

Letters to the Editor

Editor,
 The Battalion
 To the students of Texas A&M:
 We, as members of the 1956-57 basketball team would like to solicit your support of Coach Ker Loeffler, whom we believe to be the greatest coach ever to come to A&M. As things stand now Coach Loeffler is in the precarious position of losing his job for something he did not do.

The evidence against us is not as serious as it has been believed and surely doesn't warrant the job of Coach Loeffler. It seems that a scapegoat is needed and the guy that was leading us to a championship in the Southwest Conference is the one to get the nod. During the past two years the basketball situation at A&M has looked better than ever before in the history of the school. It appears that we are going to be deprived of the opportunity to do what the football team has done—be ranked nationally.

The only man than can do this is Coach Loeffler and without him basketball at A&M can follow but one road—to the cellar, where we have dwelled long enough.

Somebody with a lot of "say-so" believes that, although Coach Loeffler is a wonderful guy and a great coach who thinks a lot of the school and his players, he is not "good for A&M." However, we've talked to many fine Aggies who believe in the man that told the other SWC coaches to "Beat us now, and enjoy it, because it will be the last time you ever will."

If you will express your opinions openly and support a man who believes in every principle that A&M stands for, it might do the trick and save his job.

Strangely enough, he's one man who doesn't want to leave A&M and only asks for the opportunity to place us where we rightfully belong, at the top of the list. It's up to you, Aggies, to help convince those few "highly influential" people that say Loeffler must go.

Texas A&M has always put up a good fight for what they think is right and Coach Ken Loeffler is in favor of everything A&M stands for.

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It has become increasingly evident that one of the greatest injustices that we here at A&M have had to witness is forthcoming. We refer to the current cloud concerning thinking about the past four years, we have seen A&M go onto probation for illegal recruiting of football players. This occurred sufficiently long ago that some are inclined to forget, neglect the fact that there was concrete evidence convicting us on that count. Although A&M hasn't been caught in recent months because of football we have gotten our share of players. Remembering that some widely sought players have enrolled at A&M since being put on probation, the thought arises as to why they still come to a school where they previously wouldn't enter.

Now the NCAA and the SWC are striking at A&M for alleged tryouts, illegal transportation and lavish entertainment of basketball players. Once again we wonder whether those who are in responsible positions in the two above organizations are trying as hard to clean up other schools as they are A&M.

Rumors flourished after the action of the SWC some of which went so far as to advocate firing the present basketball coach. We question the theory that a top national basketball coach with 25 years of experience, including eight years at Yale, could suddenly be caught purposefully and knowingly violating recruiting rules. To ask this coach to resign appears absurd especially if those in responsible positions at A&M believe that we will be profited by such a move on May 31, when the NCAA convenes to deal with "far reaching problems"—mostly those reaching from Kirwan and Kentucky to A&M. Undoubtedly, Ab Kirwan is chuckling out loud.

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Editorials

Support Loeffler

A&M is on the verge of losing the greatest basketball coach of its history simply because a few seemingly meaningless and trumped up charges have been made by a Southwest Conference committee and no one in the administration will stand up to defend Coach Ken Loeffler.

It looks like everyone is going to be duped by accusations fired at the famous coach and sacrifice him to the so shaky claims of the conference committee. But everyone won't be fooled! A&M students will never stand by and see a man as highly respected as Coach Ken fired simply as an easy way to clean skirts which in all probability aren't even dirty.

Now is the time for every Aggie to come to the aid of the great mentor. Nothing should stand in their way in the effort to keep the man who can mold champions from future A&M basketball teams.

There is really no alternative for college officials in the light of the charges and Coach Loeffler's pledges that he is not guilty. Nothing but definite backing of Mr. Basketball would suffice. All Aggies must realize this and speak out for it.

The time to act is now. Show the administration students believe in Coach Loeffler and not in the accusations which he denies. This may be the only way to keep the greatest coach in basketball from leaving A&M. —JT

Houston Minister Speaks At Senior Lutheran Banquet

Rev. Alton Christensen, Houston, was principal speaker at a banquet honoring Lutheran Aggie seniors last night in the student center of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

About 40 students and guests were present to hear Rev. Christensen present his topic, "Where Are You Going?"

He said there are three pressures that one will feel in college and throughout life—to relate, to conform and what we shall give our life to.

In relating, there are two sides of the story as in the other two pressures. One good point is marriage, but two points that could work either way are what or whom one's god shall be an one's life's work, Christensen suggested.

On the question of conforming, he said: "A man can have power if he conforms, which is one of the bad points of democracy. It is one of the things that Aggies learn at A&M; whether it is bad or good is up to the individual."

To what shall we give our life? On this question he said too many people give their lives to themselves and that in this modern world it is too easy to take rather than give.

"Taking is a slow and torturous death", he said.

Rev. Christensen is an ex-service man and a graduate of Harvard where he received his masters in electronics engineering before entering the ministry.

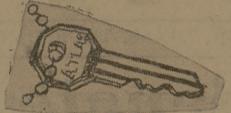
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