

BATTALION EDITORIALS

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

In Spite of Hazing, Not Because of It

A number of last-ditch defenders of current practices designed to teach freshmen to "Take It and Dish it Out" have suggested this harassment has made A&M what it is today—they are steadfastly maintaining it is one of the things that made A&M great.

It is doubtful if they can support this contention with fact. More accurately, it can be said that A&M became great in spite of this harassment for its own sake.

In "Ol' Army" days, as the days of the gas light, horse and buggy and the board are fondly called, being an Aggie meant a great deal more than being able to endure a lot of nonsense at the hands of 19-year-old upperclassmen. Of course, things were brutal at times and the "tests" of manhood sometimes bordered on the ridiculous. But they were secondary to a more important concept of being an Aggie.

To them, an Aggie was something special. Even though he might be a one-day "Fish" or a fifth-day senior, he was just a little bit better than the average fellow. And he was treated in that manner. Just a little better than average—even when he was disciplined.

Being an Aggie MUST have meant more in the past than just being verbally cuffed by everyone in the upperclasses ... if it didn't the Corps couldn't have survived this long.

One need not look very long today to see some of these real Aggie ideas which are still here. Silver Taps, Bonfire, Campus Chest—these are but a few things we still do to strengthen the ties between fellow members of the Corps.

Strange as it seems, Ags seem to best demonstrate their fraternal ties off the campus. If an Aggie gets into trouble, if he needs a ride or gets into a fight, there's always a number of buddies in all classes ready to defend him. Off the campus it's the Aggies in all four classes against everyone else.

On the campus it's a different story today. Rather than unity that comes from being a part of a proud and rich heritage, it's every man for himself. In College Station, upperclassmen are encouraged to give their underlings a hard time and the underclassmen told to dislike—their Corps "teachers."

This seems inconsistent and not at all in the spirit of brotherhood on which the Corps was founded.

If present inconsistency persists, the Corps is most surely destined for abandonment. Currently, the Corps falls way short of the principals upon which the real "Ol' Army" was built. The misconception of many who would defend this deviation from the REAL meaning of being an Aggie to the current high school definition is rapidly speeding up destruction.

If the Corps is to prosper and A&M with it, the Corps must justify its existence. To survive at all the Corps must give the men a sense of belonging to a proud organization founded on the basic belief that Aggies are, have been, and always be, something special.

A&M must offer real training in the form of exacting studies, real discipline, not harassment and real preparation for the world waiting when they graduate. The program must be well-rounded and it must be contemporary.

Unless men are better prepared to meet world problems at hand—not the ones of 1920—there is no reason under heaven why the Corps should be perpetuated.

If the Corps continues to insist on out-dated training methods and utter abandonment of the principals on which their organization was founded, the Corps is doomed ...

What's Cooking

The following clubs and organizations will meet tonight:

7:15
 Amarillo Hometown Club will meet in the Memorial Student Center.

San Angelo-West Texas Hometown Club will meet in the Agricultural Building.

7:30
 Bell County Club will meet in Room 103 of the Acad. Bldg.

Brazoria County Hometown Club meets in Room 304 of the

Acad. Bldg. Pictures will be taken for Aggieland. Wear Class A or suits and ties.

Red River Valley Hometown Club meets in Room 123 of the Acad. Bldg.

Rio Grande Valley Hometown Club will meet in Room 105 of the Biological Science Bldg.

7:45
 Milby Hometown Club will meet in the Birch Room of the MSC to elect officers.

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**Better Parking Facilities-2
 Registration, Fines
 Build Parking Lots**

(ED. NOTE: This is the second in a series of articles explaining the student parking situation on the A&M campus.)

By **BILL REED**
 Battalion News Editor
 Student parking lots are built with money accumulated from automobile registration at the beginning of the semester and traffic and parking fines.

Receipts from registration and penalties are deposited in the Parking Area Extension Account, No. 1465, in the Fiscal Department, according to Bennie A. Zinn, director of Student Personnel Services and a member of the Campus Traffic Committee.

Since September, 1954, \$71,808.25 has been deposited in this account, Zinn reported.

The account was started with the purpose of building and repairing student parking lots on the campus. This account is the only source of revenue for building student lots.

SULLIVAN SWITCHES
 NEW YORK (AP)—Barry Sullivan is the latest dramatic actor to switch to the musical comedy stage.

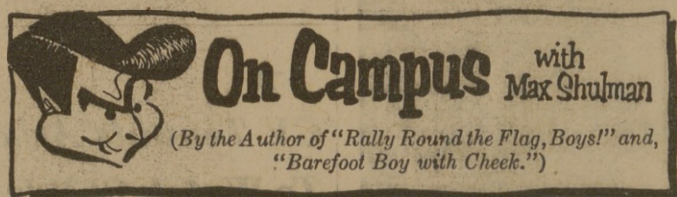
He has signed to star opposite Elaine Strich in "Goldilocks," that is due at the Lunt-Fontanne theater in October.

From this account comes monies for expansion of student lots, repairing rough spots within the lots and their entrances, furnishing adequate lighting for the lots and all other construction necessary for protecting student cars, Zinn said.

The account is also used to purchase necessary items for registering student cars. This includes window decals, registration forms and the necessary printing equipment. Broken down, it amounts to about 25 cents per registrant and is deducted from the \$2 registration fee.

Faculty parking lots are covered by another fund, not the student fund. They are under a \$600,000 appropriation from the Texas Legislature. The fund is used primarily for repairs on campus streets, buildings, street signs, street lighting and various other repairs about the campus. It is not used for new construction.

The student account does not pay any salaries for college officials or the Campus Security. Equipment used by the Campus Security is purchased by another means, completely apart from the expansion fund.



POVERTY CAN BE FUN

It is no disgrace to be poor. It is an error, but it is no disgrace. So if your purse is empty, do not skulk and brood and hide your head in shame. Stand tall. Admit your poverty. Admit it freely and frankly and all kinds of good things will happen to you. Take, for instance, the case of Blossom Sigafos.

Blossom, an impecunious freshman at an Eastern girls' college, was smart as a whip and round as a dumpling, and scarcely a day went by when she didn't get invited to a party weekend at one of the nearby men's schools. But Blossom never accepted. She did not have the rail fare; she did not have the clothes. Weekend after weekend, while her classmates went frolicking, Blossom sat alone, saved from utter despair only by her pack of Marlboros, for even an exchequer as slim as Blossom's can afford the joys of Marlboro—joys far beyond their paltry price: rich, mellow tobaccos, lovingly cured and carefully packed; a new improved filter that works like a charm. Croesus himself could not buy a better cigarette!

However, Marlboro's most passionate admirers—among whose number I am paid to count myself—would not claim that Marlboro can entirely replace love and romance, and Blossom grew steadily morose.



Then one day came a phone call from an intelligent sophomore named Tom O'Shanter at a nearby men's college. "Blossom," said Tom, "I want you to come down next week for the barley festival, and I won't take no for an answer."

"No," said Blossom. "Foolish girl," said Tom gently, "I know why you refuse me. It is because you are poor, isn't it?"

"Yes," said Blossom. "I will send you a railroad ticket," said Tom. "Also a small salami in case you get hungry on the train."

"But I have nothing to wear," said Blossom. Tom replied, "I will send you one suit of cashmere, two gowns of lace, three slacks of velvet, four shoes of calf, five socks of nylon, and a partridge in a pear tree."

"That is most kind," said Blossom, "but I fear I cannot dance and enjoy myself while back home my poor lame brother Tiny Tim lies abed."

"Send him to Mayo Brothers and put it on my tab," said Tom.

"You are terribly decent," said Blossom, "but I cannot come to your party because all the other girls at the party will be from rich, distinguished families, and my father is but a humble woodcutter."

"I will buy him Yosemite," said Tom. "You have a great heart," said Blossom. "Hold the phone while I ask our wise and kindly old Dean of Women whether it is proper for me to accept all these gifts."

She went forthwith and asked the Dean of Women, and the Dean of Women laid her wise and kindly old hand on Blossom's cheek and said, "Child, let not false pride rob you of happiness. Accept these gifts from Tom."

"Lord love you, Wise and Kindly," breathed Blossom, dropping grateful tears into the Dean's reticule. "I must run and tell Tom."

"Yes, run, child," said the Dean, a smile wrinkling her wise and kindly old eyes. "And ask him has he got an older brother."

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