

Letters to the Editor

Editor, The Battalion:

In three years at A&M, I have seen the spirit, discipline, speaking and self-introduction, (upon which I think this school is dependent for its reputation) declining and slowly becoming a thing of the past. A good example of this is the way many men that one passes on the campus substitute a nod or grunt for the traditional "howdy." Maybe a better example, and perhaps a more abundant one, is the practice of many just not to bother with the trouble of speaking.

It's not so hard to say "howdy" and there is no one on this campus who is too good to speak to a fellow Aggie. However, there are apparently many that don't speak for some reason. Maybe they think they are too good.

If it was just speaking, however, our problem would be small. Our problem reaches much further and the trouble is that not enough people realize what that problem really is. Maybe I haven't got the answer but I feel I have at least a vision of what is wrong.

Basically, this college is founded on two things. The educational facilities and the Corps of Cadets. The educational facilities do not control these traditions so we must look at the Corps. This doesn't mean civilian students do not share the blame, but they can only learn A&M's traditions by what they see in the actions and conduct of Corps students, so that throws the load back on the Corps.

A chain is only as strong as its weakest link. Likewise, the Corps can only be as strong as its weakest component. The building material of any body of men, military or otherwise depends upon the men who comprise this organization, and how they've been developed. The two-percenters, or to be modern, the twenty-percenters are the Corps weakest components. These are the men who don't speak. They are the men who won't turn around to meet another Aggie.

These are the men who spend four years at A&M, always taking of A&M's benefits, but never contributing anything for the school's improvement. These men sit on their dead can and worry about no one but themselves.

This really begins to show itself in Aggies when they become juniors and it is intensified about 100 per cent when they become seniors. Therefore, it's up to the seniors to do something about this when the man is a junior and the first real signs begin to show. Just what to do depends upon the individual case and offers a good chance for the seniors to show real leadership but something definitely needs to be done.

Another thing which has hurt the Corps so much is the feeling between Army and Air Force outfits. The most discouraging example of this feeling is what I heard a man (or should I say a person) say when he passed me as I was hitchhiking from Bryan last night. He said "Aircrappers walk tonight." Fortunately I didn't have to walk. An Aggie picked me up and brought me to the campus. However, I can't get it out of my mind that because I was wearing an Air Force patch, I was not considered an Aggie.

I've been criticized for many things but never have I been told I was not an Aggie and I never considered an Army patch as any indication of a better or worse character than myself. I get along all right with several Army cadets I know personally and I think as much of them as I do of Air Force cadets. The difference is on an individual basis.

So don't blame everything of New Army. If the shoe fits you, blame yourself. At any rate, the future of the Corps depends upon how the Corps is handled and it is a job which everyone should share. Let's all forget about our branch and work to be Aggies.

With cooperation from everyone, this Corps will be greater than it ever has, and you will find by working with it, you will get a lot more out of it. And instead of passing an "Aircrapper" on the highway, stop and say "Get in Aggie."

Lynn Pixley '57

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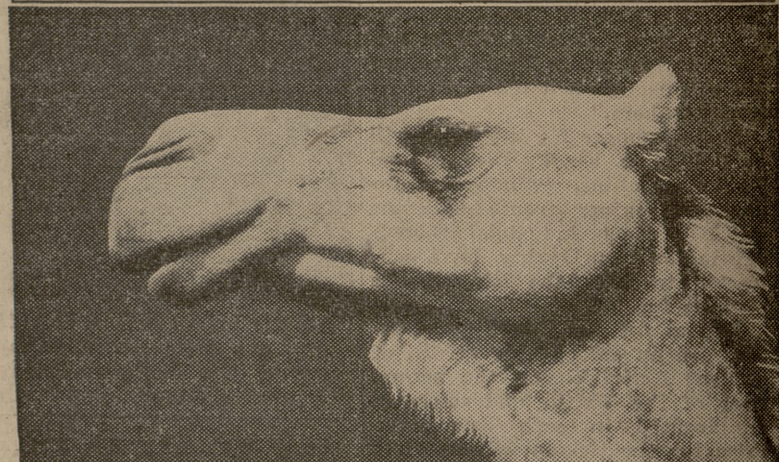
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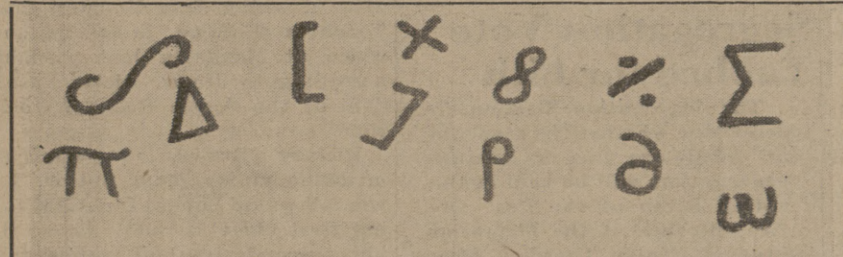
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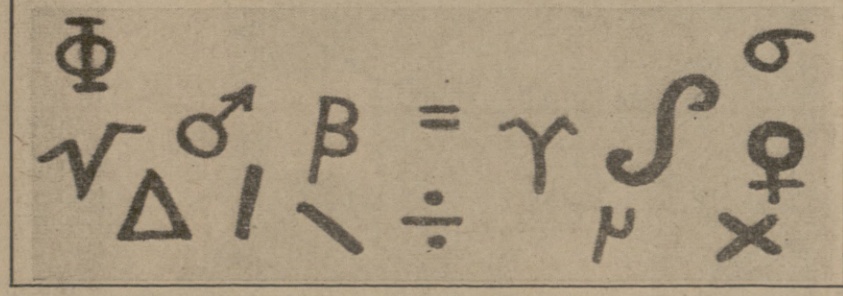
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What's Cooking

The schedule for tonight is as follows:

7:30
AVMA will meet in the amphitheatre of the Veterinary Hospital. Dr. Morgan will speak and elections will be held.

Institute of Aeronautical Science will meet in the Engineering Building to plan for Open House.

Texas Aggie Rodeo Ass'n will meet in the A&I Building for the election of officers.

Accounting Society will meet in the YMCA to elect officers. Refreshments will be served.

Business Society will meet in 3D of the MSC. Eidemiller will speak and the Wall Street Journal Award will be presented. Plans for the election of officers will be discussed.

15 Town Hall Staff Jobs Open to Sophs

All sophomores interested in being on Town Hall staff for next year should place their names in the office of Student Activities, according to Johnny Heard, next year's Student Entertainment manager. The interviews will be held Wednesday night at 7:30 in room 214, dorm 10. "All those wishing to interview should be present at that time," said Heard. Fifteen staff positions are open.

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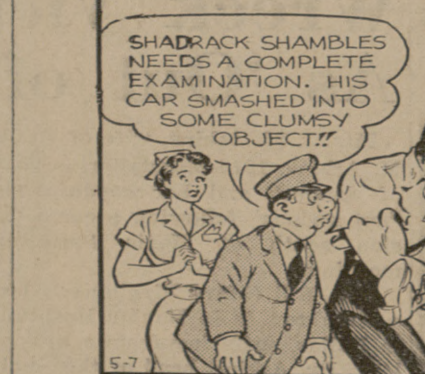
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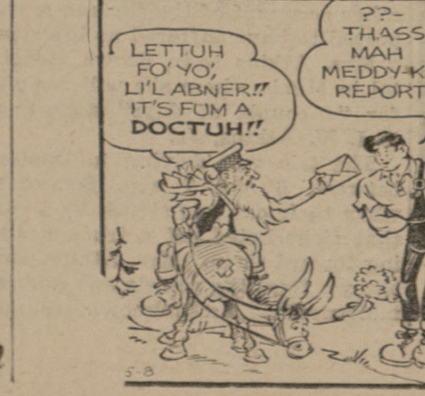
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