

# Letters to the Editors

Editors, The Battalion:  
To All Aggies:

I've had the opportunity to read the last five issues of your college newspaper, the Battalion — I've developed a keener interest in A&M and its students and I've become more fond of Aggie land.

This fellow, Clarke, could have been nothing but a complete jerk, because everyone — yes even Teasippers, admires your college from a distance.

Because of the strict rules to which you must abide and the physical and mental military training, you have produced some of the top army men in the country. No one can deny that.

I have the pleasure of being personally acquainted with some six or seven AGGIES, and I can't say that I've ever met any nicer or more wonderful boys.

But what stands out above everything else is the hearts of the Aggies I know, is a real love for their college, A&M.

Ambitions differ in each of us. Ideas and opinions are not all the same, but when some 7,000 boys from all over the United States chose ONE college, there's bound to be something good inside those gates.

I say "Hats off to you Aggies." I'm for you all the way!

(I might as well kill two birds with one stone—my hobby is writing letters and I'd simply love to write to some Aggies!)

Miss Samuella Murphy  
Box 201  
Huntsville, Texas

Editors, The Battalion:  
To John Clark, the Blind and the Doubtful.

The phrase "Ole Army had Gone to Hell" is not solely characteristic of an elite group on this campus, but is only a modification of the many phrases and words which come to the lips of those upright individuals who have enough "man" in them to stand up and call a "spade a spade." It is not surprising to find the lax moral principles and the inevitable corruption of individualism which stalk throughout the world today, finding its way even into the most formidable defenses of great institutions.

Instead of men we can depend on, we have egos we can argue with; instead of shaking hands with character, we merely touch a layer of personality. In place of intelligent men, we have the intelligent, or those who are educated beyond their capacity. Instead of making this school a refuge for a great people of a great country, we are forced to invite the slackers who will continue to corrupt it. They tie our hands and then tell us to save the sheep from the wolves. Thank God we still have a few who will step out of their rooms into the light of day and say, "Ole Army has Gone to Hell." Maybe the thought will ring the bell; maybe progress will continue.

I wish that I could take time and space to instruct you on some of the vital points which you do not understand about this school. You see, all of these questions are within man, and they cannot be made by Kansas U. or any institution. You don't go to a school to learn to be a man, but you yourself determine what you will be. The reason enrollment is falling off, is not because of the few mortifications that are left, but because there are not enough for the men who want them. If the Corps was again given its right to govern

itself and the board was brought back, the enrollment would increase twofold, and I would not have to pick up the Bat and read the whimpering and tear jerking articles turned in by people like you.

Although I am not acquainted with you and should feel offended for having my school paper blackened by your belligerent note, I rather cool my anger and replace it with pity and understanding for all of you who cower in your darkness. A man that stays in A&M and does not want to, has no right to live in a democratic society, for he has lost his will power; only the devils in Hell have lost their will and cannot take or leave what they want.

I would be glad to show you at any time men who are struggling through this school without parents, money or any other support that you might need to go to your favorite school. Come around and maybe you can get a few lessons from these "children" on How to Stand Up and Be a Man.

If I leave A&M, it won't be because there are too many hardships, but because there will be too many people here who would fall into your "Gentlemen's Army."

Robert Moore '56

Editors, The Battalion:

I have just finished reading the letter in the Nov. 18 "Batt". It was from Mr. John Clark. It isn't quite clear as to whether he is a student at A&M or not. I won't say an Aggie because it is certainly clear that he isn't an AGGIE.

I don't know how other Aggies took to letter, but I took it as a formal invitation for all the Aggies to take a collection to send Mr. Clark to O. U. which he thinks is so high and mighty.

I'd like to inform John Clark that I have a cousin at O. U., and if all the O. U. cookiepushers are like him, I wouldn't be caught dead in the "joint".

I would also like for Clark to check with the registrar before he checks the enrollment at A&M, is rapidly dropping.

The freshman class is larger this year than it has ever been. It doesn't take a man to take physical punishment; it just takes a man to go through A&M.

Is that why you're leaving Clark? What do the cookiepushers have that A&M doesn't?

I finally figured out what Clark was trying to get over to the Aggies in his letter, but judging from his use of English, I would say he is either a foreigner or from so far up in the hills of Arkansas that sunshine had to be piped to him. Which is it, John?

What did the O. U. student body sound like when it yelled? Did it compare to the 12th Man? Who is forced to yell at A&M?

I never was. I yelled because I wanted to support the fighting Aggie Team.

"I'd rather be dead than a two percenter like John Clark." Clark, just remember that the "North Gate is always open" to guys like you.

If you don't like this school, get th H—out of here. We don't want you here any worse than you want to be here. A&M is ashamed of you and so are the Aggies.

There are other schools in Texas. Why didn't you go to one of them in the first place?

I wonder if Clark has the "guts" to stand in front of a group of Aggies as large as the one that reads the "Batt" and tell them what he wrote in his letter.

I'll bet he doesn't. I've seen people like him. They all like to have the paper they write on to hide behind.

I also noticed that you didn't put your class on your name. Are you ashamed of it. I would be if I were you.

I'm proud of my class. I only hope that my class isn't ashamed of me as your class should be of you, John Clark.

If we thought you were worth it, we'd take a collection to send you to your "famed" O. U., but personally we don't think you're worth it.

"In every barrel there is a rotten apple." John Clark is the rotten apple in A&M, and we're ready to dispose of him.

Mick Good, '56  
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Dear Sirs:

I see that A&M's cherished traditions are still being stripped one at a time. Just for the record, I would like to correct one impression. The tradition of lipstick before the Texas game did not originate after the war. I wore lipstick along with my classmates in 1940, and I can assure you that the tradition was not new then. I'm afraid the present military administration has already made great strides in "sending old Army to hell." Wake up Aggies.

Roland C. Mallett '44

The Battalion:

This troubled world is crying for freedoms, understanding and tolerance. Concepts of tolerance do not exist in the minds of hot headed militarists. There are common parallels in the minds of military dictators throughout the world. To quote, page 35, U. S. News and World Report, Act. 39, "I know of a Russian truck driver who remarked that he much prefers a Studebaker to the more recent Soviet models, and who then got a five-year sentence at hard labor for economic sabotage."

In America, (the home of the brave and the land of the free) I know of a student who remarked that he much prefers O. U. to Texas A&M and who then got the parallel treatment of dictatorship.

Freddie Hart

Editors, The Battalion:

All of us I am sure have heard of the Constitution of the United States. The first amendment to it states that all people have the right to freedom of speech. This right includes people like John Clark as well as Socialists, Atheists, Capitalists, Prohibitionists, and all other groups.

I do not believe in John Clark's beliefs, but the question at stake is not his personal beliefs. It is whether not the people who rode John Clark "out on a rail" have thrown all the things we have fought to insure for 177 years. Will these people now do away with "freedom of worship"? I hope not.

R. M. Marshall '57

Editors, the Battalion:

Just what kind of school do we have here? Is it really possible that a man could have been escorted off the campus because of a letter that he wrote to the Batt? And more surprising than the incident is the attitude taken by a good many of the students who didn't participate. "Oh, well, that's just A&M." Man, what a jolt—I thought that we were living in a Democracy where we had freedom of speech. I don't believe that riding a man off the campus on a rail is part of the Old Aggie Traditions that I've heard so much about.

As a non-veg fish I've sat through all of the other controversies around the campus with out putting in my two cents worth but this is too much. John Clark may have been dead wrong in his letter but even so no one had the right to chase him off with out proper school action. In my opinion the group who participated in this lynch mob is a disgrace to the school and some kind of disciplinary action should be taken.

H. Sampsel '57

Editors, The Battalion:

I am not going to address this letter to anyone in particular as I believe it is of concern to all Aggies.

First, I want to say that I don't believe I have ever read so much trivial rot in a college publication in my life. I feel that many of the letters have been written on the spur of the moment and with very little thought. I suggest that before one sits down to write a letter that is to be published for all to read that he think what he is saying. I am afraid we have got

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## Four Policies Insure MSC For \$565,000

The Memorial Student Center has insured itself for \$565,000 dollars with profits made through its operations.

Carrying four categories of insurance policies, the MSC is insured against fire, wind storm, riot, civil commotion, smoke, hurricane, explosion, aircraft and land vehicles.

The building proper carries a \$100,000 policy; furniture, equipment and machinery, \$300,000; merchandise for resale, \$125,000; and contents of the bowling alley wing, \$40,000.

The premiums are being paid from profits of the dining room, coffee shop, bowling alley and fountain room, said Charles G. Haas, MSC business manager.

Texas carries no insurance on any of its buildings, and no money is appropriated by the state to buy insurance, he said.

Initial insurance policies were taken out Oct. 9, 1950, Haas said. More and different policies are being dropped, and amounts are being changed in others, he said.

The policies are carried by a number of the nation's leading insurance companies, and several companies carry a portion of each, he said.

## What's Cooking

Wednesday  
5:30 p. m.—A&M Gymnastics club meeting, little gym. Election of officers and setting working dates.  
7:30 p. m.—Architect's Wives club meeting, YMCA.

8:30 p. m.—Camera club meeting, rooms 2C and 2D, MSC. Bon-fire print contest.

Thursday  
7 p. m.—Houston hometown club meeting, room 301, Goodwin hall. Very important meeting.

Texarkana - Four State club meeting, room 224, Academic building.

7:15 p. m.—Waco - McLennan county hometown club meeting, room 306, Goodwin hall. To discuss Christmas party.

Kansas - Missouri club meeting, room 107, Biological Science building. Discuss Christmas party and election of officers.

Panhandle club meeting, Academic building.

7:30 p. m.—Marshall meeting, YMCA. Discuss Christmas party plans.

Tyler-Smith county hometown club meeting, room 104, Academic building. Plan Christmas party.

Austin Hometown club meeting, chapel, YMCA. Plan Christmas party.

Wes Hometown club meeting, YMCA. Plan Christmas party.

Shreveport club meeting, room 106, Academic building. Discuss plans for Christmas party.

Amarillo A&M club meeting, social room, MSC. Final plans for Christmas dance.

Palestine hometown club meeting, 3rd floor, Academic building. Discuss Christmas party.

Flax County club meeting, Academic building.

## Cadet Slouch

... by Earle



## System Sets Employe Dinner Dec. 18 in Sbis

Twenty persons who have been connected with A&M and the system for 25 years will be honored at the annual Christmas dinner for employees Friday, Dec. 18, at 7 p. m. in Sbis hall.

Chancellor M. T. Harrington will give the Christmas message. Don Young of the Forest service, will be master of ceremonies and the Rev. Thomas H. Swygert of the Lutheran church will give the invocation.

The honorees include Dr. I. G. Adams, economics department; Miss Leta Bennett, J. P. McCullough, E. C. Martin, F. N. Newson, Miss Irma Ross, M. B. Vieman, Agricultural Extension service.

Stanley P. Davis, Miss Mary Ann Grimes, Agricultural Experiment station; J. Gordon Gay, YMCA; Dan Hall, mathematics department; P. D. Jones, building and college utilities department; L. B. Locke, Former Students' association; E. E. McQuillen, Development Fund.

P. T. Montfort, agricultural engineering department; Dr. W. E. Paulson, agricultural economics and sociology department; C. N. Shepardson, dean of agriculture; L. D. Trevino, dining hall; R. M. Wingen, mechanical engineering department; P. J. A. Zeller, Engineering Experiment station.

## Demonstration Home To Be Moved Soon

The old agricultural demonstration home will be moved soon, said W. H. Badgett, head of physical plants.

The building is opposite Col. Joe Davis' home. It will be used as a home on one of the farm centers when moved.

Badgett said the house was originally designed by Ernest Langford, head of the architecture department, as a model home for cheap construction of farm homes.

## A&M Songs Lead Record Hit Parade

Texas A&M has a hit record album. "The Songs of Texas A&M" album, published by Recorded Publications company of New Jersey, is the largest seller among all school-song albums produced by the company.

This includes songs of Michigan State, Purdue, Yale, Washington State, Illinois, Kansas and others.

Recorded Publications officials also said the album outsold all record albums in Texas, including recording of popular and symphonic compositions.

## English Group To Have Magazine

A collection of literary writings by students is being made for spring publication, said R. W. Feragen, faculty advisor.

The volume will include short stories, essays and poetry. The source of material for the book will be from student publications, English instructors and direct submission to the English department.

The book is sponsored by the English club and is being handled by students with professors acting in advisory capacity, said Feragen.

The size will depend upon availability of material. Material is needed and should be turned in to the English department.

## Inter-Dorm Telephones To Be Replaced Soon

The 25 dormitory field telephones have been sent to Ft. Hood for modification.

They will be replaced in about two weeks, said Joe Bell McAllister, corps communications officer.

## Student Grades Hit Nine Year Low

Undergraduate students grades are at the lowest point since 1943-44, said Charles N. Shepardson, dean of the School of Agriculture.

Shepardson explained that grades began to rise with the return of veterans in 1944-45. "They are a more serious minded group and exert more effort to make good grades," he said.

After the war, the enrollment was nearly 80 per cent veterans. Grades rose and were stabilized until veteran enrollment began to decrease, the dean said.

No great increase in veteran enrollment is expected from the Korean war because most college students were deferred and allowed to finish school. Men graduating from high school were not immediately drafted as in World War II and got a chance to go to college if they chose.

## Cub Scouts Give Indian Skit, Dance

Cub Scout Pack 333 featured an Indian skit and dance at their monthly meeting recently in St. Joseph's school gym.

Each member explained the use of the Indian spear, tomahawk, drums and shield.

Their make-ups and costumes by their mothers.

Jerome Zubik is the cub master and Jake Conglose is assistant cub master.

## Horticulture Society Sets Dec. 4 Display

The Horticulture society will present a display in the Memorial Student Center assembly room Dec. 4.

All horticultural crops will be represented, including subtropical fruits.

"The show is primarily educational, but we will have top grade Texas ruby red grapefruit for sale," said Bob Morgan, chairman of the show.

## The Battalion

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

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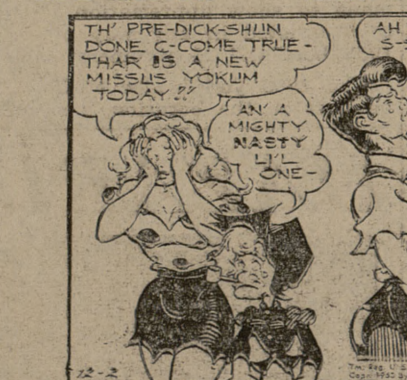
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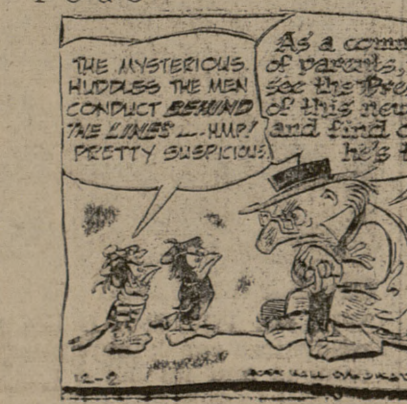
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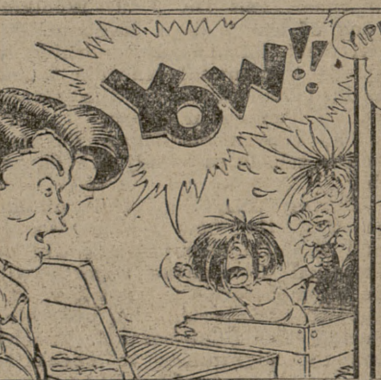
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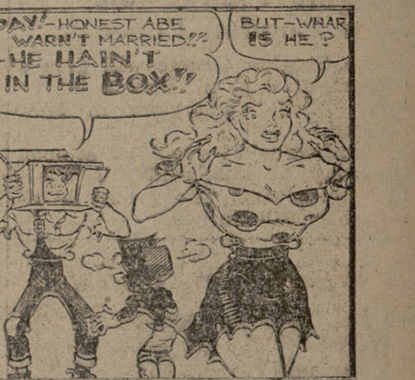
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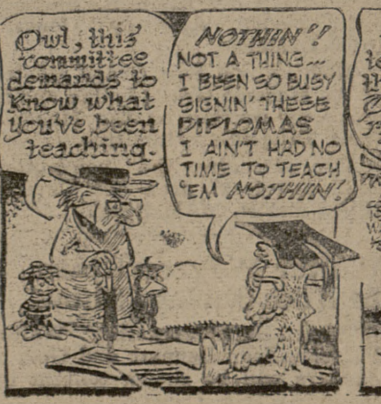
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