

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Forgotten

The personal and formal apologies this week from the University of Houston for the incident last Saturday in Rice Stadium avoided an impending poor relation between the two schools.

And since the apology was directed at the entire Texas A&M student body, The Battalion is reprinting the letter from the Houston college:

"Mr. Roland Dommert, President, Student Body, Texas A&M College, College Station, Texas  
"Dear Sir:

"The student body of the University of Houston wishes to apologize to the student body of Texas A&M College for the very unsportsmanlike conduct that occurred at the game Saturday, Oct. 8, 1960, in Houston, Texas

"We deeply regret that we were guilty of ungentlemanly action which embarrassed not only the A&M students and its alumni, but it certainly embarrassed the majority of our student body and administration.

"We extend to you our deepest regrets that the incident happened, and we pledge to you that we shall do everything within our power to insure the friendly relationship we have always enjoyed with Texas A&M College, its student body, its athletic program, and its administration.

"With sincere apology, we are  
Sam Goodner,  
President, Student Body  
Dale Kelly,  
Head Cheerleader."

The meeting with the University of Houston, cheerleaders, Phillip D. Kelly and Sam E. Wood, and Texas A&M student leaders was directed at insuring that no similar lar actions occur in the future.

It was generally agreed that there was little that could be done other than an apology for the Saturday incident in which the University of Houston directed slanted yells at the Texas A&M student body and the football team.

The University of Houston cheerleaders (and the student body president) declared that no such occurrences would take place in the future.

For all intents, purposes and whatever, it's now a forgotten matter . . .

INTERPRETING

Nikky Sounding More Like Hitler

By J. M. ROBERTS  
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Accusing 54 United Nations members of taking steps toward war, Soviet Premier Khrushchev sounds more and more like Adolf Hitler of 1938, accusing everybody else while making his own dangerous plans.

Hitler, too, while negotiating with the Soviet Union over division of the spoils of a war which they both planned, was saying that he wanted nothing from other countries.

Hitler, too, when thwarted in anything, would fly into tantrums.

Hitler, too, thought that the fates of small nations should be negotiated by the big powers at the summit.

Hitler, too, thought it was all right to take over small nations for his own purposes, at gunpoint, as the Soviet Union did in Eastern Europe after World War II, and as she has just been barely prevented from doing in the Congo.

There is every reason to ask, does Khrushchev become more and more dangerous the more he is defeated?

His diplomatic record over the past few weeks has been a miserable one.

Beginning with the ouster of his forces from the Congo, he has lost at every turn in the

United Nations. He thought he could turn African hatred of old-time Western colonialism into support of Communist anti-Westernism. All he got is a demonstration that most of the new nations understand Soviet colonialism, too.

His trip has been a flop, and his demeanor one of hypocrisy. The danger of a developing belief in Moscow that the Communists can win a war has been discussed before in this column.

Khrushchev has now repeated that belief. "We are not afraid of war." It would be rough, says the premier of the Soviet Union, but we can take it.

If he really mean that, then a great part of the deterrent effect of free world defense policy has been lost.

The rest of the world takes the attitude that it is not afraid of anything as it is of war, unless it be subjugation through blackmail threat of war.

That latter appears to be what Khrushchev is trying now. Side with me, he says to the small nations, or you will be caught in the middle when the world blows up.

And the world is wondering, "What happens when a man of such lack of restraint, constraint, continuing to lose, goes into a final tantrum?"

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CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle Nikky Now



"... I just don't think you have a very serious attitude in this course."

— Sound Off —

Editor,  
The Battalion:  
In Sunday's Houston Chronicle there was an article on the origin and meaning of the famous Aggie Twelfth Man tradition. It is unfortunate that the article wasn't printed on Saturday before the game so that the Twelfth Man could have read it, because for the first time in four years, we saw the Twelfth Man sit down on the job.

Some of the Corps men were out of uniform at the game. It's too bad that those men aren't proud enough of their uniforms to wear them.

There were Aggies present who seemed to be more interested in the "sweet young things" beside them than in supporting the team. Granted, every Ag should have a date for the game, but his primary interest during the game should be backing the team. Even though you have a date you should watch the yell leaders.

Those men are down there to lead us in a uniform effort. So, when they signal a yell, you pass it back, hump it, and yell.

Also there were men who left the game early, and consequently failed to help the Ags stage a last minute drive. Apparently, those people have forgotten the words, "When we're down, the goin's rough and tough—we just grin and yell, we've got the stuff."

Every Aggie should think enough of his team to stay and back them to the finish. Remember the Rice game of '55 and the Baylor game of '58 and you'll know that Aggies aren't quitters.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, the Aggie quarter, our tradition is to yell for a full minute and then begin the War Hymn, not just a short yell and then standing and waiting for the War Hymn. This means freshmen through seniors. While we are

mentioning the songs, we all had better learn the words to the Twelfth Man.

We are in the process of changing some of the so-called traditions for the better, but the traditions mentioned in this letter are traditions that can never be bettered; traditions, memories of which live always in an Aggie's heart.

It might be best if we all read page 44 in the '60 Aggie Yearbook, and from this time on be the Twelfth Man we are supposed to be. The reason we yell as loud when we are behind as we do when we are ahead, is because we have something that no one can fully describe and only an Aggie can really appreciate, that being "The Fightin' Texas Aggie Spirit."

Larry Dubuisson '61  
Dirk Dierking '61

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