

### BATTALION EDITORIALS

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

## Just Eating — That's All

Harrassment in the messhalls continued yesterday in a fashion not unlike the lemming migration to the sea—no one seems to understand it—it just continues to happen.

As yet the efforts of college administration and Corps leaders to curb superficial and unnecessary harrassment of freshmen has been shrugged off by all-knowing cadets who find strength in the age of policies rather than in their logic. There are those in the Corps who still firmly maintain that Duncan is the proper place for discipline—and the ideal time is during meals—between bites.

This dual role of the dining halls—eating and training—is the crux of the argument on messhall conduct. It is this double responsibility that interferes with normal eating routine and causes unpleasantness—tension during mealtime.

Despite what the campusology experts say, freshmen do NOT march into Duncan to "give meal service, listen to announcements and help the waiter." They don't go there to be corrected, instructed, harrassed, coddled or babied.

Amazing as it may seem, they go there to eat. And anything that interferes with this single objective is obviously in need of study and improvement.

The question then, is not one of discipline at all. The purpose of the messhall is to feed the troops and that's what it's set up to do. This "added attraction" of harrassment is neither provided for by policy or with equipment and is therefore most out of place during mealtime.

This doesn't seem too difficult an idea to grasp. Yet judging from current events, it appears to be a major invocation of the worst kind of radical thinking.

In a word, it's a request to limit the activities in the messhall to eating and take care of "discipline" lessons in more logical locales.

This doesn't seem to be asking too much of the men of Aggeland. . .

### Interpreting

## Khrushchev Unwavering On Red Blockade in Berlin

By J. M. ROBERTS  
Associated Press News Analyst

The Western Allies now face the concrete prospect that instead of trying to talk the communists out of a Berlin crisis they will have to make definite plans to meet a blockade against their garrisons there.

They have tested the theory that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev might accept some face-saving device rather than pursue a dangerous brinkmanship and found him unwavering, at least for the time being.

Both sides are now using brinkmanship with a vengeance. President Eisenhower has replied in-kind to Khrushchev's Tuesday statements regarding the impossibility of negotiating German settlements.

Khrushchev said he would create an independent state in the

German East, and that anyone violating its borders—that is, anyone trying to force their way through a blockade—would be considered an aggressor against the Warsaw Pact nations.

The President says the Soviet attitude offers little promise for peace and that the United States will not give an inch in defending Allied rights and responsibilities regarding Berlin.

Khrushchev also took the occasion to denounce Allied proposals for banning nuclear tests and insurance against surprise attack through aerial observation.

Khrushchev wants a summit conference, perhaps so he can stand before his own people as a leader among the world's leaders, and the wine or being attended by a British prime minister appears to have gone to his head.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## New Ideas Brought to Light On Corps Messhall Problem

Editor, The Battalion:

It seems whenever the discussion arises concerning discipline in the messhall the advocates of "New Army" do their best to show what this discipline does to underclassmen, instead of what it does for them.

If there weren't so much negative thinking at A&M—not just concerning the Corps but other things as co-education and athletics—the enrollment here might be near 8,000, a better building program might be in progress and A&M would be one of the top colleges in Texas.

What, you ask, is the reason for discipline in the messhalls?

It's kind of hard to explain this to someone who has been in the Corps, who still can't realize what this discipline means. . .

You said in your article Tuesday that messhall discipline was the number one reason students in the Corps leave A&M. Let us ask this: what if the freshmen leaving said their main reason for leaving was that English 103 was too hard? Would you have college authorities make this course easier?

Here is the point we're trying to make: Discipline is an important factor in the education of young men—especially young men who have been tied to their mothers' apron strings for 18

years. It seems that we would be failing in our duty if we didn't give these men what they need as much as, if not more than, the hours and grade points necessary to graduate.

David H. Pylar et al '60

## Health in Danger From Poor Food

Editor, The Battalion:

...A number of freshmen have quit the Corps and the pretended cause of this great desertion is the so-called hazing in the messhall. Now let us view the facts in their true light. Today we had the honor of eating a so-called Hungarian goulash, which resembled the contents of a can of dog food.

Should a human being (even a freshman) be subjected to this kind of treatment? No wonder so many freshmen go home complaining of empty stomachs and over-wrought nerves. . .

Can you imagine what it is like to experience a gnawing in your stomach all day long? What a helpless feeling it is to know your very health is in danger.

Now you may ask, how can so many put up with this injustice? The truth is each person eats each meal with pretended gusto because he realizes it may be the last half-decent meal of the week and has resigned himself to make the best of the situation.

It has been also called to the attention of many of the freshmen who wish to return to the old messhall procedure that only five minutes is taken from the actual meal by questions from upperclassmen.

Let us be sensible and realize that the real reason for the decrease in freshmen is not from hazing but from the food they get. In short, before school officials make changes in the Corps, why don't they first make the necessary changes in the food.

William V. McLeod et al '62

## What's Cooking

The following clubs and organizations will meet tonight:

7:30

Angelina County Hometown Club will meet in the YMCA. Plans for a party will be discussed.

Beaumont Hometown Club will meet in the YMCA. Club Sweetheart will be chosen at this meeting.

Dallas Hometown Club will meet in Room 107 of the Biological Sciences Building. A football film will be shown.

Denton County Hometown Club will meet in Room 3-D, MSC.

Del Rio Hometown Club will meet in the YMCA.

El Paso Hometown Club will meet in Room 104, Academic Building. Plans for the club picture and the Easter party will be made.

Fayette & Colorado Counties Hometown Club will meet in Room 3B, Memorial Student Center. A football film will be shown.

Galveston County Hometown Club meets in the Gay Room of the YMCA.

Marshall Hometown Club will meet in Room 105, Academic Building.

Sons of Service will have its picture taken for the Aggeland in the Ballroom of the MSC. Uniform will be Class A winter with Ike jackets and boots for seniors.

Southwest Texas Hometown Club will meet in Room 108, Academic Building.

Tyler-Smith County Hometown Club meets in Room 101, YMCA.

Wichita Falls Hometown Club will meet in Room 106, Academic Building. Plans will be made for spring functions.

Texarkana-4-States Club will meet in Room 223, Acad. Bldg.

Coryell - Hamilton Hometown Club will meet in Acad. Bldg.

## Social Whirl

Thursday

Aggie Wives Bridge Club will hold its regular meeting this evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

Animal Husbandry Wives Club will meet 7:30 p.m. in the South Solarium of the YMCA. Guest speaker will be Mrs. D. A. Hardaway who will speak on home preparation for the school child.



We Aggies like to read about Wee Aggies. When a wee one arrives, call VI 6-4910 and ask for the Wee Aggie Editor. . . .

A future Aggie date, Elizabeth Jean, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Barker '55, at St. Joseph's Hospital Feb. 20.

A future Aggie was born to Linnie Pate at 9:42 a.m. Feb. 20 in Bryan Hospital.

A future Aggie was also born to K. R. Davis '58, in Bryan Hospital at 1:54 p.m. Feb. 20.

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John Webb '57

Don Arneson '57

Air Force 2nd Lt. John A. Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Webb of West, Texas, graduated from the Webb Air Force Base, Texas, and has been assigned to duty with one of the USAF tactical units. Lt. Webb graduated from A&M in 1957.

Air Force 2nd Lt. Donald G. Arneson, son of Mrs. C. Arneson of Brownsville, Texas, recently graduated from basic pilot training at Webb Air Force Base, Texas, and school at Webb AFB. Lt. Arneson is a '57 graduate of A&M. He has been reassigned to one of the United States Air Force's tactical units for duty.

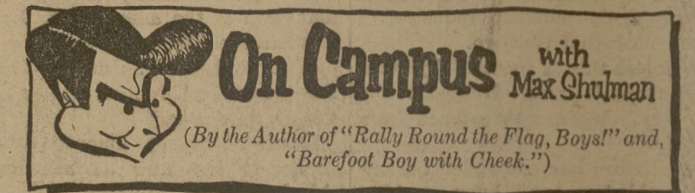
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## THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SMOOCH

Back in my courting days (the raccoon coat was all the rage, everybody was singing *Good Morning, Mister Zip Zip Zip*, and young Bonaparte had just left Corsica), back, I say, in my courting days, the standard way to melt a girl's heart was to write poetry to her.

I don't understand why young men today have abandoned this gambit. There is nothing like poetry for moving a difficult girl. What's more, poems are ridiculously easy to write. The range of subjects is endless. You can write a poem about a girl's hair, her eyes, her lips, her walk, her talk, her clothes—anything at all. Indeed, one of my most effective love lyrics was called *To Maud's Pencil Box*. It went like this:



"To Maud's pencil box" It went like this:

In your dear little leatherette pencil box  
Are pencils of yellow and red,  
And if you don't tell me you love me soon,  
I'll hit you on top of the head.

Honesty compels me to admit that this poem fell short of success. Nothing daunted, I wrote another one. This time I pulled a switch; I threatened myself instead of Maud.

Oh, Maud, pray stop this drivvel  
And tell me you'll be mine;  
For my sweetbreads they do shrivel  
And wind around my spine.  
My heart doth cease its beating,  
My spleen uncoils and warps,  
My liver stops secreting  
Soon I needs be a corpse.

When this heart-rending ballad failed to win Maud, I could only conclude that she was cruel and heartless and I was better off without her. Accordingly I took back my Hi-Y pin, bade her adieu, and have not clapped eyes on her since. Last I heard, she was working in Galveston as a Plimsoll line.

But I did not mourn Maud long, for after Maud came Doris—Doris of the laughing eyes, Doris of the shimmering hair, Doris of the golden tibiae! Within moments of meeting her, I whipped up a torrent of trochaic tetrameter:

Oh, my sweet and dulcet Doris!  
I love you like a Philip Morris  
With its mild and rich tobacco  
In its white and scarlet pack-o.  
I'd swim from Louisville to Natchez  
For Philip Morris and you and matches.

Well, of course, the dear girl couldn't resist a poem like that—what girl could?—and she instantly became my slave. For the rest of the semester she carried my books, washed my car, and cored my apples. There is no telling where it all would have ended if she hadn't been drafted.

So, men, you can see the power of poetry. Try it yourself. If you need is a rhyming dictionary, a quill pen, and a second-hand muse.

Let's drop rhyme and turn to reason. The reason Marlboro has gone to the head of the filter cigarette class is simple: better "makin's"—a flavor that pleases, a filter that works. Marlboro—from the makers of Philip Morris.

By Charles M. Schulz

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