

Battalion Editorials

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Not For Aggies

This is not for Aggies, because Aggies already know what we're going to say.

This is for the high school day visitors, who may some day be Aggies, but who are now in the process of choosing a college.

A&M is a good school educationally—the best in the state in its specialized fields, and one of the best in the nation in some of its courses. This is undeniable, and is in itself reason for choosing A&M—if you want to learn something, you go to the best in that field.

But there are other factors in choosing a college, many others. Perhaps the most important of these secondary factors is the student life at any particular school.

A&M's student life is different from any other school, and its champions will say it's the best. It's built around an esprit de corps that is the result of many years of all-male dormitory college history, with a strong military tradition.

But the funny thing is that this esprit de corps—the famous Aggie spirit—is not

confined solely to the military students. The civilian students have it too, making it complete.

This Aggie spirit can't be defined or pinned down, but it's not an intangible thing. Even the most iconoclastic Aggies feel it, and know it exists.

There may be some bickering among the Aggies themselves occasionally, but it's the sort of protest found in any healthy society, the right of speaking up that any democracy guarantees to its citizens. People here may disagree on the right road to a greater A&M, but all of them are looking for the road.

If anyone ever challenges A&M as a whole, all internal differences are forgotten, and the solid front then presented is a fearful thing.

You, the high school day visitor, will feel this very real spirit even during the few short hours you are on the campus. If you come to A&M, you will become a part of it, and it's a good second reason for picking A&M as your institution of higher education.

Cadet Slouch . . . by James Earle



Combat Ball Free Says Leimbrook

Admission to the fourth annual Combat Ball, to be held in Sbisahall March 25, will be free to all members of the combat arms, John Leimbrook, co-chairman of the ball said yesterday.

Leimbrook explained that the ball made a profit of about \$600 last year, and the money was left in a Student Activities fund for the dance this year.

All members of the combat arms, and air force seniors with dates are invited to attend. Air force cadets attending the ball will be expected to contribute one dollar to the combat arms fund.

Committee chairmen include program publication, Jimmy Johnson; decoration, Neely Keyser; publicity, Don Shepard; and ticket chairman, Dave Williams.

The program committee will select groups from each of the combat arms units to perform for the intermission floor show.

Military guests will dress as prisoners of war, and civilian guests as displaced persons.

This rule hasn't been enforced in the past, Leimbrook said, but this year "all non-conformists will be

sent back home for the proper attire."

Cadets will wear fatigues and helmet liners. Their dates are asked to dress as French peasants. No canteens will be allowed.

State Department Starts New Exam

The Department of State has started a new examination policy in an effort to get 300 new foreign service officers into the career corps.

Under the revised procedures, the required written examination will take one day instead of three days as in the past, and will offer opportunities to persons with specialized backgrounds.

To be eligible, candidates must be an American citizen between 20 and 31 years old. Application forms may be obtained by writing the state department.

Taylor G. Belcher, a foreign service officer, was on the campus recently to answer questions about the work. He spoke to several classes.

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I think a freshman non-reg should have a little say about the college he is attending. I have never been in the corps, so I am one of these scroungy non-regs who chose to be a civilian student.

I came to this college with the conviction that this is the best college in the state of Texas. After attending A&M one semester, I have found my conviction was true. I am really proud of A&M.

Some of the soldier boys in the corps may look down on us because we weren't man enough and didn't have "the guts it takes to stick it out" in the corps, but I think that it takes a little intestinal fortitude to attend a non-coed college, not for the purpose being in the corps, but to receive the best possible education.

I have nothing against the corps. I think it is a fine organization and I am really proud of it. I will claim it not only for its good points, but also for its bad points.

Therefore I think that some of the soldier boys who are slinging the mud at the non-regs should come over to our side and begin to brag about our educational system. I have not found it hard to brag about. It is the best college in the state, including T.U.—the University my two older brothers are attending.

Boyd Wachel '58

Dear Editor:

I just read Mr. Pixley's letter to the "Batt" in which he was running down non-reg freshmen. I have nothing against the corps personally and I have many friends, both freshmen and upperclassmen, in the corps. Thank God not everyone is as narrowminded as Lynn Pixley for I get along fine with those regs. True, I don't think anyone should run down the corps nor should anyone run down the non-regs for I definitely think they both have their place at A&M. Lynn may disagree with me and if so he can find me in 9-A Law and we will discuss his position in the case.

Don Schilling '58

Dear Editor:

After reading the article in The Battalion, Wednesday, March 2, I would like to know what caused the Civilian Student Council to reach its decision in recommending that other schools' letters be banned from the A&M campus.

Burl Purvis told the council that the recommendation would bring better cooperation between the corps and the civilian students. I will readily admit that such cooperation is needed, and needed badly. If keeping letter jackets off the campus will help, I am 100% in favor of the resolution. But at the present I can see no reason why non-reg jackets worn by non-reg students are going to hurt A&M.

Gentlemen, this school is, in my opinion, the greatest in the world. The reason for that can be summed up in one word—TRADITIONS. However, this school is rapidly reaching the point where traditions are going to be kept alive only by the will of the students, military and civilian alike.

A lot of water has flowed under the bridge since 1876. A lot of (See LETTERS on Page 3)

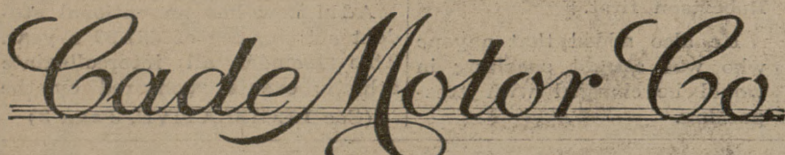


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World News

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its Security Council for today to discuss the charges.

HAITI—Vice-president Nixon arrived in Haiti yesterday on the last stop of his Caribbean tour and urged Latin American countries to make greater use of private capital for building up the economy of the hemisphere.

WASHINGTON—The state department has announced it is backing demands by Sweden and Switzerland for the abolition of the commission set up to supervise the Korean armistice because Communist obstructionist activities have prevented the commission from carrying out its task.

Phi Eta Sigma Plans Initiation

Initiation of Phi Eta Sigma candidates, honorary scholastic fraternity, will be held at 4:30 p.m. March 15 in the Memorial Student Center assembly room. Students with 4 p.m. classes will be initiated at 5:10 in the Birch room.

About 90 members of the class of '58 are eligible for membership, according to C. H. Ransdell, acting dean of the Basic Division. Membership in the society is for life.

A 2.5 grade point ratio during a student's freshman year is the only requirement for membership, but an active vote is exercised only by second year men.



THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Today let us investigate a phenomenon of American college life called the student council. First of all, what is the student council? The answer is simple: the student council is a council of students.

Next, what does the student council do? Again the answer is simple: it meets.

Next, what goes on at the meetings? This question is rather more complicated than the others. Perhaps it can best be answered by reproducing here the minutes of a typical meeting of a typical student council.

Meeting scheduled for 8:30 p.m. at Student Union Building. Call to order 9:51 p.m. by Hunrath Sigafoos, presiding. Motion to adjourn made by Louis Bicuspid, freshman representative. Motion ruled out of order by Hunrath Sigafoos, presiding. Hunrath Sigafoos called "old poop" by Louis Bicuspid, freshman representative. Seconded by Delores Wheatgerm, sophomore representative. Tabled by Hunrath Sigafoos, presiding.

Minutes of last meeting read by Zelda Pope-Toledo, secretary. Motion to accept minutes made by Hunrath Sigafoos, presiding. Motion defeated.

Treasurer's report not read because Rex Mercredi, treasurer, not present at meeting. Rex Mercredi, treasurer, impeached in absentia.

Motion made by Louis Bicuspid, freshman representative, to allow sale of hard liquor in school cafeteria. Seconded by Delores Wheatgerm, sophomore representative. Motion tabled by Hunrath Sigafoos, old poop.

Motion made by Booth Fishery, fraternity representative, to permit parking in library. Motion referred to committee.

Motion made by Gladys Algae, junior representative, to allow attendance in pajamas and robes at first hour classes. Motion referred to committee.

Motion made by Elwood Feldspar, athletics representative, to conduct French Conversation classes in English. Motion referred to committee.

Motion made by Esme Plankton, sorority representative, to allow hypnosis during Rush Week. Motion referred to committee.

Motion made by Pierre Clemenceau, foreign exchange student, to conduct German Conversation classes in French. Motion referred to committee.

Motion made by Harriet Critter, ag campus representative, to allow faculty members above the rank of assistant professor to perform marriages. Motion referred to committee.

Observation made by Martha Involute, senior representative, that in her four years on student council every motion referred to committee was never heard of again. Miss Involute was tabled.

Motion made by Louis Bicuspid, freshman representative, to allow sale of hard liquor in Sociology I and II. Seconded by Delores Wheatgerm, sophomore representative. Motion tabled by Hunrath Sigafoos, presiding crossly.

Refreshments served. Coffee, cake, Philip Morris Cigarettes. The following resolution adopted by acclamation:

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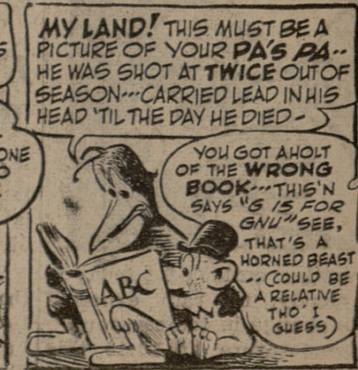
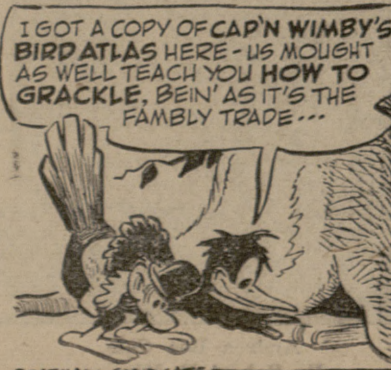
Meeting adjourned with many a laugh and cheer at 9:58. Respectfully submitted, Zelda Pope-Toledo, Secretary

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