

An Editorial

Civilian Goals

Early this month, the Civilian Student Council was issued a challenge by Bennie Zinn, head of Student affairs to strive for improvement in the Civilian student program and A&M.

The challenge was not only issued to the council but to the Civilian student body as a whole.

Now that the plan has been carried back to the dormitories by Civilian councilmen, it might be well to check to see if most of the suggestions offered by Civilian leaders last year are being observed and efforts made to carry them out.

First in the list of suggestions was developing pride in dormitories. This means keeping them clean, attractive, quiet and orderly. It also means knowing fellow residents and providing assistance to new and old students both in academic and extra curricular activities.

Second was recommended encouragement of participation in dormitory functions and extra-curricular activities. Such participation includes social affairs, religious activities, clubs, music activities, student publications, Memorial Student Center activities, yell practices, class functions, school elections and intramural sports.

Third recommendation consists of furthering such good traditions as yell practice, athletic contest conduct, speaking and introductions, silver taps, clean and neat clothing, Memorial Student Center conduct, hitchhiking courtesy and the bonfire and Thanksgiving game.

Fourth recommendation includes suggestions by students concerning college policy which affects students.

Fifth includes planning special Civilian participation events such as Civilian weekend, talent shows, sports shows, marriage-family relations conferences, athletic contests and game tournaments.

Financing council activities is the sixth recommendation. Fostering friendly relationships on and off campus and developing dormitory councils are recommended for seven and eight.

Results of the recommendations can be seen all over the campus. These are apparent in higher morale among Civilian students.

Another great factor influencing forming a better Civilian student body is the obvious benefit freshmen gained from the week of planned orientation started this year. These freshmen are speaking and meeting better than ever before.

Speaking and introductions throughout the whole Civilian student body have improved greatly probably because of the morale increase.

The Civilian student body has a great future on the A&M campus. Its future can be brighter if all students strive to improve and leaders continue to provide incentive for greater progress.

Cadet Slouch by Jim Earle



I never could parallel park.

Highlights and Sidelights From Your State Capitol

By VERN SANFORD
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Who gets the water?—This legislative session's statewide water planning measure is already caught in the same swift currents that have capsized many previous water measures.

Mostly, it boils down to a fear by each individual lawmaker that the overall plan might benefit one area by taking water from his area.

Governor Daniel asked the lawmakers to set up machinery under the State Water Board to draw up a statewide master plan for water. Measures to this effect were introduced in the House by Rep. W. N. Woolsey of Corpus Christi and in Senate by Sen. George Parkhouse of Dallas.

Sponsors have repeatedly reassured that the bill would not take away "any vested right of any water user in Texas." But Rep. W. A. Stroman of San Antonio objected to giving the Water Board planners "law-making powers."

Rep. Leroy Saul of Kress withdrew as House sponsor of the bill because he said he believed its passage would "lead to deficit financing."

State Practice Act—A closer watch and possible limitation of practice before state agencies is proposed in a House bill.

Sponsoring a bill to regulate representation before state

agencies are Representatives L. DeWitt Hale, B. G. Forsyth of Corpus Christi and J. C. Day of Brookshire.

Their bill would require each agency to register those who appear before it. This bill also would bar lawmakers from such practice entirely if the constitutional amendment raising their salaries to \$7,500 annually is passed.

This was one of the bills requested by the governor.

Job Calls

The following interviews will be held in the Placement Office:

Friday

Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. interviews for electrical, industrial and mechanical engineers; physics and accounting majors.

Lane-Wells Co. interviews agricultural, industrial, electrical, mechanical, civil and petroleum engineers; physics, geophysics, and geology majors.

The Ohio Oil Co. interviews for geological and Petroleum engineering majors.

Sun Pipe Line Co. interviews civil, electrical and mechanical engineering majors.

U. S. Naval Ordnance Test Station interviews aeronautical, civil, electrical and mechanical engineers; chemistry, mathematics and physics majors for positions.

LETTERS

Editor:

The Battalion

I recently read an article in the Oct. 14 edition of Life magazine on the hazing methods used at West Point. This article set me to comparing our system of "orientation" with their system of hazing.

I also tried to figure out the purpose of the hazing system and this is what I came up with.

The hazing system is used to (1) mature the mind of a young high school boy to that of young college adult, and (2) to teach a young man who is to some day become an officer in our armed forces to think under pressure.

Now if I'm wrong, I would like to be corrected, and if I'm right, I would like to ask military department and the college administration this question: Are we accomplishing this goal with our present system of "orientation"?

Wayne E. Long '60

At Other Schools

TCU 'Boys' Find Aggie Competition Too Tough

By Joe Buser

Texas Tech's Toreador had an interesting bit of news in its Oct. 17 issue.

Seems like the girls there have surrendered their Ivy type clothing for "more traditional West Texas apparel," namely levis. According to the article, "femmes of the campus will get into the style as rules against jeans are shelved. Coeds may wear levis on the campus Friday but Bermuda shorts are out."

Don't take it too hard, fellows. You can wear your Bermudas, even if the girls can't.

And at the degree mill at Fort Worth some noteworthy comments from their Skiff.

Seems that the non-coed faction at the school is having a hard time coping with Aggie competition.

The article said, "TCU men find themselves dateless as the female specie deserts them for the booted horde . . . true campus romances shrivel on the vine, as fickle coeds fall victim to gleaming boots, brass and saber of Aggies."

At last. The problem has come to a head. There is no shortage of girls here—it's just a lack of men there.

Down SMU way, their Campus had a delightful letter to the editor well worthy of mention.

Seems one Jay Brown penciled an editorial asking that the needless cutting in the cafeteria line be stopped, and even offered some

hints for overcoming this ignoble urge and pointed out that one might even convert the problem of waiting in line into a pleasant and profitable experience.

Well, the irate author of the letter observed said Jay Brown stride down Wednesday's evening's long line of valiant hunger-riddled students and CUT IN. Yes, even at the front."

And down in the annals of history, along with such famous quotes as "people who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones" will be recorded "editors who write nasty things about line-cutter-inners should not . . . cut in." Shame.

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SCIENCE MADE SIMPLE: No. 1

Though this column is intended to be a source of innocent merriment for all sexes and not to concern itself with weighty matters, I have asked my sponsors, the makers of Marlboro, whether I might not, from time to time, use this space for a short lesson in science. "Makers," I said to them, "might I not, from time to time, use this space for a short lesson in science?"

They agreed with many a kindly smile, the makers of Marlboro, for they are the most agreeable of men. Their benevolence is due in no small measure to the cigarettes they smoke, for Marlboro is a cigarette to soothe the most savage of breasts. I refer not only to the flavor which, as everyone knows, is a delight to the palate, but also to the Marlboro container. Here is no fendishly contrived device to fray the fingernails and rasp the nerves; here, instead, is a flip-top box that opens like a charm, and inside you find a handy red tape to lift out the cigarettes with ease and dispatch. Add to all this the best filter ever made, and you can see that you get a lot to like.

Let us begin our series of science lessons with chemistry. It is fitting that chemistry should be the first, for it is the oldest of sciences, having been discovered by Benjamin Franklin in 468 B.C. when an apple fell on his head while he was shooting the breeze with Pythagoras one day outside the Acropolis. (The reason they were outside the Acropolis and not inside was that Pythagoras had been thrown out for drawing right triangles all over the walls.)



Benjamin Franklin was shooting the breeze with Pythagoras.

They had several meetings outside the Acropolis, but finally Franklin said, "Look, Pythagoras, this is nothing against you, see, but I'm no youngster anymore and if I keep laying around on this wet grass with you, I'm liable to get the breakbone fever. I'm going inside." Pythagoras, friendless now, moped around Athens for awhile, then drifted off to Monaco where he married a girl named Harriet Sigafos and went into the chuck-a-luck business. (He would certainly be forgotten today had not Shakespeare written "You Know Me, Al.")

But I digress. We were beginning a discussion of chemistry, and the best way to begin is with fundamentals. Chemicals are divided into elements. There are four: air, earth, fire, and water. Any number of delightful combinations can be made from these elements, such as firewater, darron, and chef's salad.

Chemicals can be further divided into the classes of explosive and non-explosive. A wise chemist always touches a match to his chemicals before he begins an experiment.

A variety of vessels of different sizes and shapes are used in a chemistry lab. There are tubes, vials, beakers, flasks, pipettes, and retorts. A retort is also a snappy comeback, such as "Oh, yeah?" and "So's your Uncle Oscar."

I have now told you the most important aspects of chemistry, but there are many more—far too many to cover in the space remaining here. However, I am sure there is a fine chemistry lab on your very own campus. Why don't you go up some afternoon and poke around? Make a fun day out of it. Bring ukeleles. Wear humorous hats. Toast frankfurters on the Bunsen burners. Be gay. Be merry. Be loose . . . For chemistry is your friend!

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