

Better Parking Facilities — 3

'Soon as Possible' Pledge for Paving Evolves to Current Question--'When?'

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

For the past two weeks The Battalion has pointed out the obviously inadequate "training" program now being conducted in the Corps of Cadets, particularly in the dining halls. The results of the campaign have been most enlightening. For the most part, the cadets have indicated that they are aware present methods are substandard—even though a number hesitate to agree with changing them.

It is equally as interesting to see the large number in all classes who have carefully thought over the problem of teaching underclassmen and can see that modern streamlining is inevitable.

As it stands now there are two groups on the campus. The larger of the two—the group that makes up leaders both in the Corps now and in the world beyond graduation—are well aware that the high speed world around us is ever-changing and A&M must change as does the world if it hopes to continue to be a powerful educational institution.

The second and ever decreasing group is admittedly old-fashioned. They cling fiercely to "tradition" and look longingly at "the good ol' days," much as their counterparts did when horses were out-dated.

But even this group is aware they are fighting a battle which they cannot win. Time will not stand still no matter how much they want it to—A&M cannot exist in the vacuum of days gone by.

Regrettably, it must be said, however, that the days of horses and hazing for its own sake are to be spoken of only in the past tense. A&M is rapidly catching up with the high speed world of today—it is no longer a question of choice. It is necessary to become contemporary if the college is to survive.

It is not for us to judge or condemn those who yet fight this last-ditch defense of "Old Army." In America it is not necessary that everyone hold the same things to be true. Here a man is free to believe as he chooses—not as an indulgence from the majority, but as a God-given right not within man's realm to regulate.

But we must not let sentimentality or nostalgia for the "good ol' days" keep A&M in the doldrums of mediocrity. A&M must become once more a powerful state school if it is to compete with the two new four-year colleges sure to be approved by this Legislature. Nothing—not even tradition—is so important that it can be continued if it means certain destruction for the college.

A&M is too big, too proud, too rich in purpose for the state of Texas to be saddled with self-imposed hardships. Change and the progress it will bring is inevitable in the future of Texas A&M.

We can either accept it in stride, adapt to a new system and work to strengthen it—or bury our head in the sand and long for the "good ol' days."

It is not entirely a situation of our own making—we did not create the world that has so vastly changed in the last 20 years. But we must learn to live in it...

(Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of articles designed to answer Students' questions concerning the parking situation on the A&M campus.)

By BILL REED
Battalion News Editor
For three years students have been hearing college officials say the student parking lots will be paved... and in the immediate future.

The big question in the minds of student automobile owners on the campus is, "When?"

Since 1955 when most of the lots were built or started, Physical Plant officials have said they want to get the lots paved "as soon as possible."

According to W. H. Badgett, manager of the Physical Plant, the Law-Puryear, Walton, Dorm

17, New Corps area and day students lots were to be improved last summer to meet the expected 4,000 automobiles for the fall semester. The cost of these improvements was expected to be about \$35,000.

Yet, since 1955 \$6,915.52 has been spent for continuous grading rather than paving.

Planned paving which was supposed to have been done last summer was delayed, according to Bennie A. Zinn, director of Student Personnel Services, because the needed materials were not available. Paving has to be done during the summer months, so it has been put off until next summer.

However, last summer the No. 4 dormitory parking area (Dorms 14-17) was black topped and at the same time enlarged to spread over the entire area behind Dorm 17 and north to the Sulphur Springs Road.

Students who live in Dormi-

tries 1-12 were supposed to get paved lots too, but as of today they have not.

Students who park their cars in the Law-Puryear lot are very displeased with the lot because it is causing considerable wear and tear on their cars. The lot is full of chug holes and when it rains the bad places become mud holes. During the dry seasons the wind blows the red-tinted dust particles which stick readily to parked cars.

The same can be said for the Navasota lot and the other smaller lots in the new Corps area. Even if students hold their speed to a minimum, the "chug holes" make their cars rattle and cause breaks in their tires.

The Hempstead lot adjacent to the Navasota lot has two entrances, both of which are rough. And this is a new lot too.

The Guion Hall lot has fairly smooth entrances, but the interior contains many holes. The

lot is used not only for parking but also as a shortcut to the Memorial Student Center for Aggies on foot.

Day students have been expecting their parking areas to be paved for some time. But even though \$2,197.16 has been spent on these lots, students have seen little change, except that they are expanding little by little each year.

During rush hours on the campus, day students have a hard time getting from the lots onto the streets. This is partially caused by the almost non-navigable entrances. Some of the holes are deep enough that their cars get on high center.

About the same description fits the Walton Hall lot. It has steadily grown, but is as rough as the others.

On the other hand several student lots on the campus have been paved and are presently in good condition.

The parking lot back of G. Rollie White Coliseum is paved and has curbs all the way around it. Of course, the Athletic Department has taken over the lot

Astronomers say that stars have a special time of their own, and it gains on a clock on earth by about four minutes every day.

and paid for the paving.

Another lot — Henderson Hall's lot—was also built by the Athletic Department for use by the athletes.

Hart Hall students park in a paved lot behind Nagle Hall, but this lot was also paved under the auspices of another fund.

It seems that students will have to "wait 'til next year" to see which lots will be paved next.

Job Calls

Monday

Lockheed will interview AERO, CE, EE, ME, MATH and PHYSICS majors for spots as associate engineers in design flight test and service.

Ernst & Ernst will interview ACCOUNTING majors for public accounting positions.

Diamond Alkali will interview CHE, ME, CHEMISTRY and ACCOUNTING majors for research, development and sales positions.

Monday and Tuesday

Texas Instruments will talk with EE, IE, ME, GEOPHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, MATH and PHYSICS majors for position in research.

Geophysical Service will interview EE, GEOLOGY, GEOPHYSICS and PHYSICS majors for spots in oil exploration.

Alco Products will meet with ACCOUNTING and MARKETING majors for training program opportunities leading to market analysis and product planning.

U. S. Forest Service will interview CE majors for spots as assistant forest engineers.

Foley's will screen ACCOUNTING, BA, ECO, FINANCE, MARKETING and MATH majors for junior executive trainees.

Union Carbide will meet with CHE, EE, ME, CHEMISTRY, MATH and PHYSICS majors for positions in research.

Tuesday and Wednesday

Soil Conservation Service will interview RANGE and FORESTRY, AGRONOMY, AgEng, and CE majors for permanent employment opportunities.

Letters To The Editor

The Battalion welcomes letters to the editor but reserves the right to edit letters for brevity, clearness and accuracy. Short letters stand a better chance for publication since space is at a premium. Unsigned letters will not be published...

Enough Changes

Editor,
The Battalion:
... Where is all this tension in the messhall? Most of the "fish" you talk to on the campus do not experience this so-called "tension."

After one looks into the situation one finds that the reason there is such a big to do over this messhall situation is because those freshmen who left earlier in the year. I, as a second semester "fish" hate to think of myself being compared with those who have departed for easier colleges. The fact that they left proves that they did not have what it takes to stay. So why are we planning a change in things just to satisfy those who have already proved that they could not take it?

I do not believe that the problem of so many freshmen leaving each year is to (be) blamed on conditions in the messhall. The problem can be blamed on many things. First of all is the lack of love for A&M. Secondly, on

the whole those who quit are quitters and will be the rest of their lives for they do not have any drive behind them.

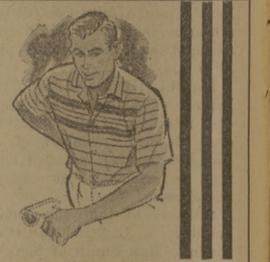
Why should we do away with our messhall policy that is good enough for the naval and air force academies? We surely are not more military than they are.

I believe that one change is going to lead to another and A&M has changed enough in the last year to last a long time. If these changes continue A&M will be just another college that just anyone can make instead of a college that it takes guts to go through.

I am in favor of Old Army myself.

Robert Ramsower '62

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Forms Available For Housing Jobs

Applications are being accepted for future student apartment area managers for College View and the Project House.

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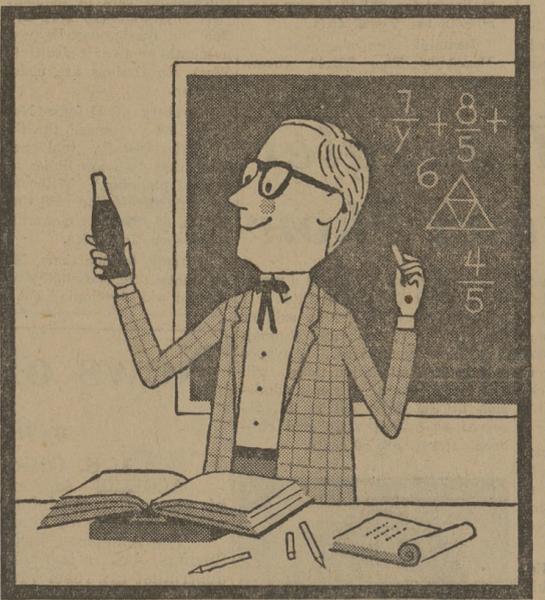
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