

BATTALION EDITORIALS

... Our Liberty Depends on the Freedom of the Press, And It Cannot Be Limited Without Being Lost ... Thomas Jefferson

Spirit or Spirits?

Yell practice at midnight—long avoided editorially as a subject somewhat out of the realm of comment for The Battalion—has recently come to the attention of a number of people over the state and as such can now be explored and explained.

It seems the occasion as it is presently conducted is "tradition"—that is, it has been done similarly for one or more years, if the length of time needed for this special distinction for other so-called traditions is used as a yardstick.

Professed purpose of the midnight practice (which doesn't really begin at midnight at all) is said to be preparation for the football game on Kyle Field on the following day. It is done to bolster Aggie spirit.

A great deal of spirit emanates from pocket flasks at these occasions and among the group that brings the bottles, "spirits" run high.

Another important part of the evening is the "fables" which to the uninitiated sound quite similar to smutty jokes. These too, and the 21-roll salute which punctuates each phrase seem to be necessary in generating Aggie spirit, else they would not be continued time after time.

The demonstration in the Grove is climaxed with a few yells butchered by the "spirited" members of the crowd who call attention to the fact that they are intoxicated by hurling wads of "confetti" which again, to the uninitiated, bears a great deal of resemblance to toilet paper.

If this truly be the way Aggie spirit is generated, then it can have no real substance and is understandably weak when the team is down.

However, these incidents have little resemblance to the revered "Old Army" which they are mistakenly patterned after. Present-day yell practice is a bad reproduction of the "pep rally" antics of other schools—glossed over with the all-inclusive grace of so-called "good bull."

It would seem that a school as proud—and as rich in heritage as Texas A&M—could find a more fitting and inspiring preparation for home football games than this "good bull."

If the occasion did not offer such an excellent opportunity to gain REAL Aggie spirit, the practice would have been abolished as suggested at several levels this year. It is with the hope that the opportunity for a more sensible and productive session will be taken that it was not abolished. The things deleted from the program tomorrow—smutty jokes, toilet paper, drunkenness—they aren't the things that can generate Aggie spirit. Yells, school songs, words of encouragement—these do and they yet remain.

It will be a different kind of spirit generated at the yell practice Friday. Maybe it will be in keeping with the spirit of the men living and learning at Aggieland.

What's Cooking

The following organizations will meet tonight:

7:15
Austin Hometown Club will meet in Room 125 of the Academic Bldg.

7:30
Bell County Club will meet in Room 3-D of the MSC. Films of the TCU football game will be shown and refreshments will be served.

Mid-County Hometown Club will meet in the Academic Bldg.
Abilene Hometown Club will

meet in the Academic Bldg.

Texarkana and 4 States Hometown Club will meet in Room 223 of the Academic Bldg.

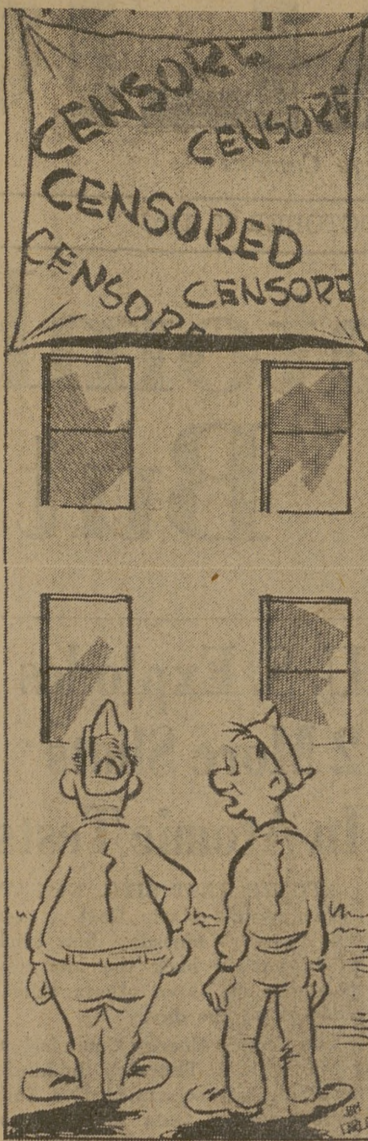
Spring Branch Hometown Club will meet in Room 126 of the Academic Bldg. to plan a Thanksgiving party in Houston.

Cook County Hometown Club will meet in the lounge of Pur-year Hall.

Coryell-Hamilton Hometown Club will meet in Room 206 of the Academic Bldg.

Cadet Slouch Second in a Series

... by Jim Earle



"Must have been one of the more creative signs."

Campus Chest Hits Corps on Saturday

By BILL REED
Battalion News Editor
Saturday is the day for members of the Corps of Cadets to donate their "dollar per Aggie" to the Campus Chest Fund, a single fund which will be used to make donations throughout the school year.

As last year, the goal is one dollar from each Aggie, which will mean a total of approximately \$6,700, if every Aggie takes it to

heart and gives freely.
Don Rummel, Campus Chest chairman, announced yesterday that this year's drive will be staged Saturday morning between 8 and 8:30 during commander's time.

Each squadron and company commander has been asked to select one person from his unit to go by each cadet's room to collect donations. No student is required to give to the fund, but Rummel has asked that Aggies consider this matter deep in their hearts before saying "no."

After each unit has collected the donations, the money will be turned in to the group and battalion sergeant majors, who will in turn transfer the collections to wing and regimental sergeant majors.

Students on the committee are Tom (Killer) Miller, Senate representative from the School of Engineering; Ed Hill, representative from the School of Agriculture; Charles Graham, vice president, Civilian Student Council; and Rummel.

Graham is in charge of collecting donations from the Civilian students.

Next Tuesday night Graham said that collections would be made in Civilian dorms in a similar manner as the Corps. Each dorm council will send a man around to collect from each individual civilian.

Tomorrow: The method of collecting donations in Civilian dorms and housing areas.

LETTERS

Editor,
The Battalion:

Today when I returned from class to Walton Hall, I received a jolt. All of the vines adorning our rather dull-faced dorm had been pulled down. These vines had given our dorm a touch of class not enjoyed by most of the dorms on the A&M campus. Now Walton Hall is nothing but a mass of cells encased in plain yellow brick.

There may be reasons for pulling the vines down; however, I doubt that they caused dermal irritation. If Walton cannot stand the strain of a few vines on its walls, I dread the thought of living on the fourth stoop.

In the future I would like to see the vines left on the walls and if it is not possible to do so I would like to know the reason for their destruction.

R. B. Miller, '60

Who's Here at Aggieland

Big Number 63 Is 'Real Friendly' Unless He's On the Football Field

By JACK TEAGUE

Allen G. Goehring, senior business administration major from San Marcos, is well known as big number 63 holding down weakside guard position on the Aggie football team.

Born in Orange, Allen moved to San Marcos with his parents when he was eight years old. Living on his dad's ranch both in Orange and San Marcos led Allen to decide to follow in his dad's footsteps someday as a cattle rancher.

A graduate of San Marcos High School, he lettered both in track and football. And, as he puts it, "played 'at' baseball." A two-year letterman in football, Allen was selected as an all-dis-

trict guard. It was his guard game that earned him a scholarship to A&M—following in his older brother's footsteps, Dennis '57, who was an All Southwest Conference guard from A&M for two years.

Allen came to many of Aggie games before he considered which college he would attend. He said that he really went for Aggie spirit, and that without the scholarship would have come to Aggieland.

A member of Squadron 25 for three years, Allen is commanding officer of Squadron 23, the same outfit but sporting a different number.

Last summer Allen went to Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin for his AFROTC summer

training. He signed Category 1 (pilot training) contract and plans to fly for the Air Force for five years, and then raise cattle.

A personable guy, Allen is friendly to everyone—except the opposition. He likes to meet people and says that his most embarrassing moments occur when he can't recall someone's name on the campus.

Allen's love life reads just like a storybook—you know, the boy who falls for the high school girl, stays with her through college, becomes engaged and eventually marries the high school sweetheart. Allen's story comes true next July when he will marry Miss Dorothy Sherrill, his high school sweetie.

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