

Battalion Editorials

Batt Letter Writer Driven from Campus

John Clark, a non-military student, was railroaded out of A&M by a group of corps and non-military students last night, in what is probably the most outrageous and high-handed act committed here since the 1947 uprising.

Clark criticized Aggies in a letter to the editor of the Battalion.

From his letter, which was addressed "Dear darling Aggies", it is apparent that Clark did not like A&M. However, it is difficult to find any justification in that letter, which did no physical harm, for the act committed against its author.

It was unwise for Clark to have written such a letter at a time when A&M spirit was at the usual Thanksgiving game high. He should have realized the 'Old Army' faction would retaliate.

The opinion of A&M held by Texas taxpayers, whose money makes A&M possible, is shaken by such outrageous acts by A&M students. The students responsible for the outrage against Clark—did not stop to think of the effect of their act.

Those who were behind the expulsion of Clark should be punished for bringing discredit to A&M by acting as they did.

Cadet Slouch



... by Earle

What's Cooking

FRIDAY 7:15 p.m.—Galveston county hometown club meeting, room 2C, MSC. Important. 7:30 p.m.—United Nations club meeting, YMCA. Everyone invited. A&M Dianetics group meeting YMCA. 8 p.m.—"T" Association, lecture room, C. E. building. Plan Fall dinner and dance. MONDAY 7:30 p.m.—Society of American Military Engineers, MSC. The

The Battalion

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

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Clark's Letter

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Editors, The Battalion: Dear Darling Aggies,

I read in Thursday's Batt where that some among you is again raising the ageless phrase of "Old Army has gone to Hell!"

The reasoning that those gentlemen used in their little note of wisdom, has indeed got entirely out of style now except at A&M and other dark ages institutions.

Why should a man be made to go through hardships simply for the stupid reason that someone else had to go through them?

It is a good thing that this line of "thought" does not prevail in civilized parts of the world or all progress would stop.

I am afraid you children are under the impression that a man is not a man unless he can't take physical punishment.

I am truly sorry for you. You are wondering why that your enrollment has steadily dropped, well why do not you look around you and take stock of some of your so called great traditions here and you will see.

You are always making fun of the cookiepushers, well I guess people of your mentality would always try to belittle something that is better.

I recently returned from a trip to the university of Oklahoma where I was indeed honored to see a truly great team and great band in action. Up there the student body yells because they want to and not because of force.

At the half time of the game a sign was brought round the track by some University of Kansas students. It said "I would sooner be damned, than be a damned Sooner."

The Sooners took it all in the mood of good sports. Do you really think that the aggies would have?

Another thing I noticed which would seem strange to an aggie was the fact that there campus was beautiful and well kept, not one single building or street was marred by the smearings of paint, so often seen around here.

I will be in law school at O. U. in the Fall of 55. If some of you big tough board swinging "MEN" want to drop in for a spell, feel free to do so.

Maybe we can make partial gentlemen out of you. On second thought I guess you had better not, the Sooners are going to be pretty good about that time, so maybe you had better stay here and make men out of the Freshmen.

For those of you who will answer this letter by asking me why I have not gone to O. U. in the first place, I can only say that if you will pay my extra costs of going there, boys I'll gladly go.

John Clark

Clark's Letter

Dear Editors, Let us be the first to congratulate those broad and liberal minded individuals who took it upon themselves last night to move a non-conforming individual off our campus.

Hail to the men??? who are training to become officers in the service of our country so that some day, if necessity demands, they may go into battle to defend our constitutional rights of freedom of speech and thought.

Long live the OLD ARMY tradition of the mass mind which enables any one to think and express his thoughts as he wishes without fear of reprimand.

Now, may we change our form of praise. John Clark is an American citizen and has the right to express his beliefs. Right or wrong he has intesines but definitely lacks good judgment.

We, the undersigned, want to make it clear that we do not agree with the reasoning and views of John Clark. However, we do feel it is every American's right to have and express his own views even though he happens to reside in an institution where many of the students believe there is but one way—theirs.

Bill Wiseman '54 Ed Waples '54

Editors, The Battalion: In reference to the editorial of Tuesday, November 17's Battalion, I think that the editorial had one of the most ignorant statements I have ever read, in it.

Quote, "It seems the residents of Houston, are trying to live up to their reputation as the most criminal in the south."

I don't see how anyone who is supposed to be three-fourths of the way through college can write such a stupid editorial. What does he think Houston is—a half a million gangsters?

Well, to wake him up, there is over five hundred Houston "gangsters" in A. and M.

Maybe our editor should have the K. K.'s escort him around the cam-

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pus to protect him from the Houston "Hoods". Perhaps some of the punks who beat up the seniors weren't even from Houston, dear editor.

But that would take away from Houston's monopoly on crime. If I were one of the three, I guess I wouldn't have any love for Cougar High or Houston either. But since we are all in college, we should be learning to be more broad-minded.

Let's not judge the merits of such a great majority by the disgraceful actions of such a few.

I think the citizens of Houston and even the majority of Cougar High students probably are sorry that our seniors were beaten up and would like to see their attackers punished.

I think the editor should be a little more careful in judging a whole city by one incident.

Don Williams, '56

Editors, The Battalion: After reading an article in last Thursday's Batt entitled "Car Violators May Be Expelled", we saw red.

In case Dean Penberthy has not been informed, there is a very bad parking problem on the campus, especially in the New Area.

The parking problem has grown as more students get cars. Very little has been done to correct this situation except to restrict cars from the campus when they receive five tickets.

That is a poor way to solve the parking problem. A good example of this is a senior in Dorm 3 that has his car restricted.

His only violations were parking in the center of the parking lot behind Dorm 3 when no other parking spaces were available.

It is a sad situation when a student gets his car kicked off the campus because he cannot find a place to park.

Granted, the drill field behind Duncan Mess Hall can be used for a parking lot but it is almost a quarter of a mile from the other end of the dormitory area.

The area east of Dorm 3 and 5 parking lots could be used to take the overflow from those parking there.

Another area that could be used is that so called park west of the dorm area that has the barb wire fence around it and looks like a stockade. It could be used to solve the parking problem for years to come.

Penberthy stated, "We feel that five tickets are sufficient warning to a student."

This might be true if there were enough parking spaces available within a reasonable distance from the dormitories. However, the punishment is far too severe.

In Penberthy's statement that having a car on the campus is a privilege, and not a right, I wonder if it applies to the faculty and college employes as well as the students? With policies such as the one on student's cars, is it a wonder that the enrollment at A&M is dropping?

L. M. Fauber, Jr., '54 Joe Henry Jones, '54 David E. Clark, '54 Larry Milrany, '54 Charles Bouse, '54 Dale Dowell, '54 Ed Keeling, '54 Pat Brown, '54 Eugene Tipton, '54 Wesley E. Gross, '54 Gary M. Rosenberg, '54

lege" to condemn the whole city for the actions of a few.

It is also a comment on the intellectual aridity of those chosen few, the sophomore journalists who write for the Batt.

Charles Patronella, '54 George F. Wessels, '54 Donald F. Wessels, '55

Editors, The Battalion: We are well aware of the fact that The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas DOES produce men, but we sometimes wonder at it's ability to produce editors.

Glenn E. Crisman, '56 Sy Matt Dowe, '56

Editors, the Battalion: In the past few issues of the Battalion there has been a constant stream of letters, generally bickering over the policy changes in regard to fish privileges. It seems evident that those noted authorities who have volunteered their comments thus far have given very little or no consideration to the facts.

In the first place, one should remember that Texas A&M is a military school, where policies are laid down by reliable superiors and should not be questioned by anyone, sophomores and freshmen, especially. The people who are running things around here managed pretty well in the past and there is no reason why they will not continue to do so.

To our fish buddies in G. Co. Engineers, we ask—since when has it be come a fish privilege to volunteer information, such as you did in your enlightening letter? There is not a freshman on this campus who hasn't just as much spirit as you, but they don't usually go around disputing decisions that were made for their own good. It would be best if someone would wake up and do as he is told.

It is not our intention to say that freshmen are against tradition. We are not. But if we are going to be men, let's act the part. The first step is to follow instructions. What is an army that doesn't obey orders? A howling mob. Right now there are some loud groans to be heard.

The class of '57 can take anything anybody dishes out. We would have worn lipstick if we were told to, since we were told

not to, let's do as we are told and keep our mouth shut. It seems we have too many chiefs and no Indians as it is.

Maybe it's a tradition to wear lipstick and ponchos, but there's an older one that sophomores and freshmen do not back bull seniors.

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Editors, The Battalion: Dear Darling John Clark,

I read your letter printed in Wednesday's edition of The Battalion and the first thing I say to you is if you don't like our school and our traditions, get to — — — out.

I am sure other Aggies besides me will answer your letter and they feel the same way that I do.

The Freshmen at this college go through hardships as part of the tradition of A&M.

If you will just take a little of your valuable time that you are apparently wasting here at A&M and ask some of the freshmen how he likes it, you will probably be amazed at some of the answers you will get such as one freshman said "I am a freshman at A&M and very proud of it."

Yes, Mr. Clark I am truly sorry for you too, for if you had investigated matters more thoroughly before blowing off your mouth like an adolescent child, you would have found out that the A&M enrollment increased this year instead of decreasing as according to your survey.

Another thing my dear Mr. Clark, there is on this campus two things which apparently you never have heard of and they are, the 12th Man and the Aggie Spirit.

I can readily see that you don't have the mental capacity to realize that they are present on this campus. By now the Freshmen on this campus yell from their heart not because they are made to yell.

As for your so glorious Sooner Band, the Aggie Band will make (See LETTERS, Page 6)

By Al Capp

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