

### BATTALION EDITORIALS

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

## Aggie Animals In Rare Form

The so-called "Aggie animals" were in rare form last night in Guion at the Aggie Talent Show—and that display of rudeness and vulgarity was not the show one might expect from a group of college students.

There are those who would like to believe that "animals" isn't the perfect synonym for men attending Texas A&M. If any of these stout-hearted faithful were at the Talent Show last night their faith must have surely been shaken to its very roots.

One can not understand what would motivate a group of seemingly intelligent and otherwise well-mannered college men to put on such a show in the presence of women, children and guests on the campus. It is doubtful if they brought this sort of "culture" with them to A&M. More likely, they acquired this capacity for such so-called "good bull" here.

It is equally hard to understand why—in the name of everything good and holy—students seem to put so much store in the amount of noise they can create in public. It would seem that they are attempting to live up to their nicknames at every public gathering.

The display last night cannot be excused as a show of spirit or the youthful exuberance to be expected from young men away from home. It was nothing more—or less—than the cries of a bunch of boys trying desperately to be Aggies.

If these boys missed so much of the real meaning of being an Aggie that they feel it means only to peel off the veneer of civilization, then truly they have good cause to cry out in public. . .

## All for Naught

The lack of grade points under Grade Point Army demonstrated by the unofficial check on Corps' mid-semester grades made by scholastic officers last week, would seem to indicate all the work done this semester was for naught. Close examination of the facts show that this may not be the case.

Overall grade point ratio of the Corps has risen slightly—.09 over last year. However, this increase brings the average GPR to a 1.23, well above the 1.00 "C" average, considered to be the mean for the grading system at A&M.

Secondly, the number of students failing on or more courses at mid-semester has dropped considerably from 55.6 per cent of total enrollment last year to 47.1 per cent this year. Total number posting less than a 1.00 fell from 42 per cent to 35.2 per cent. These are encouraging increases over last year, if they can be taken as a trend.

The increases in Corps' scholastic standing, although slight, is not without explanation. Only by cooperation by all four classes can such a program as Grade Point Army achieve even a little success.

The improvements made by mid-semester this year are indicative of the good that can come from an all-out effort to square away the Corps. To slow down now could mean the loss of some valuable ground the Corps can ill afford to lose.

Corps scholastic officers and their faculty counterparts in the units have done their jobs well during the first half of the semester. The cooperation from the men in the dorms—so essential to Grade Point Army—has made their toil fruitful.

If the new army of grade points is to continue, the cooperation shown thus far must continue. . .

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# Who's Here-And Why

(Ed. Note: The following is a list of men named to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges from A&M—and their activities and awards. The remainder of the list will run in this column during the week as space permits. . .)

Thomas Anderson Jr.—2.59  
Civilian Student Council, Vice President, President; Student Senate; Southwestern Veterinarian, Associate Editor; Jr. Chapter of AVMA, Vice-President; Walton Hall Council; Phi Eta Sigma.

Curtis Wayne Boyd—2.89  
Arts and Sciences Council; President, Pre-Med-Pre-Dent Society; Commander, A Medical Company; President, Vice-President, Hometown Club; Fencing Team; SCONA III; Phi Eta Sigma; Alpha Zeta; Danforth Award.

Joseph Jackson Buser—1.50  
Editor, The Battalion; Cadet Lt. Col., Corps Supply Officer; President, Press Club; Vice-President, Sigma Delta Chi; Delegate to National SDX Convention; Student Senate; Sweetheart Selection Committee; Texas Aggie Band; Drum and Bugle Corps; Student Representative, College Safety Committee; Texas Daily Newspaper Assn., Intern.

Donald W. Carver—2.42  
1st Lt., A Athletic Co; Editor, A&M Christian Church of Christ Bible Chair; Cross Country Team; Track Team; Phi Eta Sigma; Tau Beta Pi; Opportunity Award; Monsanto Chemical Company Scholarship; Magnolia Geophysics Scholarship; George P. Mitchell Award for Geology; Fish Slide Rule Contest winner in Geology; Outstanding sophomore in battalion; DMS; Geology Club; SEG.

Wilfred E. Cleland—2.76  
Physics club, secretary-treasurer; Corps of Cadets; corporal and sergeant; Lutheran Student Association, regional president and local president; Singing Cadets; A&M 1958 Ecumenical Conference; Lutheran Student Association.

Donald Roy Cloud—2.47  
Student Senate, member; MSC Council and Directorate, member and vice-president; Arts & Sciences Council, member and representative to Inter-Council Committee; Economics Club, Jr. Representative to Arts & Sciences Council, President; Colonel of Corps; Ross Volunteers; SCONA III; SCUSA, IX—Delegate from Texas A&M; Lullie-Huey Lane Scholarship winner; Caldwell Award for Outstanding Junior in Corps; Houston Chamber of Commerce Award for Outstanding Non-Commissioned Officer in Corps; Sons of American Revolution Award for Outstanding Junior in Category I; Vice-President, Inter-Council Committee; Great Issues Reception Committee, French Club; Recorder, SCONA II; Wing Color Guard; Squadron Clerk; President's Traffic Committee; Election Commission; Recorder for Cadet Court; Corps Intelligence Sgt; Corps Sgt. Major; Memorial Student Center Appreciation Award (2).

Raymond Wendell Cook—2.28  
Civilian Student Council; President Student AVMA; AVMA Honor Council; Program Chairman Student AVMA; AVMA Student Delegate to the National Convention; President Sophomore Veterinary Class; Assistant Editor of Southwestern Veterinarian; Apartment Council Representative; Apartment Council Secretary; Apartment Council President; Civilian Weekend Committee; Intercouncil Committee; Member AVMA.

William Wayne Culbreth—2.03  
Student Senate; Great Issues Committee; American Institute of Electrical Engineers; Institute of Radio Engineers; Major, Operations Officer, 7th Group; YMCA Vice President; Ross Volunteers Permanent Firing Squad; Big College Conference YMWCA; Opportunity Award; B&H Instrument Co. Award; Phi Eta Sigma; Tau Beta Phi; Eta Kappa Nu Vice President; Outstanding Freshman in Corps; Second Place in Engineering Contest; Best Drilled Freshman in Corps; Best Drilled Sophomore in Group; DMS; Election Commission; Civil Air Patrol.

George Randolph Curtis—2.12  
Deputy Corps Commander; Student Senate Chaplain; Platoon Leader RV's; Houston Chamber of Commerce Corps Troops Award; DAR Award; H. Miller Ainsworth Sabre; U. S. Army Citation; Corp Representative to U. S. Military Academy; Town Hall Staff; DMS; Sweetheart Selection Committee; Outstanding Cadet in Company at Summer Camp.

Raymond Leon Darrow—1.75  
Lt. Col., Commanding Officer, 1st Group; Vice President Cadet Court; Vice President AIA; President, Hometown Club; DMS; Air Force Ball Decorations Committee Chairman; 12th Man Bowl; Outstanding Camper, Junction; Outstanding Cadet in Flight, Summer Camp; Outstanding Freshman in Squadron 2; Fish Tennis Team; Softball Intramural Winner.

Eugene Edwin Fudge—2.02  
Senior Court; Saddle & Sirolo Club; Lt. Col.—Executive Officer, 1st Regiment; President, Hometown Club; Sgt.—Color Guard, Ross Volunteers; Junior Livestock Judging Team; Senior Yell Leader; DMS; Alpha Zeta.

Larry Gene Garrison—2.02  
Corps Staff, Cadet Lt. Col.; President, Aggie Christian Fellowship; Vice-President, Student AIA; Forth Worth Hometown Club; Freshman Football, Freshman Track Letterman; Varsity Track Squadman; Corps Athletic Officer; Cadet First Sergeant; Distinguished Military Student; Forth Worth Optimist Club Scholarship.

Melburn Gilbert Glascock—2.45  
Cadet Captain, C. O. of Squadron 1; Cadet M/Sgt, Corps Scholastic Sgt.; C. O. of Ross Volunteers; SCONA III; Phi Eta Sigma; Phi Kappa Phi; Vice President of Tau Beta Pi 1958-59; Mission Manufacturing Award Scholarship 1958-59; Opportunity Award Scholarship 1956-58; Town Hall Staff 1957-58; Distinguished AFROTC Cadet; Best Drilled Sophomore Squadron 1; Corps Delegate to United States Military Academy, 1957; Student Engineers Council, 1958-59; Fish Drill Team; Intramural Tennis Championship Team 1957-58.

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## What's Cooking History Professors Attend Conference

The following organizations will meet tonight:

5 p.m.

Laredo Hometown Club meets on the front steps, MSC. Picture for The Aggieband will be taken.

7:15 p.m.

Student Weather Club meets in Room 306, Goodwin Hall.

7:30 p.m.

Society of Automotive Engineers meets in Room 303, ME Bldg. Film of the 1958 Sebring, Fla., sports car race.

Accounting Society meets in Room 2C and D, MSC.

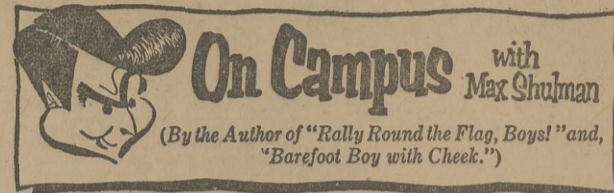
Collegiate FFA Chapter meets in Agricultural Engineering Lecture Room.

Dr. Glen M. Rodgers, Dr. Lloyd C. Taylor and Dr. J. M. Nance of the Department of History and Government, attended the third annual meeting of the American Studies Association of Texas. The meeting was held in Austin, Dec. 6.

## Crawford Speaks To Shreveport Ags

Engineering education at A&M was discussed by C. W. Crawford, associate dean of engineering, at the recent meeting of the Shreveport, La., A&M Club.

E. E. McQuillen, executive director of the development fund, was also a guest at the meeting.



### THE GIFT HORSE

I know how busy you are—studying, going to class, catching night crawlers—but let me interrupt your multifarious activities—studying, going to class, helping old grads find their dentures after Homecoming—to remind you that busy as you are—studying, going to class, searching for meat in the dormitory stew—time and tide wait for no man, and the Yuletide will soon be upon us. Busy or not, we must turn our thoughts to Christmas shopping. Let us, therefore, pause for a moment in our busy schedules—studying, going to class, rolling drunks—to examine a number of interesting gift suggestions.

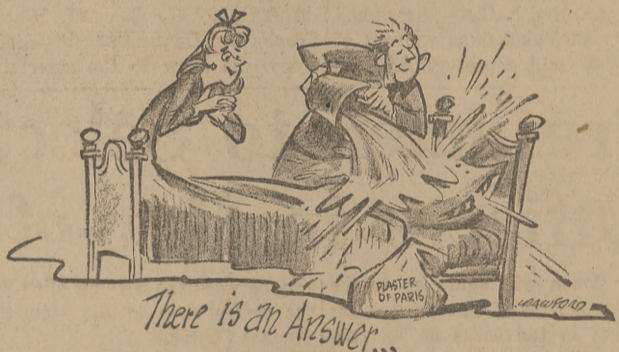
We will start with the hardest gift problem of all: What do you give to the person who has everything? Well sir, there follows a list of a half dozen gifts which I will flatly guarantee the person who has everything does not have:

1. A dentist's chair.
2. A low hurdle.
3. A street map of Perth.
4. Fifty pounds of chicken fat.
5. A carton of filter-tip Marlboros.
6. A carton of non-filter Philip Morris.

"What?" you exclaim, your young eyebrows rising in wild incredulity. "The person who has everything does not have cartons of filter Marlboros and non-filter Philip Morris?" you shriek, your young lips curling mockingly. "What arrant nonsense!" you rasp, making a coarse gesture.

And I reply with an emphatic *no!* The person who has everything does not have filter Marlboros and non-filter Philip Morris—not for long anyhow—because if he has Marlboros and Philip Morris and if he is a person who likes a mild, mellow, fresh, flavorful cigarette—and who does not? eh? who does not?—why, then he doesn't have Marlboros and Philip Morris; he smokes them. He might possibly have a large collection of Marlboro and Philip Morris butts, but whole Marlboros and Philip Morris? No. An emphatic *no!*

Now we take up another thorny gift problem: What do you buy your girl if you are broke? Quite a challenge, you will agree, but there is an answer—an ingenious, exciting answer! Surprise your girl with a beautiful bronze head of herself!



Oh, I know you're not a sculptor, but that doesn't matter. All you have to do is endear yourself to your girl's roommate, so she will be willing to do you a favor. Then some night when your girl is fast asleep, have the roommate butter your girl's face—quietly, so as not to wake her—and then quietly pour plaster of Paris on top of the butter and then quietly wait till it hardens and quietly lift it off—the butter will keep it from sticking—and then bring you the mold, and you will pour bronze in it and make a beautiful bust to surprise your girl with!

Remember, it is important—very important—to endear yourself to the roommate, because if anything should go wrong, you don't want to be without a girl for the holiday season.

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Your gift problem is no problem if you will give Marlboros to your filter smoking friends and Philip Morris to your non-filter smoking friends. Both come in soft pack or flip-top box; both are made by the sponsor of this column.

## The Classic Arts

### Talent Show 'A Real Blast'

By HENRY LYLE

"Snake," said Leatherlegs Jones, '59, over his coffee at the MSC last night after the Aggie Talent Show, "it's been many years since I've had such a big time at Guion Hall. I'll bet this is the only college in the world where the students can have a real blast at a school-sponsored event. I was having more fun making cracks than I was listening to the talent. What I liked about most of the acts was they had plenty of guitars. . . I sure like plenty of guitars.

"I counted fourteen in all. "Of course, I could've done without some of the acts, man, but during those we had a lot of fun anyway, hollerin' and trying to get that chick to come out again. It was really a riot, Snake, you should've been there."

For once, this reporter finds himself in complete agreement with Jones and his "refined" colleagues. The Aggie Talent Show was really a riot. As a matter of

fact, it's a wonder the riot squad wasn't called out. Everyone who attended had a marvelous time (with the possible exception of a few people who went to hear the scheduled performers) and there is absolutely no reason why we shouldn't have something like this every week. After all, it isn't often we get the chance to prove that our reputation for being animals, clods and pig-farmers is deserved. What difference does it make if young ladies, children, pros and wives are present and hear the obscene comments that are screamed-out by the gentlemen in dignified military dress? It's all only good bull.

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### By Charles M. Schulz