

# Letters to the Editors

Editors, The Battalion:

The very finest example of the "Spirit of Aggieland" was witnessed by 6,000 Aggies and countless citizens of our state last Saturday on Kyle Field when that Texas Aggie football team gave everything they had against Baylor.

Those of us who have been here for nearly four years feel that spirit such as shown by that team is the very personification of "The Spirit of Aggieland."

To those former students and students who doubt the existence of a true spirit at A&M we cite the magnificent fight exhibited by the football team Saturday.

We feel justly proud to be a part of the school with a team that never quits but fights to the final gun regardless of the score.

As long as Texas A&M has the kind of spirit characterized by the "Texas Aggie Team" we need not worry about the future of our graduates.

- Fred H. Mitchell, '54
- B. P. Pantuso, '54
- Pat Wood, '54
- Monty Montgomery, '54
- R. L. Hunt, '54
- Ide P. Trotter, Jr., '54
- Jimmy Tyree, '54
- Charlie Boyd, '54
- Leonard D. Eddy, '54
- Gil Stribling, '54
- Stan Bell, '54

We believe that one of the Rights is the ability to use our own discretion to choose a seat at a football game. Second, we do not criticize the Corps' policy of class distinction; personally, I feel it serves a worthy purpose there.

We have served and fought to preserve the liberties on which this country is founded, yet we return to have these liberties denied to us by our fellow students and by our duly elected representatives.

I have always felt that to serve one's country was the greatest thing one could do for his countrymen.

If to deny to a man the Rights he serves to protect is the American, or Aggie, way of showing thanks then I don't blame draft dodgers. I repeat, we don't want SPECIAL consideration; just equality with our fellow students.

We feel we have been discriminated against in the NON-REG seating arrangements.

Because we were in the service we were not able to pursue the academic classification of Senior or Junior, and this has been used against us in the seating arrangement.

It's a terrible feeling to know you're being abused because of your own patriotism.

E. R. Castle Jr., '56

Editors, The Battalion:

Please add my name to the list of those endorsing the letters you printed in your Thursday, October 22 issue, referring to the non-reg seating arrangement.

Let me set a few things straight. First, no veteran is asking for special consideration because of his service.

We believe that "All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights."

Judging from the letters that have been printed in the Batt recently, I guess nearly everybody has their own idea of how some phase of college activities here ought to be run.

Well, I have a suggestion, too, but along a little different line.

It's in regard to the shoddy, barn-like affairs that most of us know as the handball courts.

Last year the Aggie handball team played at Rice, Texas, and Baylor, and our courts are the only

ones where you can watch the game from the outside through the cracks in the wall.

Compared to the other schools in the Southwest Conference, A&M has by far the worst excuse for handball facilities.

Where they have hardwood floors, plaster walls and ceilings, and good lighting, A&M has rough wooden walls, chicken wire ceilings and very poor lighting.

Our courts are too wide, too short, and have too low a ceiling. Because of this sorry construction, it is almost impossible to play in them during cold weather.

In consideration of the fact that handball has proven to be the most popular individual sport on the campus, these are tragic conditions. But what about improving them?

There appeared to be a fine opportunity for something to be done when over a million dollars was allotted for a new physical education plant.

But the lavish new gym with a seating capacity which is probably much greater than A&M will ever have need for is nearing completion—minus handball facilities.

Then another sum was provided for a complete, wall-to-wall remodeling of the old gym, which is to be done as soon as the new gym is finished.

And in spite of the efforts of Barney Welch, Intramural Director, and two or three persons in the PE department, the plans have been drawn up without including even one handball court.

To meet the present needs and demands of Aggie handballers, A&M should have at least 15 properly built courts, and could use several more.

However, such a goal can only be reached through the concentrated and persistent efforts of the students.

Doug Scott, '54

# CHS Ex-Students Work in Office

A&M Consolidated high school has an outstanding ex-student working as secretary in the main office of the school.

Mrs. James A. Bowen, who was graduated from CHS in 1952, works in the superintendent's and principal's office while her husband attends A&M. He is a junior from Lawton, Okla., majoring in industrial engineering.

While at Consolidated, Mrs. Bowen was chosen to receive the Babe Ruth Foundation sportsmanship award. She was also picked all-sports queen.

The sportsmanship award is given to one boy and one girl junior each spring. Mrs. Bowen received the award in 1951. Certain high schools throughout the country selected by the Babe Ruth Foundation give the awards. Consolidated began presenting the awards in 1950.

The high school teachers select the winners for the awards on the basis of good sportsmanship shown in all school activities. It is not for athletics only.

Married since July 10, Mrs. Bowen has worked at CHS 14 months. Her job includes book-keeping and general secretarial work.

## Grougnard To Speak To Marketing Society

Jack Grougnard will speak to the Marketing society on "Opportunities with IBM at 7:30 tonight in the YMCA chapel.

Grougnard was graduated from A&M in 1940. He is now a salesman for International Business Machines in Houston.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

"I just like this type of work," she said, "but I spend a lot of time answering the phone."

The only plans Mrs. Bowen has for the future is a house in the country. She said she likes small towns and doesn't want to live in a big city.

"I'd like to have a big ranch-style house out in the country near some small town," she said.

Mrs. Bowen, 19, has lived in this area all her life. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ramond Nolan, live in Weiborn. There are four girls and one boy in her family.

## Seniors Complete Practice Teaching

Sixty-six senior agricultural education students completed their two-week practice teaching assignments last week.

The prospective teachers of vocational agriculture taught classes of high school vocational agriculture students in thirty-three Texas schools. Except for a few who will graduate in January and completed their two weeks of apprentice teaching last spring, this was the first teaching experience for these seniors.

Faculty supervisors were E. V. Walton, head of the agricultural education department, and Dr. M. N. Abrams, Henry Ross, Roy Dugger and J. R. Jackson, agricultural education staff members.

Each apprentice teacher worked under the supervision of the regular vocational agriculture teacher of the high school to which he was assigned.

# What's Cooking

TUESDAY

7:30 p. m. — Entomology club meeting, room 105, Biological Sciences building, Refreshments. Saddle and Siroin club meeting, A&I lecture room.

Accounting society meeting, assembly room, MSC. Robert Stevenson will speak on "The Relation of Accounting to Insurance." A&M FFA chapter meeting, room 3B and 3C, MSC.

A I E E meeting, E. E. building. R. E. Cambell will speak on microwave transmission.

American Chemical society meeting, room 106, Chemistry building.

Marketing society meeting, YMC A chapel, Jack Grangnard '49, will speak on "Opportunities with IBM." Refreshments.

Economics club meeting, room 126, Academic building. Will elect junior representative to Arts and sciences council.

## Skrivanek, Riedel Attend Ft. Worth Meet

J. J. Skrivanek, A&M Consolidated high school principal, and W. T. Riedel, junior high school principal, are attending a conference in Fort Worth.

The conference, composed of principals from member schools of the Southern Association of Secondary School and Colleges, will close Wednesday. While in Fort Worth, Riedel will also attend a conference on federal aid.

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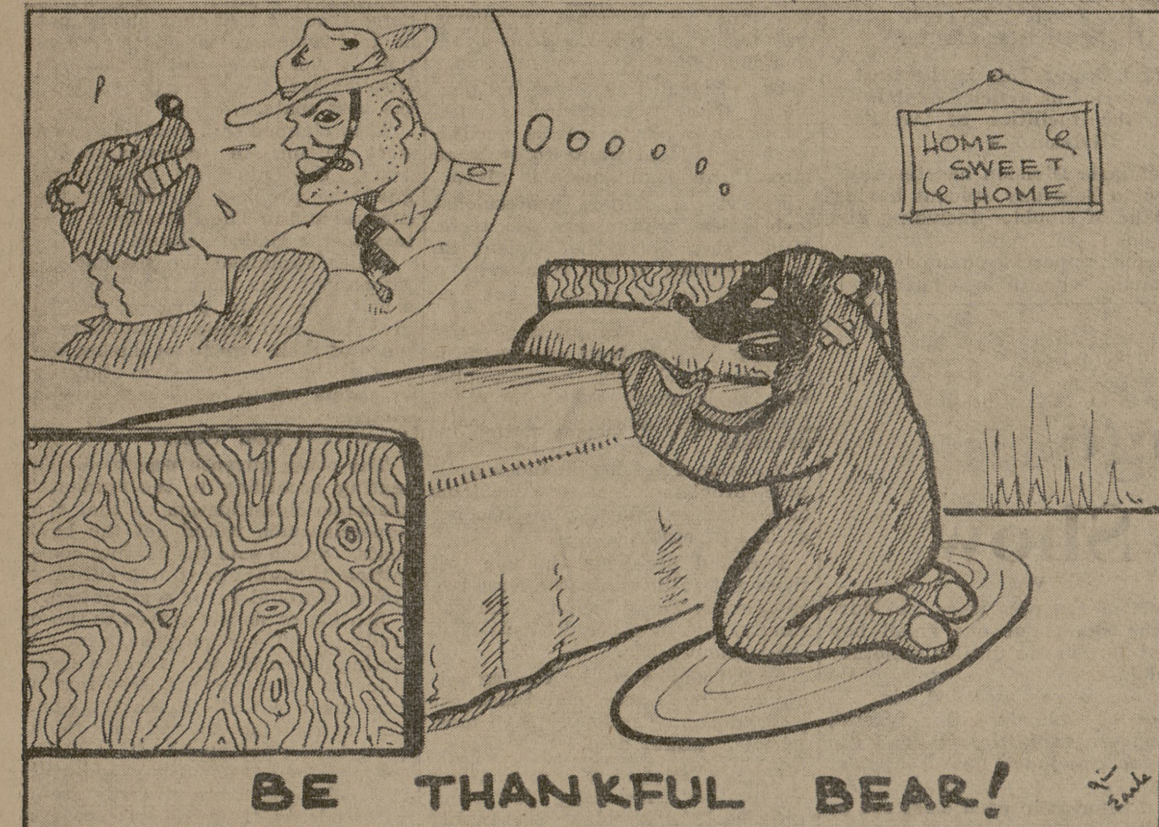
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## Non-Military Seating

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who have been at A&M the longest. Since it is based on academic classification, a new student with senior hours can sit with seniors enrolled here for four years.

Freshmen and sophomores make up only 20 percent of the non-military students. This number is not enough to crowd the better parts of the seating section.

Abolishing academic boundaries would give ushers more time to

keep non-students out of the seating section. They would not have to keep checking if students were sitting with the right class.

An open section would result in better relations among the different classes.

Smith asked that everyone consider these points closely. "Remember, hot-headed arguments will get you nowhere. Only serious thoughts and actions should be tolerated in an educated gathering," he said.

## Senior Class

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yell practice. Some cadets thought that fights at midnight yell practice were caused by units trying to capture each other's guidon.

● Passed a motion to recommend to unit commanders that they tell their men to speak to non-military students.

● Heard complaints that underclassmen and former students were sitting in upperclassmen's seats in Kyle Field during football games.

● Heard complaints that juniors did not know how to act at yell practice.

● Heard recommendations that a "get rough" policy be used to improve speaking by juniors on the campus.

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