Refining corporation of Texas City is in need of a mechanical engineer with little or no experience. New engineers usually start in the construction and

maintenance division since the widely varied scope of its work offers the best opportunity to become acquainted with the physical aspects and organization of the plant.

He would be assigned a coach who guides him through the orientation and training period.

Mechanical engineering majors may qualify for the teaching vacancy in the mechanical engineering department of Mississippi State college. This position would be as instructor or assistant professor and the person employed would have to teach mechanics, thermodynamics and possibly one course such as air conditioning. After becoming acclimated, it would be possible to work towards an advanced degree.

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The "Spanish Main" originally referred to the Spanish colonies on the mainland of South America, but the term was extended to include the island and water of the Americas which were under Spanish control.

The Battalion

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Readers Concerned About Enrollment, Facts, Spirit

Editors, The Battalion

There are many things that go into the making of a great institution besides the size of that institution.

A&M built its fine reputation in both academic standards and military leaders with a much smaller enrollment than it enjoys today. Certainly it is fine for any organization to grow, but this growth doesn't have to be in size to be recognized.

You know some firms and some people have grown too fast and suddenly found themselves flat on their face, wondering how they got there.

Bigness calls for precise control and even at its best, management is faced with problems that disturb smooth operation.

When you get big, you loose that close personal feeling toward each other. Everyone becomes distant and little groups form that pull against each other. We don't need this at Aggieland, instead we need more unity.

I ask you. Hadn't you rather have 6,000 students that are real men, with backbone and stability, that can be trusted and depended upon than to have 14,000 students here with half of them falling in the two percent class?

Will Better Itself

In my opinion, A&M will better itself by continuing to uphold high scholastic standards, closer feeling and spirit between the students and the continued urge by every Aggie to promote good will for the school.

By doing these things, the school can continue to turn out graduates who will leave here as men and carrying with them the knowledge to cope with future tasks and a love for Aggieland that will stay with them until their dying day.

As for that 41 per cent that didn't come back; can it compare in any way to the 59 per cent that did return?

Be it academic standards, mental

hazing, the thoughts of moving over in that big and mean upper-classmen area—that they imagine—or the lack of what it takes inside a man to be an Aggie; whatever it was that took the toll from the roll, it served its purpose well.

Find Yourself in Combat

Wouldn't it be wonderful to find yourself in combat with that bunch and just as soon as things got hot as I—and you really need them, you suddenly find out that 41 of your 100 men got lost or went to the rear to get rations or such.

You might wish that you had weeded these 41 out back in the training period. Of course you are going to know why these men suddenly disappeared when going got rough, but just for the record, you write them a letter and ask them.

Do you honestly think there will be any answers coming back that will contain the truth?

No one likes to admit that they couldn't take it. You will get such a flood of rationalization that you will feel sure they all wrote the 210 English book.

Lets all congratulate the 59 per cent that came back and let that 41 per cent drown in their tea.

Get Cream of Crop

Surely if the freshmen enrollment can be kept up or boosted and we get the cream of the crop back here for their sophomore year, this school will feel no pain in the future from actions of its students and graduates.

If there are 59 genuine Aggies found out of every 100 boys that come here as freshmen, this school will not only remain as the "best by test," but will continue to progress in the steady and magnificent way that it has in the past 77 years.

For my money, I had much rather have a degree from A&M in campusology than a Doctor's degree from some schools I know.

In fact, if I couldn't attend school here, I wouldn't be going to college period. You may call this attitude what you wish, but I am sincere in saying this.

Is Some Argument

Of course there is some argument that A&M is in a rut and is making no progress and that it is not up to par in teaching methods and academic standards.—Most of this has come from northern immigrants to this school who seem

to be looking for some gravy train in Texas—and are just not keeping pace.

That old saying about keeping up with the "Jones" could apply here. This over extended effort to make a show can ruin people and organizations such as this are not immune.

Improvements; yes there is always room for more. We could probably acquire more knowledge by having smaller classes in many instances, better class rooms for sure—oh those shacks are little dandies—and the use of more visual aids in all teaching.

See First Hand

It seems that what you see first hand stays with you longer than what you acquire through lectures or reading.

Certainly, there is need for much more effort on the students' part—me for sure—in order to receive what's being offered.

There is need for much more stimulated interest among the students in the class work and less complaining about the teachers.—I am the world's worst.

Then there seems to be some

teachers with too much "take it or leave it attitude" in their oratory. Some teachers here leave the impression that it is a privilege to be present in their classes and little do they realize that if it were not for the students, there would be little need for them around here.

Oddly enough, the teachers that I consider to have been the best that I have had, I made my lowest grades under. There is plenty of room for improvement in both the teacher and student attitude.

Thought of Discipline?

As for a different reason for the 41 per cent failing to return, have you thought of discipline?

It is hard to change the course of a river after it has run in one direction for sixteen years. Many of these boys ran into discipline for the first time right here at A&M.

How can the college officials expect them to "obey and like it" when they have never had to do it at home.

It would be interesting to know something of their family background. And of course there are always some of those "Mama's boys" that daddy wanted to send down here to make a man and Mother told him to "come on home if they are not good to you."

Those kind simply give me the "itch."—Mothers that is.

Lets just keep improving what we have and not worry about that 41 per cent long, for Aggieland will be here when they are dead and gone.

Hal I. Hart, '54

Editors, The Battalion:

I've heard so much about the "Spirit" that Aggies have. If this is true why don't we have confidence in our team?

If the football players knew they really had the school behind them, they might have a little more self-confidence in themselves. A little more self-confidence in a man usually means he will be a little bit surer in his actions.

Lets just keep improving what we have and not worry about that 41 per cent long, for Aggieland will be here when they are dead and gone.

Too many times I have heard Aggies say, "If only we had a team we might stand a chance at the conference."

Why don't they say instead, "We've got good men on the team and we stand a pretty good chance at the conference."

Mrs. Philip Stern

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Cartoon panel titled 'LET'S GO!!'. A man says 'YO TAKES AWAY 239 FUM 24--?? HOW MUCH DO THET LEAVE?'. A woman replies 'FOLLY THOSE INSTRUCT-SHUNS!!'.

Cartoon panel titled 'OH-SOBI-AH DONIT KNOWIF-WE'LL NEVAH FIGURE THIS OUT IN TIME TO SAVE OUR BABY FUM THE WELFARE MEANT'. A man says 'GULP! THEY IS COMIN! TOMORRY!'.

By Al Capp

POGO

Cartoon panel titled 'HOPE YOU DONT MIND ME PRAC-TICIN MY RADIO JOB, UNCLE BALD-WIN--TAINT HOOKED UP YET, BUT... HERE GOES: GOOD AFTERNOON, HERE IS A IMPORTANT PRE-GAME FLASH!'.

Cartoon panel titled 'SEE IT NOW! THE THROBBING NEW FILM "CUMQUAT BLOSSOMS" SEE THE ALLWIN' MISSIE FARQUHAR, THE CURVACEOUS AN DEE-LECTABLE TOOTOO DEVINE... AND THAT SLOW BURNIN TIGRESS, GREENEYED FOLLY FRISBIE!'.

Cartoon panel titled 'THOSE YUM-YUM LIPS...YOURS, YOURS, YOURS! IN BIG FAT 3D! YOURS WITH A CAPITAL U! RUFF! SNEERP!'.

Cartoon panel titled 'NEXT TIME TAKE OFF YOUR MASK! NEXT TIME TAKE OFF YOUR MASK!'.

By Walt Kelly