

Man to Man

By JOE TINDEL

Last week's column was going to be the last one before the end of the semester but in view of all the events occurring during the past week, I think comments on them are in order.

Uppermost in our minds today is the hiring of Jim Myers as head football coach and athletic director. The Battalion has known he would come here for at least two days or one day before the announcement.

Hiring Myers is the wisest thing that has been done at A&M for many years. His qualifications are above reproach according to Gary Rollins, Battalion sports editor. The Battalion thought he was best all along so we went out and helped get him for the Aggie team.

A letter on this page asks me to explain why I got out of the Corps my freshman year and labels me anti-Corps. Mr. Cross's opinion is that I am anti-Corps and I respect his opinion and right to express it. I would urge him, however, to study the Battalion editorial policy closer before he cides definitely.

I got out of the Corps two weeks after the beginning of my sophomore year, not during my freshman year. I had academic reasons which were encouraged by definite knowledge of contract ineligibility because of a physical handicap. If anyone wants to know more, my office is always open to visitors.

As might be imagined, many letters have come to this office concerning the co-education controversy. The Battalion has always tried and will continue to run all letters of reasonable length.



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AFL-CIO and strong labor committees are making a vigorous drive to get union members to pay the \$1.75 right-to-vote tax, and become eligible to put labor in the saddle in Texas government.

Gov. Price Daniel is urging all Texans to get that poll tax receipt now, before the Jan. 31 deadline.

"Bad public officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote," the governor said. "I urge every Texan who loves this state and believes in majority rule to pay his poll tax and take active part this year in the fight for constitutional government of, by and for the people."

He emphasized that "minority groups should not be allowed to take over Texas."

State Democratic Executive Committee heads, Jim Lindsey of Texarkana and Jake Pickle of Austin are also busy contacting eligible voters.

Equally active is the Democrats for Texas organization, whose chief spokesman is Mrs. Frankie Randolph of Houston. Aiding her are Alex Dickie of Denton, Creekmore Fath of Austin, AFL-CIO heads, and NAACP leaders.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONTROL is expected to be a hotter issue this year than most campaigns for Capitol posts.

The stage is set for the first round of customary shin-kicking and name-calling at the State Democratic Executive Committee meeting here Feb. 1. SDEC is largely made up of conservatives favorable to Governor Daniel. Their critics and opponents are the Democrats of Texas, a liberal group which contends its partisans were in the majority at the last state convention, but were unfairly squeezed out of party posts.

DOT has drawn up a proposed "code of ethics" which, it says, will prevent any fast shuffles at future conventions. At the Feb. 1 meeting DOT representatives will urge the Executive Committee to adopt the code.

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A New Flag Over Kyle Field—Long May It Wave

Letters To The Editor

Editor:
The Battalion

I would like to make a few remarks concerning the formation of an association for the advancement of co-education on the A&M campus.

I feel that Metts is perfectly within his rights in creating this organization for this is a free country. But I am protesting the proposed name of this group (Aggie Association for the Advancement of Co-education) because the men founding it are not Aggies. I believe that it is wrong for the people of Texas and all people who know A&M to be fooled into thinking that a group of Aggies would sponsor such a group.

Being enrolled as a student at A&M does not give a person the privilege of calling himself an Aggie. The men, Civilian and military, who, since 1876, have built and loved the proud reputation and great traditions of this school are Aggies.

Can anyone who proposes to tear down these traditions call himself an Aggie?

Can William Metts call himself an Aggie? . . . I say NO! And he can't rightfully call his group an "Aggie Association" any more than I could form a "W. B. Metts Association for the Promotion of Communism."

Jim Riggs '58

Editor:
The Battalion

It seems to me that we Aggies have more than our share of hostility to face in the Southwest without brewing more among ourselves. Why don't we all make an effort to unite?

There would still be differences of opinions pertaining to compulsory Corps, co-education, etc., but hell gentlemen, we are supposed to be (almost according to the profs) mentally mature. We should be able to discuss these differences intelligently and realize the best possible conclusions without becoming hostile to one another.

Larry Van Doozer '58

Editor:
The Battalion
Mr. William Boyd Metts:

This note is just to tell you we

admire the stand you have taken for woman admission and the fact that the student body has factions that have hurt you in their strong arm tactics is deplorable.

This violence indicates their frustration over a situation that they cannot cope with in the written word. I'm proud to see fellows like you, otherwise A&M and Texas will remain decades behind the cultures and schools better than A&M that have admitted women long ago.

Don't doubt the wisdom of your stand even though there is violence and ignorance on the campus today.

Michael Sivetz
9748 Westview
Houston, Texas

All The World Searches For Aggie Coach

And the hue and cry for a coach for A&M has carried as far as Seattle, Washington.

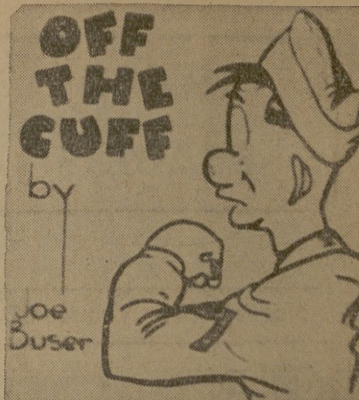
According to one Emmett Watson, in the Post-Intelligencer, of that city, on Jan. 17, the next coaching prospect should be Oscar Hammerstein II. He said that, as Hammerstein pointed out,

"There is nothing like a dame." And that goes for football players and coaches, he said.

He quoted from the much quoted statements of Bob Busby, of the Kansas City Star, who called existence at A&M, "... Spartan, with no mid-week proms, no jellifying at the soda fountain with a dolly."

"The coaching problem, is a lack of girls. College football prospects do not like the idea of four years at A&M with nothing to ogle but other college football players," Watson said.

Yet, after yesterday, it seems that Aggie football players may have something other than each other to ogle . . . namely, Jim Myers.



Well, the 51 days and nights of fasting are over. The orphans now have parents. And it is good.

Since I've been getting requests to use names in my column (of sorts), here's a start:

James (Jim), Jon, Gary and Lupe.

Could we say a new trend is beginning on the campus? Let's see, what would it be like to see on the ballots next year at election time,

"Mark here for your choice for the investigation committee." Evil is everywhere.

Especially posted outside the classroom door.

Adios, Lupe.

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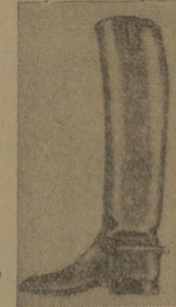
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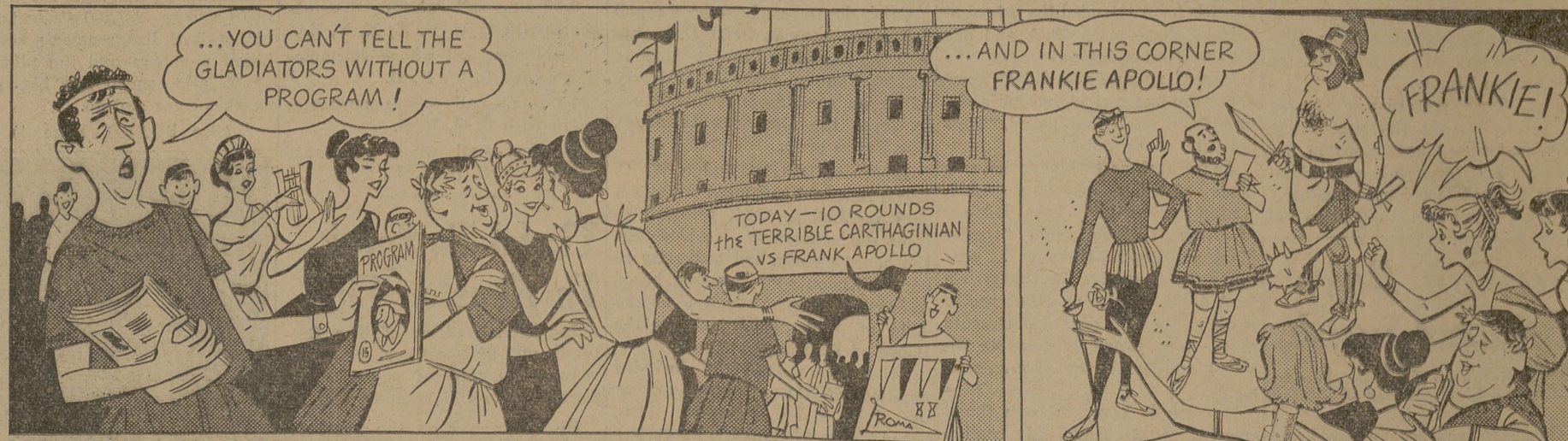
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