UT, Aggie Friendship

EDITORS NOTE:

This article should not be read and then forgotten. It has deep and intelligent meaning especially now when relations are so tense between two American campuses. Holland Winder '52 submitted the article to The Battalion. It appeared in the Houston Post during World War II.

Heart-warming was the letter written from Germany Jan. 4 to the Austin American-Statesman sports editor by Pfc. Barrett H. Wyont of Austin.

"I have a little story to tell you about the Texas Aggies and the Texas Longhorns.

"I attended U.T. for three years prior to my enlistment in the army and during that time I was very closely connected with the Longhorn football team. This naturally made me as bitter an enemy of the 'Farmers' as they had. Then I reported for basic training at Camp Maxey.

"The inevitable happened. Half of the company were Texas Aggies and the other half were from Texas. Of course we were bitter at first and fought to beat the others—so much that the company turned out to be the best one in camp.

"During our infantry training we became closer together and that carried on to six months of training in the A.S.T.P. at Ohio State university. As soon as this group of Texans got away from Texas, the bond became tighter than ever and it was no longer 'Farmers' and 'Teasippers' but just Texans.

"From our training there we were shipped to an infantry division training camp at Samp Swift and very shortly to combat in Germany.

"Even if we couldn't see or hear the annual Aggie-Longhorn game, we did the best we could and wagered a few small bets. I won't be able to collect some of those bets now, because some of MY BUDDIES are no longer with us.

'Yes, they were my buddies and they were Aggies. I may be condemned for that by some staunch Texas supporters, but when and if I get back to U.T. every Thanksgiving game I attend I will face west and salute some of the best friends I ever had. 'Gig 'Em Aggies.'

"PFC. BARRET H. WYONT."

An Apology to Houston

The Battalion wishes to apologize to the citizens of Houston for a sentence in one of its recent editorials.

In the editorial condemning the beating of three Aggies by U of H students The Battalion stated, "It seems the residents of Houston are trying to live up to their reputation as the most criminal in the south".

This was meant to pertain only to the lawless element of the city. It was understandably read by many to encompass the whole population.

The Battalion feels that the numerous criticisms it has received because of this generality are justified. Houston is a great city. We do not blame the editorial's Houston critics for feeling indignant.

NEWS BRIEFS

SPEAKERS FOR the bonfire will be P. L. (Pinky) Downs jr., Barlow (Bones) Irvin, Ray George and the senors on the team. The bonfire will be lighted at 8 p. m.

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DEAN OF THE COLLEGE J. P. Abbott will preside at the annual Conference of Academic Deans of the Southern States in Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 1. The meeting is held in conjunction with the meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

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MR. AND MRS. ROBERT Owens sang at the Lions club luncheon yesterday in the MSC. Both Owens and his wife are graduates of Baylor university. He is music director of the College Avenue Baptist church.

What's Cooking

Tuesday

7:15 p. m.—ASME, IAS, and SAE joint meeting, lecture room, petroleum Eng. building. Speaker and film from Bell Aircraft corporation.

7:30 p. m.—Pre-Med Club meeting, room 107, Biology building. Freshmen invited.

A&M Collegiate FFA Chapter, lecture room, Biological Science building. A talk by George Hurt, state director of vocational agriculture.

Collegiate 4 - H club meeting, senate chamber, MSC. All former member urged to attend.

West home town club meeting, YMCA. Party plans to be discussed.

The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions
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Letters To the Editors

Editors, The Battalion:
Open Letter to John Clark

Are you really biting your fingernails in despair that your "Dear Darling Aggies" may not have read your charming letter published Wednesday? By your letter you seem rather agitated that certain men of strong character bemoan the passing of the various traditions that carved out widespread fame for Aggieland from a wilderness of mediocre southern colleges. Enough has been said about these victims of the attempts by college officials to increase enrollmen to justify larger appropriations by the Texas State Legislature.

These disappearing traditions were instated in a period of rugged individualism now all but past from the American scene. They served their purpose, but with the advent of equalization thru socialization they cannot be allowed to remain because individual characterand stamna must be standardized to insure no one person's getting different treatment from all others.

I fear that if you continue your education in this college for which you have few kind thoughts, you will permanently injure your ability to think rationally. It might really be a good idea for the True Aggies to take up a collection for a railroad ticket to O. U. so that your fondest wishes could come true.

Thankfully no relation
Alber (Shorty) Clark '54

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Editors, The Battalion:
My Dear Mr. John Clark,

I would like to ask a few questions.

If you consider A&M a dark age institution, why in the HELL did you come down here.

You mentioned that A&M is not a civilized part of the world. Then how does A&M turn out more and better officers than any other school in the U. S.?

You stated that "we children" are under the impression that a man is not a man unless he can take physical punishment.

I think I can safely say that if someone can not abide with our rules at A&M, he is not capable of being called a man or an AGGIE.

As for our enrollment dropping, some of it can be explained. The boys graduating from high school in 1952 had the smallest class enrollment in several years.

As for making fun at cookie-pushers, well I guess a person with your mentality does not realize that all colleges make fun at other colleges in some way or other.

When you went to visit O.U. and liked it so, why in the HELL didn't you stay up there where you could see more of their truly great football team and band.

When you get to O.U. in 1955 you won't have to worry about an AGGIE dropping by and seeing you.

By the way, if you like O.U. so much, why don't you go up there now, for as far as we are concerned we don't want you down here.

And, as far as the financial problem of going to OU is concerned, to anyone who really wants an education, money is no problem.

A person who really wants an education is willing to work his way through, regardless of expense.

Don Page, '56
Milton Sharp, '56
Jay W. Weinstein, '56
John D. Cunningham, '56

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Editors, The Battalion:
To Cookiepusher Clark:

In reference to your letter (?) to the editors, in Wednesday's Batt, we, the undersigned, would like to comment on your feeble efforts to deride the A&M student body.

First, Texas A&M is a military college (the largest in the world) where a certain amount of discipline is necessary.

According to Webster, discipline is "training which corrects, molds, strengthens or perfects."

Hardships, on the other had, are "that which is hard to bear, such as privation or injury."

Our first point Mr. Clark, is that men at A&M are not forced to go through hardships, but are made to accept the standards of discipline that prevail here.

Second, as far as uncivilized parts of the country are concerned, A&M hasn't done too badly in turning out good officers for the armed services, leaders in the business field, outstanding authorities in agriculture, outstanding engineers and above all, men.

It is gratifying to know that among the 6.500 "children" enrolled in A&M there is one man who is above physical punishment.

How did you manage to escape the stone club in this "dark ages institution".

Save your sorrows for yourself, Clark, because creatures like you are responsible for our traditions falling out along the way.

Speaking on the campus was not an old tradition when it first began.

So Oklahoma U. has a student body that likes to yell, so they have a beautiful campus, so they have rich backers, so they have a good football team (1951 A&M 14 O. U. 7), so what?

Since you have told us why you are not at O. U., will you tell us why you are at A&M?

There are other state supported schools in Texas where you would probably be better suited, such as TSCW or TU.

After you get to O. U. Law School in '55, please drop us a line and let us know which sorority you are pledging, that is if you can withstand the physical hardships of Hell Week!

Evidently you would rather be a "Damned Sooner" than a good Aggie; therefore, since Reveille's food fund got such good response perhaps we can start a similar fund and get you out of your misery and out of this uncivilized area and "dark ages institution".

We commend you on one point in your letter. You did not disgrace your class further by indicating which one it is.

Speaking of mentality, Clark, were you Valedictorian of your English 103 class?

If your use of the English language is indicative of your mentality, the only way you will ever be accepted by the bar is to prove to the Liquor Control Board that you have passed 21 years of age.

Richard L. Drive, '53
Charles Cobb, '53
Bubba Super, '54
Bill Cobble, '53

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Editors, The Battalion:

There has been much said recently about the way the freshmen are being treated. Let's face it. It's not entirely the freshmen's fault—neither is it entirely the fault of the rest of the Corps. The Basic Division hasn't helped matters a whole lot. It is hardly ever in agreement with the Corps, the military, or anybody else on any problem. There will always be a problem of some sort as long as there is this disagreement among these different parts of our school.

Every year the CORPS has had less to say about how the CORPS is to be run. This fact is very evident, because if the Corps had the strength it used to have, idiots like John Clark would not be here to fill the Batt with tripe like that which appeared in Wednesday's edition. By the way, what class is Mr. (?) Clark in? Maybe he is just as unproud of it as he is of the rest of A&M.

To Buchanan, Boses, Leimbrook, Heaton, Daniels, and Jones: It is very evident that you Aggies (?) are in the freshman area. All of us in this area are naturally proud of the freshmen. But, they are far from perfect! As far as the class of '57 being better than the class of '56, just what do you mean? Are they better because they have more privileges than we ever had? Are they better because SOME upperclassmen want to . . . polish their apples? Ask the freshmen! The majority will tell you that they would like to be like other classes too (That is, if you don't use a Basic Division Poll as an example). Just because some "mean ole' new area wetheads" wrote some harsh (?) words about the class of '57 is not a reason for the fish area upperclassmen (not to mention any names) to go "ape" trying to take up for them.

The sooner the Corps can run itself again, the sooner we will have a better A&M. And, as for "OLD ARMY" Clark, all that can be said is: THE NORTH GATE IS ALWAYS OPEN!!

Larry Griffin '56
Tommy Murray '56
Don Smith '56
Ted Chinnock '56
Gerry Griffin
Jim Renick '56
Gene Tongate '56
Duddley Swofford '56
Ken Snipes '56
Bud Whitney '56
Marion Williams '56

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Editors, The Battalion:
To Dearest John Clark, Aggie?

In your letter to the Batt you refer to "people of your mentality." meaning that you place yourself on a pedestal as having superior mental attributes over the rest of the student body.

Why didn't you write OU and tell them of this wonderful gift?

I am sure you could have landed an all expense scholarship.

Since you didn't do this and you are still worried about cost, I know a place you can go for absolutely nothing.

J. W. "Moon" Mullen, '54

Editors, The Battalion:
Mr. Clark,

If that part of the student body which likes to be reffered to as TEXAS AGGIES doesn't pack you away from this school, then Old Army has indeed gone to hell!

Dale Dowell, '54
Heriberto A. Garcia, '54
A. J. Jumper Jr., '54
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Norman Hill, '54
George Cook, '54
John J. Top, '54
Don Peterson, '54

Bats Reside In Library

Bats no longer have a home in the Cushing Memorial library.

Bats have been entering the building through a crack in the north wall and roosting in the stacks.

The crack has been patched and Mike Krenitsky, assistant librarian, hopes the bats will stay away now.

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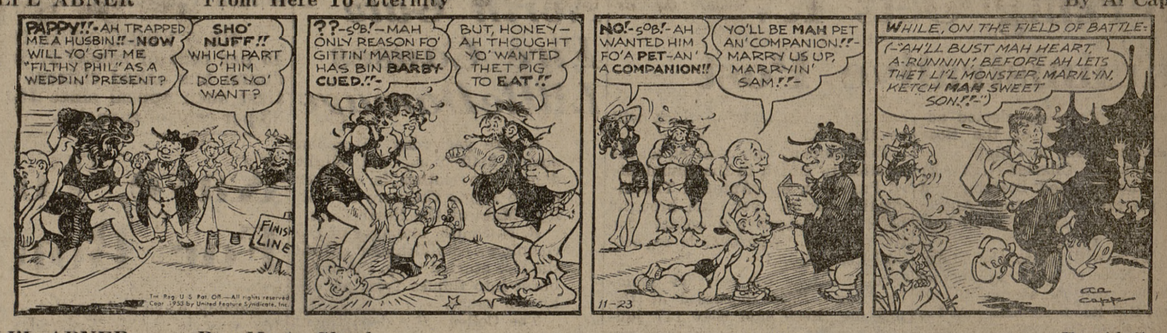

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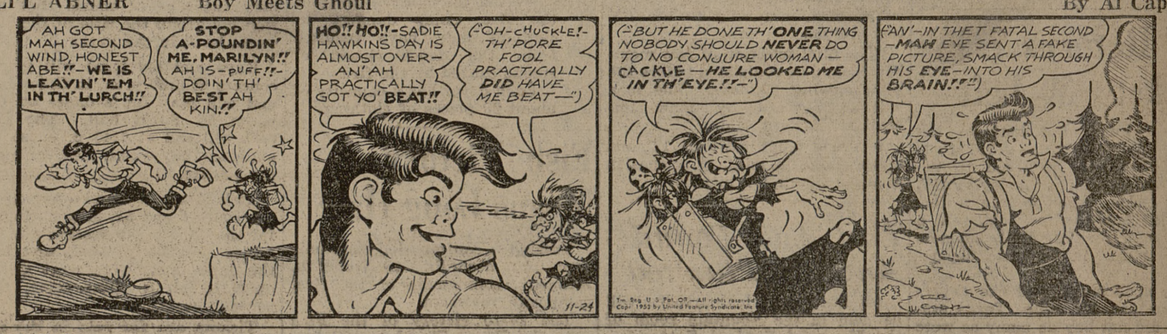

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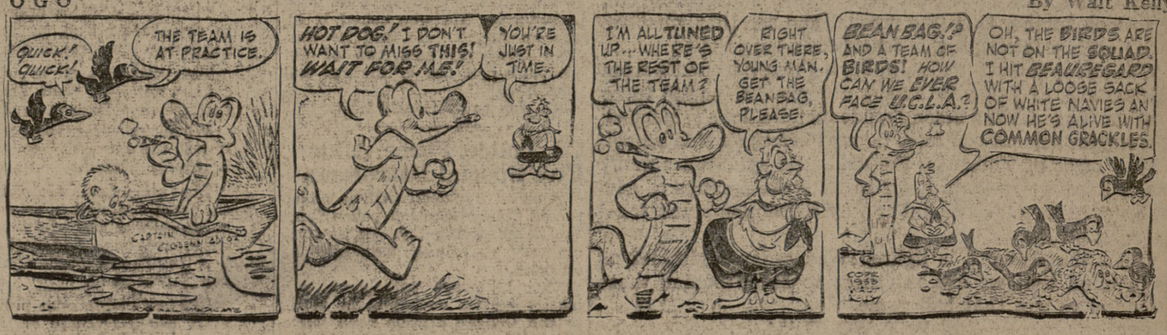
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