

A Sobering Effect

By now everyone at A&M knows about the tragic accident that befell one of our fellow students yesterday. And everyone also knows the heroic gesture he made in pushing two of his buddies out of the way of the oncoming car.

No greater act of Aggie Brotherhood could be exemplified. The boy's injuries are critical, and we all hope for his rapid recovery.

Such an accident has a sobering effect, and it is with this in mind that we are asking that every person connected with the school and community act with even greater regard for safety than usual. Many reasons, focused in the light of yesterday's accident, call for greater personal and community safety.

In the first place A&M is playing with fire, and no pun intended, in having such a huge bonfire as we now have. Such a structure is admittedly dangerous, even though every attempt is made to maintain rigid rules of safety. The idea has come to be this—"Let's make the bonfire larger every year."

We're not saying this year's is the largest or even that it is too large. But a limit exists that overrules any safety factor or rule applied.

We're not trying to abolish the bonfire, nor even to hint that this is our motive.

We're trying to suggest that accidents do happen—and happen, like yesterday's, where one would least expect them. The bonfire would be the logical place to expect a serious accident. The fact that one occurred at a guard post only serves to emphasize the possibility of what could happen—in the logical place.

We don't want to sound pessimistic. Too much of such decadent feeling could destroy, in part or wholly, much that expresses Aggie Spirit.

But we do want to be realistic. And facing realism will mean facing the fact that we are limited in what we can do. And the hardest fact to face is the one that calls for a self-imposed limit.

This limit is the safety of students and others. It's easy to talk about safety, and it's easy to set up rules.

But it's hard—and sometimes horrible—to have to realize that rules don't cover everything—even when observed.

The worst part, and the paradox, is that one can't avoid danger by dodging it. That's not being realistic, either.

Think it over; learn by the tragic example we had yesterday; then be careful. It could happen to you.



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Letters To The Editor

Editor, Battalion
To whom it may concern:

As representatives of the class of '58, we wish to express our opinions and feelings toward the recent ticket squabble. To us, as well as many other students here at A&M, it is not clear why we can not have enough tickets to go around. We realize that this year we have an outstanding football team; therefore, more Aggies plan to bring their dates to the T.U. game which will overfill the Aggie section. But, we can not understand why the Aggie section can not be expanded to take care of the students and their dates. After all, we are the school and we personally believe that if the students and their dates can not all see the game, no one else should.

Next time why not take care of our ticket demands at home before filling the orders of others. As a result of the ticket shortage, we have heard many Aggies comment that they would just watch the game on T.V. with their dates. We ask, "Why tear down the traditions of A&M by selling all of the tickets before the Aggies get their share?" We sincerely believe that the "Twelfth Man" is an important part of our college, and everyone of us needs to be there to support our team. So why run part of the "Twelfth Man" off in order to make a few bucks. We have heard that we have to take in a certain amount of money in or-

der to operate, and if the Aggie section was expanded, it would be impossible to take in the amount of money needed at the price of \$2.00 per date ticket. We feel that some provisions should be made to arrange for all the Aggies and their dates to have a seat, even if we have to pay the difference in order to reach the amount needed.

We, the officers of the class of '58, wish to assure everyone that when we play Texas University here in 1958, we expect to have date tickets for not only the seniors and juniors, but for the sophomores and freshmen too.

Class of '58
Arvill Newby
Jerry Ellington
Bob Surovik
Edward McLaughlin
Robnett Martin
Don Kirby
Benn Dunn

Editor and Staff
The Battalion
Sirs:

Your team's performance against Rice Institute in the game of Saturday, November twelfth, was not reported in detail here. However, the statistics alone would indicate an accomplishment possibly unequalled in modern football.

One cannot help but admire the spirit of a group that refuses so stubbornly to admit the existence of the word "defeat."

Sincerely yours,
Ann Blanchard Carter '56
Hood College
Frederick, Maryland

Editor, Battalion
Dear Sir:

Too many people seem to be writing about the "bad manners" of the Aggies lately. I never believed Aggies had anything but courteous manners and last night (Friday night) the Aggies proved themselves. When we got back to our car after Town Hall, we found one of our tires flat. We were parked next to the entrance on Highway 6 on the street that runs in front of the gym. The bonfire guards on that entrance came over and took it upon themselves to change the tire. I doubt if you will find many schools in which the boys are such gentlemen and

so anxious to help people. I want to thank those boys for helping us and bring to the attention of the readers of the Battalion how nice the Aggies are.

Sincerely,
Gardner Osborne
(Mrs. Wm. F. Osborne)

Editor, Battalion
Dear Sir:

"We are the Aggies . . . true to each other as Ags can be." Yes, we are the Aggies . . . but are we true to each other as Aggies can be? Take this instance: Early this morning a sophomore was critically injured in a truck-car mishap on our campus. In procuring an ambulance from our "very efficient" hospital, a mobile ham radio operator and his passenger were, so I am told, slowed down by the hospital nurse, and asked what was wrong before even phoning the ambulance driver. This "very efficient" man apparently didn't even know where the keys to the ambulance were and upon going to the ambulance even had trouble opening its garage doors. When were those doors last opened or the lock oiled?

It was almost fifteen minutes, with a dying Aggie laying crushed, under a truck, before the ambulance got there. By this time a Bryan ambulance had already answered the call and was on its way to the hospital with the patient. Is this efficiency or ignorance? I (See LETTERS, Page 5)

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