Dr. Morgan Has Proven He Can Handle The Job

The Battalion joins with the countless officials and friends of the college in extending sincere congratulations to Dr. David H. Morgan, who yesterday was formally installed as A&M's 13th president.

Leadership of such a large institution is an exacting job and demands much extra time of the president. The rewards at times must seem small to him.

During the past year when Morgan took over the reins after a short year on the campus as dean of the college, he has time and again demonstrated his leadership qualities. The many complex problems that faced him undoubtedly made him waver at times, but he always worked out a solution.

One of the barriers to his program planning was the air force order for air force students to go into blue uniforms for the fall term. Few people know that through Morgan's persistent efforts, the order was rescinded and the present corps uniform designated as "distinctive."

The ruling means both the college and the student have been saved an unnecessary waste of money. Better still, it prevented the establishment of another and separate corps on the campus.

More recently, the hazing episode pointed up the need for clarification of certain portions of the college regulations regarding punishment. With a resolve that the college policy toward hazing should be clearly stated, Morgan offered an amendment to the regulations which makes suspension mandatory in physical hazing cases. Now a student bent on hazing will know where he stands from the moment he picks up the board.

All this may seem a round-about way of offering congratulations to a newly installed president, but Morgan has already been "under fire". He knows what the job asks of him, and he has shown he can handle it.

The Battalion does not see eye to eye with him on every question, but after working with him on most of them, we know he will always do what he thinks is best for the school.

Again, may we say, we are convinced he is completely honest, sincere and fair, and that he will administer his duties capably.

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A Motto Is Posted

Yesterday's Houston Post carried on the front page a fine picture of the imposing entrance to its new home. The Post advertising department expects to move into the $4 million plant in June.

Both the building and the cost impressed us, but the motto really caught our eye. Chiseled over the entrance was this portion of the Declaration of Independence: **Let Facts Be Submitted To A Candid World.**

A Post editorial admonition to The Battalion staff members in February during the censorship battle appeared under the title, "Texas A and M and Freedom of Press," and had this closing paragraph.

"Maybe the Battalion staff members who have resigned rather than submit to censorship will some day have their own newspapers and can say whatever they darn please in them. But by that time they'll know a whale of a lot more about what they should or shouldn't say."

Considering the carefully expressed editorial policy, isn't that motto a little strong?

Perhaps the motto should read, "Let Carefully Selected Facts Be Submitted To A Candid World."

Shivers To Attend Meet

AUSTIN—May 20—(AP) — Texas will be represented at two southern meetings studying the Supreme Court ban of segregation in public schools.

One is a conference of governors of 16 southern states. The other is a meeting of attorney generals.

Gov. Allan Shivers said today he had been invited to the governors' conference by Gov. Thomas Stanley of Virginia in Richmond about June 7-8.

Shivers notified Stanley he would be glad to attend or to send a representative if he could not attend. Stanley told Shivers the meeting "could serve a most useful purpose for the exchange of information and views."

Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd said he would send a representative to Atlanta next week for a meeting of attorneys general.

Georgia Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook called the meeting to study of legal problems raised by the segregation decision.

Shepperd said he would not recommend any move to defy the court's final ruling and noted that the present ruling is not final.

"In the event the final decision does fully apply to Texas, the interest of our school children and teachers will demand orderly adjustment," he said.

Shivers disclosed the plans for the Virginia meeting of southern governors just before leaving on a trip that will take him to Korea with other governors at President Eisenhower's invitation.

The governor sent a telegram to Harry Toy jr., director of the National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools, in connection with a national radio broadcast next Monday.

Letters to the Editors

Dear Co-Editors,

After reading your recent letter editorial titled "What Is The College Attitude Toward Hazing", I can say I've read everything. What sort of children are running the Battalion? As an Ex-Student, class of '50, and a very interested person among "the people of Texas", I think your attitude on hazing is very childish. What do you know about the old problem of hazing, especially when you were not hazed your Freshman year?

I'm not saying the seniors shouldn't have used the board, and I thank God I'm not among the Aggies who have to have explained to them what a "board" is, but I believe the faculty panel acted wisely, and you, the editors, very foolishly.

I'm proud to say that my "Fish Year" at A&M on the campus made a man out of me and all the Freshman years before. Nothing was handed to us on a silver platter. It was a hard and rough nine months, but well worth it. Because it was hard and trying, we came as boys, and left as men. Those who couldn't make the grade dropped out, those who could, stayed and liked it. These made the best officers in the army, leaders in industry. Have you ever seen an officer "go to pieces" under fire? I have, but do not know or heard of this happening to an Aggie. Why, because they had learned how to rise up and keep a level head while everyone around is losing theirs. That is the principle of discipline and leadership as taught by the army and at A&M.

Not every boy that goes to A&M is fit to be an officer, or leader in industry. The problem used to solve itself, those who had the determination, the willpower to over come, and the desire to succeed, those stayed; they became men. They became outstanding officers, they led others in industry. They were a credit to their country and college. What about those who couldn't make the grade? Didn't want the heavy responsibility of being a leader, these will be led throughout life. A&M should produce leaders, not followers!

Have you ever thought how much more raw courage and guts it took to step up and say "I used the board" then it did for the weak minded person who ran and told about it? Just as there are those who let their dynamic enthusiasm and spirit get the best of them at times, unfortunately, there are those who expect personal gain and satisfaction by telling every little infraction of the rules their twisted mind sees. Who is the best man? Who would make the best leader? Who would Texas A&M be proud of?

Roland E. Bussell, '50
Freeport, Texas

P. S. Why not print this letter to let the students know that the EX's are interested in "THE BEST SCHOOL IN THE WORLD?"

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Editors, The Battalion

In yesterday's Battalion we came upon an article concerning a petition signed by some 85 Aggies. It was in the article that we noticed a very tragic and betraying phrase. This final letter is addressed to those men who signed the petition claiming that they "were good friends" of the men whose dismissal they are requesting!

In our four years at A&M we have met and said goodbye to many men. During this time it has been our aim to cultivate and gain friends (true friends) to stand beside us in trial and happiness. Our four years are over—we know that in these four years we have gained these friends—and we have vowed with ourselves that we will uphold the standard of true friendship.

We sincerely hope that these men who signed the petition under these circumstances can rest with a clear conscience the rest of their lives. We also hope that they can face their friends face to face without shame. Honor is a fine and noble word—but lost by many. If these Aggies are really your friends—be horonrable—either be a friend or don't claim to be one.

Red Harris '54
Geek Strange '54

The Battalion

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

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Today's Degree Candidates

The following is a list of all the degrees to be conferred tonight:

Doctor of Philosophy

Edward Andrew, Elexis Bashaw, Stewart Becker, Willis Bradford, Allan Brown, Thomas Cartwright, Moody Coffman, Royal Collins, George Crook, Gopinath Das.

Lawrence Dillon, Thomas Ferguson, Warner Fisher, Stewart Fowler, Freeman Fuller, Cleveland Gerard, Ralph Gilby, Bernard Hoefelmeyer, Samuel Johnson, Faud Khuri, Charles King.

A. M. Lasheen, John McCaleb, William McCormick, James Mangrum, Walter Matzen, Robert Menzel, Walter Mistric.

Robert Orr, Arth Nakornthap, William Nell, Don Pickart, Edward Ruhnke, Harry Savery, Keith Seymour, Gerald Thomas, George Truchelut, Billy Waddle, John Ward, Billy Welch.

Professional Degrees

Walter Echols, petroleum engineer; Hans Glitch, mechanical engineer; Roy Krezdorn, electrical engineer.

Master Of Education

Dia Hyen Baick, agricultural education; Truman Isbell, industrial education; Don Morrison, industrial education; William Swindle, agricultural education.

Master of Engineering

Ramon Jorge Enrique Agrasar, agricultural engineering; Robert Bradford, petroleum engineering; Robert Hillman, C.E.; Clarence Hooper, civil engineering; William Jordan, civil engineering; George Ortega, civil engineering; Billy Pendergrass, civil engineering; Edmund Preston, civil engineering.

Master of Science

Willie Adcock, range management; Floyd Anderson, physics; William Blair, agricultural engineering; Albert Blankenship, animal husbandry; Oswald Bowlin, economics; Joseph Burdett, chemical engineering; Richard Case, industrial engineering; Harry Cook, biochemistry and nutrition.

Sabit Gabay, biochemistry and nutrition; Albert Gondran, physics; Edward Grubbs, geology; Kenzy Hallmark, entomology; Dale Handlin, animal breeding; Garlyn Hoffman, range management; Joseph Holt, physics; Donald Huss, range management; Jack Inglis, wildlife management.

Rafael Martelino, agronomy; Raid Musa, physics; Albert Novasad, agronomy; John Perry mechinical engineering; Robert Pfile, petroleum engineering; Melvin Pierce, mathematics; Floyd Pond, range management; Joel Rubel, industrial engineering; Ralph Russell, physics; Lewis Sams, biochemistry and nutrition; John Scroggin, wildlife management.

Joy Springer, industrial engineering; Roy Stout, chemistry; Dixon Van Tuyl, chemistry; Tarvin Webb, agricultural economics; Lewis Yarlett, range management.

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Edward Aman, Gillett Berger, Everett Besch, Joe Braden, Vance Broussard, Ernest Brucks, Herman Bruechner, George Cadwalder, Paul Cardeilhac, Neville Clarke, Phillip Cochran, Herbert Corum.

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Martin Phillips, Richard Pigott, Charlie Price, Robert Pruett, Frank Ramsey, Lloyd Reedy, Wilmer Rhodes, Daniel Scott, Charles Smith, William Smith, Edmund Smyka, Lewis Springer, Wendell Tarver, James Vernon, Raymond Williford.

Agricultural Administration

Marion Baugh, Elbert Blum, Charles Caldwell, Oscar Coindreau, Dieu Crowley, Bobby Damron, Thelbert Dunman, Travis Gibson, Michael Halverson, Andrew Hudson.

Victor Kennedy, Frank Luther, Emory McWhorter, Carter Price, William Riddick, Barton Sandlin, John Scott, Bob Stevenson, William Young.

Agricultural Education

Frank Adamcik, James Addison, Norbert James Blohowiak, William Dreston Brashear, Herbert Brewer, Gus Cain, Ted Cranford, Milton Crenwelge, Thomas Darling, James Everett, James Faubion, Ernest Fincher, Charles Gard, Bobby Heard, Roy Hickman, Marcus Andrew Hoelscher.

Noel Franklin Holland, Melton Holubec, Charles Huff, Walker Jacobs, Nathaniel Johnson, Glynn Key, Ray Allen Kropp, Louis Little, Blake Lovelace, Harry Lueders Jack Dudley McClary, Ray Valris MacManus, H. D. Maxwell, Edward Migura, Eric Ervin Miller, Billy Mobley, Lamar Peterson, Bobby Rankin, Robert Rauch.

Leon Rochen, Bille Sewell, Harry Smith, Lester Smith Joseph Solis, James SoRelle, Douglas Symmank, Sammy Tatum, Jack Thedford, Ted Uptmore, Ray Walker, Carl Wendler.

Agricultural Engineering

Robert Truett Childress, John Cowsar, William Robert Hale, Calvin Jackson, John Jackson, Franklin Kohlund, William Massey, James Milligan, Hames Rogers, Harry Ruffini, Earl Schumacher, James Tarrant, James Trousdale, Joe Whitaker.

Agricultural Journalism

Donald Kemp, Robert Mayo, Edwin Stern, Roy Sullivan.

Agronomy

James Altus, William Andrews, Gerald Buster, Carl Anthony Cotropia, Andres Cuellar, Kenneth Durham, Ernie Enloe, Silverstre Gonzalez, John Goode, Billy Bob Gregory, Hall Hegi, Hilmer Hultgren, Davie Richmond, Charles Roberts, Leonard Stasney, Ernest

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Southwest Needs Better Irrigation

WASHINGTON, May 20—(AP)—Secretary of Interior McKay said today the irrigation water situation is serious in much of the Southwest, including parts of Texas.

In a report on prospects for this crop season in the 17 western states, he said the outlook for federal irrigation water from Reclamation bureau reservoirs in mid-May was "essentially unchanged" from a month earlier.

"Abnormally hot and dry weather persisted throughout the West, causing disappearance of snow at lower elevations without adding to the runoff," he said.

"The situation is serious in much of the Southwest including parts of Texas. The southern drainage run-off is subnormal."

A Reclamation bureau list showed these areas with a poor or subnormal outlook:

Part of New Mexico, the San Luis valley area in Colorado, southern Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma had "distinctly subnormal" prospects at the end of April except for the Colorado river of Texas project and the Balmorhea project in Texas.

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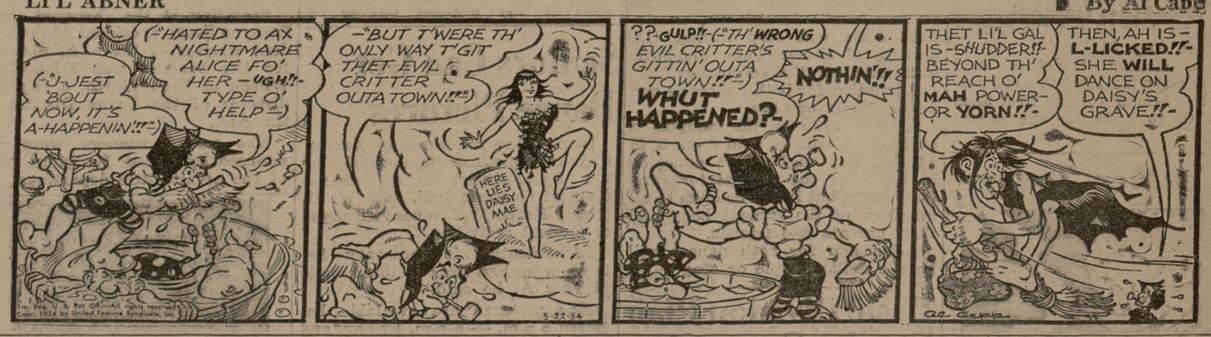

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