

Editorials

A Civilian Plan?

Civilian students at A&M this year could be facing a turning point in their history.

Naturally, the two representatives to the Board of Directors meeting Saturday will be striving with all their power to convince the board that a compulsory Corps is wrong and they should reconsider.

But, regardless of the outcome, there will still be Civilian students on the campus—maybe more than anyone expects if Corps grades do not remain high.

The big problem in Civilian circles, then, will continue to be lack of organization. Despite efforts of the Civilian Student Council and dormitory councils, Civilians need a goal to work for and a group to belong to.

At present, Civilians are, in effect, "non-regs" or members of the out-group. They belong to no compact group and may be compared to independents at other colleges.

Responsible men interested in the future of the Civilian student body have been concerned about this to the point that they have finally discovered a solution which might mean the birth of a strong Civilian organization.

Realizing that some students might not wish to participate in extra-curricular activities while others will, these men have a possible solution which would allow those interested in becoming a working part of the college to exercise their ambitions.

Those Civilian students who want to strengthen their body on the campus are urged to discover what the plan entails. If they are interested, these men might wish to work for establishment of such a plan.

In the interest of a strong Civilian student body to complement an already strong Corps, this plan might be the answer to the multiple Civilian problems.

Leaders Need Cooperation

Some Corps leaders have become highly aware of the problems that exist in that organization and since grades have been found to be very low in many units they are seeking answers to the problems.

During the past few months members of the Corps staff have been spending endless hours trying to come up with proposals to remedy the situation, a high Corps official has said.

If the Board of Directors does not reconsider and repeal their ruling on compulsory Corps, a tremendous task of keeping Corps members' grades up faces each Corps leader.

From all indications, constructive proposals have already been made to unit commanders, but many of the better ones have been rejected.

It is consoling that some Corps leaders are earnestly concerned with the future of their organization but it is disheartening that others persist in stressing the non-essentials in their units.

What's Cooking

7:15
 Guadalupe Hometown Club meets in Nagle Hall.

Deep East Texas Hometown Club meets in room 105, Academic Building. Film of the Arkansas-A&M game will be shown.

7:30
 Abilene Hometown Club meets in room 204, Academic Building. Plans for high school day will be discussed.

Southwest Texas Hometown Club meets in room 128, Academic Building to have picture made. Corpsmen will wear Class A uniforms and Civilians will wear suits and ties.

Marshall Hometown Club will meet in the YMCA.

Panhandle Hometown Club will meet in Room 305, Academic Building to elect officers.

Corpus Christi Hometown Club meets in the Academic Building.

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

Yankee Hometown Club will meet on the fourth floor of the Academic Building to discuss plans for Aggeland picture.

HOLIDAY

Saturday, February 22, 1958, being a holiday, in observance of Washington's Birthday, the undersigned will observe that date as a Holiday and not be open for business.

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FISH JETHRO, WHEN I TELL YOU TO KNOCK A BUZZ OFF, I MEAN YOURS NOT MINE!



AUSTIN—Gov. Price Daniel has publicly deplored the money raising efforts of Texas' Republican National Committeeman H. J. (Jack) Porter. Porter staged a \$100-a-plate dinner in Houston to raise money for Republican congressional campaigns.

Porter had written a letter urging contributions and pointing out the need to gain support for the natural gas bill now before Congress.

The governor said the incident "should convince all Texans that the Republican leadership in this state has nothing to offer but embarrassment, discord and division."

WHY NO JOBS—Viewing the soaring unemployment figures, Gov. Daniel took more jabs at the GOP.

Loss of jobs reportedly increased more in the past month than at any time since World War II. Texas Employment Commission says its January unemployment compensation payments hit \$537, 800, an increase of almost 70 per cent from last September.

The governor said Texas could

place most of the blame on the Republican administration's ineffectiveness in controlling oil imports. He said competition of foreign oil has caused Texas production to slip steadily, bringing loss of jobs and revenue to the state.

Daniel also criticized national farm policies.

LET'S FACE IT—Meanwhile, Dr. John R. Stockton, one of the state's top business analysts, has said we're in a recession all right, but only a minor one. He said such recessions usually last only about six to eight months.

The director of the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research said that cures for the recession are in plain sight. He recommended increased federal spending and easier credit regulations.

MORE TAXES?—Despite the state comptroller's prediction that the next legislature will have to scrape up \$100 million in new revenue, Gov. Daniel isn't recommending any new tax besides his earlier recommendation for a gas gathering tax.

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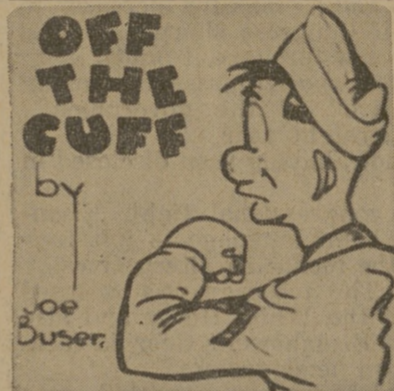
Editor,
 The Battalion:

In answer to the question, "Does A&M Really Need Compulsory Corps?", asked by your Dec. 4 editorial, my answer is a loud and enthusiastic YES. Having observed A&M and the Corps of Cadets over a period of years, I feel that the Board of Directors is correcting a grave error made in 1954 when military training was made "optional."

One of the more important reasons for my yes answer is that I want to see a unified student body striving to improve our school, rather than two factions fighting and bickering among themselves.

From the opinions expressed in your editorial, I believe you are overlooking the value that the leadership training obtained in the Corps has in all occupations, not just the military. Leaders are necessary in all fields of industry, business and agriculture today. The Corps strives to produce these leaders.

Let us look now at the people who comprise the majority of the



There's confusion in the MSC Post Office: no one knows what to do with Gerry Haynes' mail.

Seems this Ag rented box 6343 this year, not knowing that a Jerry Haynes rented an adjoining one.

Jerry went home in January. Now Gerry's mail is forwarded to Jerry. When Jerry returns Gerry's mail, the PO boys bundle it up and send it back. To Jerry. But it's really Gerry's. Isn't it?

Overheard from a man on the street: "Help me up, will you?"

Is it true that the Marine procurers in the MSC are giving Guern Hall passes to see "D.I." to everyone who will sign up for their Patrol Leaders Course?

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TWO BY TWO CLASS

For Aggies and Aggie Wives

9:45 Sunday Morning

First Baptist Church College Station

I did not whistle at her. I whistled because the dress she is wearing looks like it was cleaned by —

CAMPUS CLEANERS

The makers of Marlboro wish to announce that Mr. Shulman has been paid for this column and will continue to be paid for bringing you his homely philosophy throughout the school year.

"non-regs", the men (?) who did not join the Corps when they came to A&M or quit the Corps when the going got rough. It has been my observation that most of these individuals are the "boys" who need the maturity and training in leadership and discipline which the Corps strives to give them.

You express the opinion that "non-regs" receive a more liberal education than Corps students because of a few semester hours devoted to electives other than military or air science. Do those few hours counterbalance the "education" from not only Corps activities but all the student activities in which predominantly Corps students take part?

I regret that many faculty members feel as you do. I'm afraid these men cannot see the "forest for the trees" and think

that all education and training for life must come from formal classroom work. Should A&M graduates be "leaders" or "book-worms"?

I will be the first to admit that the Corps is not perfect, but it offers so much more to the training of tomorrow's leaders than a few hours of electives.

The Corps' weaknesses could be alleviated to a large degree if the College Administration and Faculty could only see its value and work "with" the Corps rather than "against" it.

I respect your right to your own opinion, Mr. Editor, but I offer here the opinion of someone who loves A&M and The Corps of Cadets. I regret that my present position prevents me from signing my name to these opinions.

An Aggie

Job Interviews

The following job interviews will be held Friday in the Placement Office:

Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Co., East Hartford, Conn., interviews physics, aeronautical and mechanical engineering majors.

Rural Electrification Administration of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture interviews electrical engineering majors.

Sperry Gyroscope Co., Great Neck, N. Y., interviews physics, electrical and mechanical engineering majors for research and development for production activities in electronic equipment.

Texas Eastern Transmission Corp., Shreveport, La., interviews agricultural, chemical, civil, electrical, mechanical and petroleum engineering majors desiring work on a pipeline company.

Texas Employers Insurance Association, Dallas interviews architectural, civil, chemical, electrical, mechanical and industrial engineering majors. (See INTERVIEW Page 3)

On Campus with Max Shulman

(By the Author of "Rally Round the Flag, Boys!" and "Barefoot Boy with Check.")

THE PLEDGE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN

Today's column is directed at those young female undergraduates who have recently pledged sororities and are worried, poor lambs, that they won't make good. Following is a list of simple instructions which, if faithfully observed, will positively guarantee that you will be a mad success as a sorority girl.

First, let us take up the matter of housemother. The housemother is your friend, your guide, your mentor. You must treat her with respect. When you wish to speak to her, address her as "Mother Sigafos" or "Ma'am." In no circumstances must you say, "Hey, fat lady."

Second, let us discuss laundry. Never hang your wash on the front porch of the sorority house. This is unsightly and shows a want of breeding. Use the Chapter Room.

Third, meals. Always remember that planning and preparing meals for a houseful of healthy girls is no simple task. Your cook goes to a great deal of trouble to make your menu varied and nourishing. The least you can do is show your appreciation. Don't just devour your food; praise it. Exclaim with delight, "What delicious pork jowls!" or "What a yummy soupbone!" or "What scrumptious fish heads!" or "What clear water!"

Fourth, clothing. Never forget that your appearance reflects not just on yourself but on the whole house. It was well enough before you joined a sorority to lounge around campus in your old middy blouse and gym bloomers, but now you must take great pains to dress in a manner which excites admiring comments from all who observe you. A few years ago, for example, there was a Chi Omega named Camille Ataturk at the University of Iowa who brought gobs of glory to all her sorors.

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Camille hit on the ingenious notion of suiting her garb to the class she was attending. For instance, to English Lit she wore a buskin and jerkin. To German she wore lederhosen and carried a stein of pilsener. To Econ she wore 120 yards of ticker tape. Her shiningest hour came one day when she dressed as a white mouse for Psych Lab. Not only her Chi Omega sisters, but the entire student body went into deep mourning when she was killed by the janitor's cat.

Finally, let us take up the most important topic of all. I refer, of course, to dating.

As we have seen, the way you dress reflects on your sorority, but the men you date reflect even more. Be absolutely certain that your date is an acceptable fellow. Don't beat about the bush; ask him point-blank, "Are you an acceptable fellow?" Unless he replies, "Yeah, hey," send him packing.

But don't just take his word that he is acceptable. Inspect him closely. Are his fingernails clean? Is his black leather jacket freshly oiled? Is his ukulele in tune? Does he carry public liability insurance? And, most significant of all, does he smoke Marlboros?

If he's a Marlboro man, you know he's a lot of man. You know he has taste and discernment, wit and wisdom, character and sapience, decency and warmth, presence and poise, talent and grit, filter and flavor. You will be proud of him, your sorority will be proud of him, the makers of Marlboro will be proud of him, and I will be paid for this column.

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