

Editorials

Keep the Spirit

Last night's demonstration was probably a negative reaction to a suggested plan for gradual co-education including preservation of A&M's heritage.

If it was, and such negative attitudes continue, inevitable co-education will bring with it an entirely different college program.

For without such a gradual preparation for coeds with students as planners and participants, the best traditions of Aggieland can never be transmitted to the new atmosphere.

Do the protests mean the instigators prefer a new college program and prefer not to work for the benefits and assets of a co-educational A&M maintaining the Spirit of Aggieland?

Probably not. It more likely means a refusal to face the realities of an eventual co-educational A&M.

No one can be foolish enough to say the instigators don't like girls. It's merely that they don't want to go to school with them because they fear the damage to A&M traditions.

They just can't see that there is a gray and everything is not either black or white. A&M can have coeds and traditions as it can have a strong Corps and a strong Civilian student body. There's no need for making any one of the three dominant.

Every Aggie who wants to preserve A&M's heritage need not be against co-education or against optional military training.

A&M's identity will be preserved not because it's all-male, all-military or even all-civilian. It's identity will be retained only if the Spirit of Aggieland glows and grows in Aggie hearts and is transmitted to every new student, male or female.

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Is Required Corps Fair?

The Corps is compulsory again! For better or worse, this is a matter of opinion, and only time will give the true answer.

But there is a deeper question posed by this decision. Should students be required to take part in an extra-curricular activity in order to attend a school?

That part answer, "If you don't like it, leave," gives little consolation. It is at best a poor, dogmatic, excuse, and certainly not a tolerant, open-minded view.

Many Aggies are frank to admit they came to A&M because it is the only school they can afford. Others feel that A&M offers the best education in their particular field.

A compulsory Corps is grossly unfair to these students. There is no reason to require a student to put up with the discipline and traditions of the Corps in order to get a college degree, regardless of whether they are of benefit to him or not.

ROTC Picture Changes

Aggies who have been faced with the decision of whether to take advanced ROTC or not have had the question clarified for them.

With the decision by the School of Engineering to no longer give credit for advanced ROTC, these courses lose their status of three easy hours and a good grade.

There is not as much reason for engineering students to take ROTC as there once was. The rewards hardly warrant the effort. The six hours of classes per week, and possibly two more hours studying, can be put to much better use.

If the student is seeking a military career why take engineering in the first place? There are easier ways to get a college degree. Some of these other ways give credit for ROTC besides.

So, a somewhat foggy question is now clearer.—GMR

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Dick Bibler



"PHOTOGRAPHY MAGAZINES? SOME STUDENT IN HERE HAS THEM ALL CHECKED OUT."

What's Cooking

The following clubs and organizations meet tonight:

7:15
 The Flax County Hometown Club meets in Room 306, Academic Building for a very short business meeting.

7:30
 Yankee Hometown Club meets on the fourth floor of the Academic Building. Plans for taking the club picture will be made.

Del Rio Hometown Club meets in the YMCA to discuss a picture and party.

Spring Branch Hometown Club will meet in Room 227 of the Academic Building.

Bell County Hometown Club meets in Room 206 Academic for their regular meeting.

Wheeler-Collinsworth Club will meet in the YMCA.

Deep East Texas Hometown Club meets in Room 105 of the Academic for an important called meeting.

Northeast Texas Hometown

Club meets in Room 127 Academic for the last meeting of the semester.

Kaufman County Hometown Club meets in the YMCA North Solarium.

H-J-S-K-F Hometown Club meets in Room 108 Academic for a meeting to discuss plans for the club picture.

Galveston County Hometown Club will meet in Room 126 Academic to discuss plans for a party between semesters.

Lubbock-South Plains Hometown Club meets in Room 208 Academic.

Tyler-Smith County Hometown Club meets in Room 3-D of the Memorial Student Center.

Reviews Begin On This Page

The Battalion, beginning today, will be presenting reviews of books and movies from time to time on this page for the enjoyment of its readers.

Today, the reviews begin with a synopsis of the controversial best-selling novel, "Peyton Place" by Grace Metalious, a young housewife.

Several Aggies may have had the privilege of seeing the movie during the holidays. It showed New Year's Eve in both Dallas and Houston.

Hope you enjoy the reviews.

Books

Sex In Small Town Examined By Book

By WELTON JONES

If authoress Grace Metalious' assertions in "Peyton Place," her rambling, out-sized combination of sex and sagacity mixed in New England, are to be taken seriously, it is time to move our impressionable youth from the small towns of America and into the tamer metropolitan areas.

Peyton Place, boasting a population of 3,675, is located in Maine or thereabouts and is so full of family skeletons that even the town's name is a source of mystery and shame.

It was named, it seems, after a wealthy shipping baron, who transplanted an English castle and a French bride to the nearby hills in the early 19th century. The shipping baron was a Negro.

And the 3,675 people! One would have to search long to assemble such a collection of "characters" anywhere else, but they seem to vie with each other for space in Peyton Place.

We find murder, hard drinking, petty thievery, manslaughter, blasphemy, suicide and, above all, SEX. Sex, unnatural and natural, unchaste and chaste, within marriage and outside, near-incestuous rape and tender young seduction, Oedipus complexes, homosexuality, sadism and much more, designed to suit the most discriminating taste.

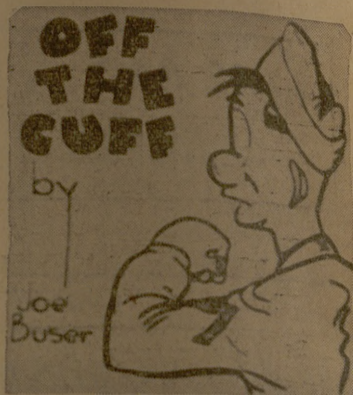
Behind this orgy of carnality, however, are some interesting ideas about how and why people work as they do. Also Mrs. Metalious, a rather dumpy thirtyish matron usually pictured wearing blue jeans, displays an engaging command of prose from time to time.

Twentieth-Century-Fox-Wald studios have made the book into a technicolor movie which has drawn guarded praise from most reviewers. Most seem to agree that the movie is a bit better than its inspiration, if less bawdy.

It stars Lana Turner, Betty Field, Lloyd Nolan, Mildred Dunnock, Arthur Kennedy and newcomers Lee Phillips, Diane Varsi, Hope Lange and Russ Tamblyn, all of whom are reported to be well cast.

The story roughly concerns a "widow" who never was married and her sensitive daughter battling their heads against the walls of the town, from the inside. A new principal for the school comes to town and marries the widow and all stride off happily into the sunset.

In between these happenings, we have diversions such as those listed above presented by a cast of 3,675.



Girls, girls, everywhere but here.

And it seems no one here wants them... at A&M, anyway.

But if they are to come, we must prepare for them. Here's a couple of ideas on how to avoid contact with these girl type creatures.

• Forget about a corner room... try to persuade the housing office to let you live in a gun room... they have bars on the windows.

• Sign up only for courses like home economics or bee keeping... the girls will be crowding into the more masculine type subjects... to be near the fellows.

• Go home every chance you have... avoid those girls.

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 At the "bonfire" last night, someone goofed.

To swell the meager stack of Batts burned in the new Corps area, a few un-controversial type newspapers were included, namely the Houston Post and the Dallas News.

What ho, Charlie Brown?

SKYWAY DRIVE IN THEATRE
 THURSDAY & FRIDAY
 "Shoot-Out at Medicine Bend" With Randolph Scott
 Plus
 "A Face In The Crowd" With Andy Griffith

Gutten hall THEATRE
 THURSDAY & FRIDAY
KRONOS
 Conqueror of the Universe
 Also
SHE DEVIL
 A REGALSCOPE PICTURE
 A Regal Films, Inc. Production

CATERING For Special Occasions
 ★ OUTFIT PARTIES
 ★ CLUB BANQUETS
MAGGIE PARKER DINING HALL
 W. 26th & Bryan TA 2-5089
 200 Congress TA 4-375

CIRCLE
 THROUGH FRIDAY
 "The Sun Also Rises" Tyrone Power
 ALSO
 "The Big Land" Alan Ladd
 SATURDAY ONLY
 "Santiago" Alan Ladd
 And
 "Gun The Man Down" James Arness
 PLUS
 "Delinquents"

A&M MENS SHOP
 103 MAIN — NORTH GATE
AGGIE OWNED

PALACE
 Bryan 2-8879

TODAY THRU SATURDAY
A WHITE SQUAW STOLEN FROM AN APACHE CHIEF...

AND NOW THE MASSACRE WAS ON!
TROOPER
 McCrea HOOK

Now Showing
QUEEN
 "We Are All Murderers"

Attention Graduating Seniors!
Big Graduation Sale On Now!
 Any make, any model, sports cars or family cars.
 NO DOWN PAYMENT — 36 months to pay
 Bank rates of interest. New car warranty on new cars.
 100% warranty on all used cars.
Century Motor Co.
 423 S. Main, Bryan
 TA 3-2524

SUPER-WINSTON PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS ROMAN IN THE GLOAMING THE HEART-WARMING STORY OF A SIMPLE GLADIATOR

... YOU CAN'T TELL THE GLADIATORS WITHOUT A PROGRAM!
 ... AND IN THIS CORNER FRANKIE APOLLO!
 FRANKIE!
 TODAY — 10 ROUNDS THE TERRIBLE CARthagINIAN VS FRANK APOLLO
 THEY ARE MIXING IT... AND FRANKIE IS DOWN!
 FRANKIE IS TALKING TO THE CARthagINIAN!
 WINSTON TASTES GOOD!
 LIKE A CIGARETTE SHOULD!
 YOU DIG THAT FULL RICH FLAVOR, CARTH?
 MAN, I MEAN... LIKE IT'S THE GREATEST!
AND A NEW CRUSH-PROOF BOX, TOO — LIKE WOW!

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