

BATTALION EDITORIALS

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

Tongue-Wagging Must Stop

There has never been a time when A&M men faced a more serious challenge. Today the college is in grave danger of destruction at the hands of the gossip-mongers of the state. The idle tongues of a thousand people are already wagging in an attempt to turn the coed ruling passed down yesterday into more Aggie scandal.

And without a doubt, a number of people on the campus can be counted on to do their share of tongue-wagging before the sun goes down today.

It sounds hackneyed, but it will solve our problems: we need some men unafraid to stand up and be counted for Texas A&M. If there be any on the campus they are certainly remaining silent in the face of the wholesale smear campaign being conducted across Texas.

A&M is not looking for braggarts only willing to spout off about the college. It needs sincere support—not bull.

And it needs it now, as one look at the Legislative Budget Board's recommended \$1,000,000 cutback in requested appropriations for the college will indicate.

A&M needs the wholesale support of the homefolks and it can't survive much longer without their support.

Another year of gossip and half-truths started and spread by the men of Aggie land will about put an end to the college's 83-year history.

For the men who are truly interested in putting a stop to the tongue-wagging, here's the way to start:

1. Think BEFORE you criticize the college in front of parents, friends or even other students. Although your criticism may be meant in jest, they may not fully be aware of this. They respect your opinion and if you as a student aren't sold on the college—who is?
2. Make a point of telling the TRUE story of A&M all the time. There is no need to cover up the bad points about the college—if some of the good were told as well as all of the bad a reasonable man could easily see that in the final analysis A&M is a sound institution.
3. Remember that in uniform or out, most of the people that see you think of you as an Aggie—they base a great deal of their opinion about the school on what they see in you.
4. Closely examine policy and tradition of the college before you knock it. Quick judgement often is poor judgement. If the issue isn't clear-cut, ask for advice before joining the ranks of the critical.
5. Last of all, but not least by any means, don't be afraid to stand up and be counted for A&M—no matter what the odds. Take the trouble to find out what the TRUE story of A&M really is so that when you are faced with a tongue-wagging opponent of the college you can meet him face to face with solid, demonstrable facts—not bull.

Go home this summer—stand up and be counted—and bring a new Ag back with you in the fall. As we say, there's always room here for one more good Aggie . . .

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.

Editor,
The Battalion:
This letter comes in reference to your editorial Friday. I agree that every "professor, student and staff member has undersold this school a little," but may I ask what have we to base our remarks on? Are we not greatly influenced by the "Batt" and more especially by your editorials in our school paper?
It seems to me that if you could publish an editorial occasionally that would bring out some of the school's better points instead of consistently emphasizing the detrimental characteristics, we would all feel a little more proud and less willing to undersell our school.
I am not saying this is the whole solution to our present problem. But I know that others agree that this would be a help.
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Cadet Slouch Interpreting

U.S., Japan Could Have Averted War

By J. M. ROBERTS
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Could the leaders of the United States and Japan have avoided war in 1941 if they had understood fundamental pressures in the lives of the two nations as well as they do today?

President Eisenhower made an appeal Saturday for the development of men with such understanding generally. As an example of the type of understanding needed, he cited the economic relationship between Japan and Southeast Asia.

First, he described the need of South Viet Nam for economic development. He said such development, enabling the new country to stabilize the lives of its own people as well as its defense against the Communists to the north, as important to the national security of the United States.

Then he said that a healthy Japan also is vital from this standpoint and cited Viet Nam's possession of raw materials which could be used in promoting Japan's need for sale of manufactured goods.

He tied it all to the general welfare of the free world.

Twenty years ago Japan had the same idea when it sought to establish what it called a Southeast Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere. The trouble was that Japan's leaders of the time, militarists, saw only one way of accomplishment.

The United States and other

There is a difference in working hours between U.S. Congress and the Canadian House of Commons in Ottawa. Congress meets at noon. In Canada the Commons take a longer lunch, usually meets in mid-afternoon—but, it does not stop work until about midnight.

countries with vested interests in the area, such as Britain and France, instead of suggesting an endless chain of economic arrangements, saw only one way of preventing Japanese military expansion. They applied economic boycott instead of economic cooperation.

Japan, having acquired Manchuria, Korea and other Far Eastern possessions over previous years when the United States was unable to awaken the European powers to the need of resistance, moved into what was then French Indochina.

When Tokyo showed signs of extending this movement into all Southeast Asia, the Western countries, led by the United States, got their back up. Japan, hoping Germany and Italy would keep the world preoccupied in Europe, joined the Axis.

War came between nations which had formerly cooperated.

The Japanese jingolists had taken advantage of a fundamental economic situation, just as Adolf Hitler had taken advantage of a Germany bereft of its economic place in the sun by the Treaty of Versailles.

Now the wheel has made full turn, and the United States is advocating the Southeast Asia be made, with economic help from the West, a good customer for Japan as well as the rest of the world.

In Europe, in America, in the Commonwealth which used to be called British, the idea of establishing mutual economic cooperation instead of promoting as many economic monopolies as possible has been spreading.

And there is considerable thinking that, in the end, it may be the one road down which the Soviet Union and Red China may be enticed to travel back into the community of nations.



"Okay, we've gotten more Aggies in a phone booth than anyone" but it's getting late—how're we gin'na get out?"

What's Cooking

The following organization will meet tonight:

7 p.m.

Phi Eta Sigma will meet in room 107, Basic Division Bldg. Officers for next year will be elected and several important business matters will be discussed.

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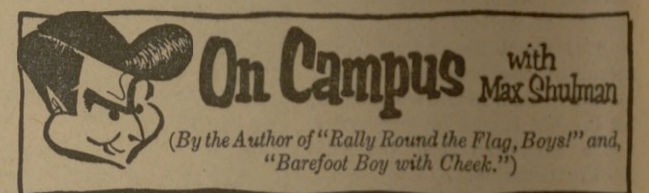
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THE CARE AND FEEDING OF ROOM-MATES

Room-mates are not only heaps of fun, but they are also very educational, for the proper study of mankind is man, and there is no better way to learn the dreams and drives of another man than to share a room with him.

This being the case, it is wise not to keep the same room-mate too long, because the more room-mates you have, the more you will know about the dreams and drives of your fellow man. So try to change room-mates as often as you can. A recent study made by Sigafos of Princeton shows that the best interval for changing room-mates is every four hours.

How do you choose a room-mate? Most counselors agree that the most important thing to look for in room-mates is that they be people of regular habits. This, I say, is arrant nonsense. What if one of their regular habits happens to be beating a Chinese gong from midnight to dawn? Or growing cultures in your tooth glass? Or reciting the Articles of War?



Regular habits, my foot! The most important quality in a room-mate is that he should be exactly your size. Otherwise you will have to have his clothes altered to fit you, which can be a considerable nuisance. In fact, it is sometimes flatly impossible. I recollect one time I roomed with a man named Osage Tremblatt who was just under seven feet tall and weighed nearly four hundred pounds. There wasn't a blessed thing I could use in his entire wardrobe—until one night when I was invited to a masquerade party. I cut one leg off a pair of Tremblatt's trousers, jumped into it, sewed up both ends, and went to the party as a bolster. I took second prize. First prize went to a girl named Antenna Radnitz who poured molasses over her head and went as a candied apple.

But I digress. Let us turn back to the qualities that make desirable room-mates. Not the least of these is the cigarettes they smoke. When we bum cigarettes, do we want them to be shoddy and nondescript? Certainly not! We want them to be distinguished, gently reared, zestful and zingy. And what cigarette is distinguished, gently reared, zestful and zingy? Why, Philip Morris, of course! Any further questions?

To go on. In selecting a room-mate, find someone who will wear well, whom you'd like to keep as a permanent friend. Many of history's great friendships first started in college. Are you aware, for example, of the remarkable fact that Johnson and Boswell were room-mates at Oxford in 1712? What makes this fact so remarkable is that in 1712 Johnson was only three years old and Boswell had not yet been born. But, of course, children matured earlier in those days. Take Mozart, who wrote his first symphony at four. Or Titian, who painted his first masterpiece at five. Or Hanso Felbgung, who was in many ways the most remarkable of all; he was appointed chief of the Copenhagen police department at the age of six!

It must be admitted, however, that he did badly. Criminals roamed the city, robbing and looting at will. They knew little Hanso would never pursue them—he was not allowed to cross the street.

If you are allowed to cross the street, tie yourself to a tobaccoist and stock up on Philip Morris, outstanding among non-filter cigarettes, or Marlboro, the filter cigarette with better "makin's." Pick your pleasure.

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