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An Ex Speaks

It would behoove all students at Texas A&M—freshmen, sophomores and perhaps juniors and seniors—to read and weigh closely the contents of the letter below.

The letter was written by an Aggie-ex, Bill McLaughlin of the Class of '58 who is now a landscape architect in Houston. It was addressed primarily to the freshman class in the Corps of Cadets, but the letter emphasizes numerous truths for all classes to consider.

The letter:

"To Those Concerned:

"I hear some of you young men are planning on ending your career at Aggie-land. May I ask why?

"Are your studies somewhat harder than they were last year, or last week, or even yesterday? Did someone do or say something that made you realize that you were not as great a guy as you thought? Are your problems just too great for you to handle? Is your sweetheart or love too far away?

"How very sorry I am for you young gentlemen. Do you really, honestly and deeply believe that your studies, hurt pride, or other trivial problems at Aggie-land will be the worst you have to encounter in future days? If you do, you have a rude awakening coming.

"And that girl: are you going to expect her to turn away from every problem as you do when you face them together later in life?

"So you are going to throw away all you have worked for up to now, simply because you cannot face a problem squarely and solve it by yourself. Such an early start in life to begin running away from life's problems. But it is always easier for 'little boys' to run away from something that is hard to encounter.

"You came to Texas A&M to become a man. So stay at Texas A&M in the Corps of Cadets and become a man or be the boy you are and start running away. And the heck with you."

Sincerely,  
 William McLaughlin, '58

Many factors which are employed as legitimate reasons for leaving after devoting an entire semester of time and money are noted in the letter—grades, pride and a little girl.

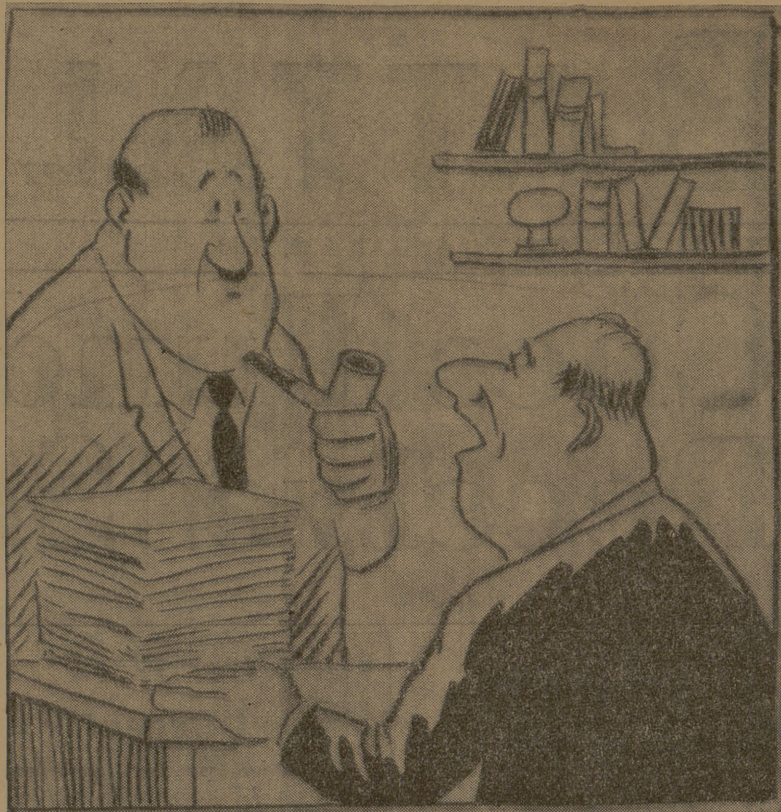
In addition, the letter runs a close parallel with the address given by President Earl Rudder to the Class of '63 last Saturday morning in Guion Hall. President Rudder declared good grades come not from changing schools but from correcting something within the individual.

Both stressed the facing of problems present and omitting "unjustifiable complaints" against the college.

Virtually every student will be confronted with final examinations tomorrow and throughout the coming week. And an excellent performance on final exams often results in satisfactory reports for the course. It is the most opportune period of the semester to convince professors and instructors some knowledge has been derived from the course.

A measure of accomplishment may still be garnered from the closing semester.

But success cannot be achieved by enunciating the derogatory virtues of the college and entering the final exams with a similar attitude.



"I think I've found the answer to the grading problem! Next semester I'm going to use my same grade book with this semester's grade and merely change the names."

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Many Companies Hold Interviews

By BOB SAILE  
 Battalion Staff Writer

One hundred and eleven independent companies and 25 government agencies held job interviews on the campus during the fall semester, interviewing an average of 12 to 15 students per company per day, according to Wendell R. Horsley, director of the Placement Office.

Horsley said this semester's interview program has been bigger and more intensive than in previous years, with more employers holding interviews. Approximately 30 companies interviewed this year which had not done so in the past, he said.

The Placement Office director said he had no way of knowing how many students actually received jobs, but that probably five to ten per cent of those interviewed were employed.

Average Salaries

Average starting salary for engineering and science majors with B.S. degrees was \$525 per month, according to Horsley. For business administration, agriculture and liberal arts majors with B.S. degrees, the average starting salary was \$400 to \$425 per month.

Those graduating with a masters degree in engineering and science have been receiving \$50 to \$100 more in monthly salaries than those graduating with B.S. degrees, said Horsley. Those holding Ph.D. degrees averaged

Texts by Groneman In Foreign Writing

The McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. has announced that two textbooks by Chris H. Groneman, head of the Department of Industrial Education, are being translated into foreign languages.

One of Groneman's books, "General Woodworking", is currently being translated into the Arabic language for use in the Near East countries.

"General Shop", of which Groneman was a co-author, is being translated into the Serbo-Croate language for use in the Balkan Countries.

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Former West Texas College To Reopen for Delinquents

GOODNIGHT, Tex. (AP)—Goodnight College, the pride of this Texas Panhandle ranching town at the turn of the century, may be back in operation soon as a school for young troublemakers. A plan advanced by Judge Jerry Kolander of the Potter County (Amarillo) Court of Domestic Relations calls for renovation of the long-abandoned college buildings for service as a school for "pre-delinquents."

Kolander defines a pre-delinquent as a child "who exhibits delinquent tendencies but has not expressed them in such a way as to damage society or himself." "They aren't bad enough to send to state institutions but they need close supervision," he explained.

The Amarillo Junior League, a women's civic group, is considering a campaign to raise funds for the project. The Amarillo Junior Chamber of Commerce also has expressed interest.

\$250,000 Cost  
 Renovating the buildings and adding facilities designed for juvenile use would cost around \$250,000, Kolander said.

Children sent to the school from the 26 Panhandle counties would be given supervision and training designed to steer them back on the path of law-abiding, useful lives, he said.

Kolander said he wrote to the county judge in each county to get the local reaction to his plan.

He received 19 favorable replies, and failed to hear from the other 7. Kolander said the judges who didn't reply were in sparse-

ly-settled counties which have few juvenile problems.

Self-Supporting

The school would be self-supporting after the initial campaign to establish and equip it, Kolander said, with operating costs paid by the counties who send children to the institution.

Each county would pay according to the number of students it sent.

Col. Goodnight Founder

The college was established by Col. Charles Goodnight, Indian fighter and pioneer rancher for whom the town of Goodnight was named.

Goodnight first set up school in the back yard of his home in 1890, with one teacher holding classes for the town's youth.

The college was chartered by the state in 1898. Goodnight donated two sections of land and spent an estimated \$80,000 on buildings including a four-story girls' dormitory, an auditorium and four homes used as boys' dormitories.

Offered to Methodists  
 Goodnight offered the institution to the Methodist Church, but was turned down, according to a history compiled by Miss Mary Miller, a Goodnight resident since 1905.

He then offered the school to the Baptist Church, which took over operation of the school in 1905 and ran it until 1917, when the college closed.

Miss Miller said the college, which had a maximum enrollment of 200, faded because of World War I, the addition of high schools to Panhandle school systems and the establishment of West Texas State College in Canyon.

Once Orphans' Home

The girls' dorm was operated as a branch of Dallas' Buckner Orphans home for two years, after which the buildings were turned over to the Goodnight school system.

The buildings have been vacant since 1953, when consolidation sent Goodnight students to schools in nearby Clarendon and Claude.

Kolander said Goodnight's deed requires the property to be used for educational purposes, so "we feel quite sure we can get the property for that use."

He said the institution would not compete with Cal Farley's famed Boys Ranch at Tascosa, also in the Panhandle. The school proposed by Kolander would be co-educational, he said, whereas Farley's ranch handles only wayward boys.

Deadline Saturday For Room Requests

Noon tomorrow is the deadline for the payment of room reservation fees for rooms now occupied, according to an announcement by Harry L. Boyer, housing manager.

Students wishing to retain the rooms they now occupy should meet the deadline in order to insure assignment to those rooms, Boyer said.

Beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, rooms not already reserved will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Those students transferring from a Corps dormitory to a civilian dormitory must secure room change slips with their tactical officer's signature.

All students who plan to change dormitories must turn in their mattress covers to the place where they were issued and receive covers for the new area.

Boyer emphasized that it was important that students pay fees and reserve rooms before registration.

Police Try Device To Lessen Injuries

BALTIMORE, Md. (AP)—Three Baltimore police cars are being used to test a safety device designed to lessen the chance of auto passengers being hurled against the dashboard in a collision.

The gadget is attached to the front and rear bumpers. When the bumper is struck, a spring is tripped causing the car seats to move backward.

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