

BATTALION EDITORIALS

An Open Letter

This is an open letter to "A Fightin' Texas Aggie."
 We received your letter—and were ashamed. You want to know what is happening to the Aggie fish. You seem sure of yourself when you say we are no longer interested in quality—"only in quantity."
 You indicate in your wording that you do not believe Texas A&M is turning out the quality graduate Texas and the nation has been proud of for the past 85 years. You even offer "a suggestion that will solve the whole problem."
 It would seem you are truly concerned with the type graduate Texas A&M produces in the future.
 This is good. We are glad you are concerned, for this is an area that concerns all of us—Aggies past, present and future!

We disagree with several points in your letter, but we wholeheartedly defend your right to your ideas—and your right to stand up for them. Yet you forfeit your right to individual ideas by hiding behind the skirts of anonymity, admitting you are afraid to speak up and let others know how you feel.

You sign your letter "A Fightin' Texas Aggie." The first thing we would suggest is scratch the word "fighting" from your vocabulary until you are willing to stand up for what you truly think is right.

We would be the first to agree with you: Texas A&M is not perfect. Far from it. But how can we ever hope to be a truly great institution if the Men of AggieLand—those closest to her problems—are afraid to criticize and to fight for what they believe is right.

Certainly to sulk, to write anonymous "letters to-the-editor" or to criticize the college and its administration in whispers behind closed doors is not an Aggie tradition.

But you say you have a reason for not signing your name. "I know the penalty for a member of the Corps to speak his mind," you say.

Tell us. We belong to the Corps of Cadets—a fact of which we are quite proud. We are also proud to live in a country where freedom of thought is encouraged.

The first amendment to your nation's Constitution guarantees you the freedom to speak your mind and the right to constructively criticize authority. If there is a "penalty" being imposed on those who exercise these rights, it should be reported to your congressman or senator.

We would suggest this, "Texas Aggies" Keep an open mind. Study all the angles of every issue. Try to see the other fellow's side. And, if you disagree with him, speak your mind.

And above all, remember; the future of your school, the future of your country, depends on your courage to fight for what you believe in!

Too Bad

Coeds at North Texas State University at Denton can no longer use a "blanket permission" from their parents to stay out overnight, according to the North Texas student newspaper, The Campus Chat.

"An overnight absence from the campus, except going home, must be approved in advance in writing by the parents," say the university officials.

Says the Chat: "What Mother doesn't know may not hurt her, but it can curtail plans coeds make for weekend trips."

Yeah!

Guest Editorial

Chicago public schoolteacher Samuel Brojde is on the carpet for flunking about one third of his mathematics students who couldn't score 100 per cent on his tests after four tries. "I'm doing them a great deal of good," said the suspended teacher. "For the first time in their lives, they realize they're being held responsible for their mistakes."

Maybe teacher Brojde is a little rough, but his aim is admirable. Many a successful adult looks back gratefully to an exacting teacher as a key influence on his life.

One thing is certain: Young people would be better off with more of his stubbornness, and less of such silly ideas as passing pupils whether or not they have met reasonable standards of diligence and learning.

—Dallas Morning News

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CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"... it's easy to pick out th' ones who come to the library because it's air-conditioned!"

— Sound Off —

Editor, *The Battalion*:
 The money situation at the Texas A&M Security Force must be in a very sad shape since the Security Force is using every single "technicality" in the book to pry money from the students.

Example: I went to register my car for the Fall Semester, not knowing and never being informed, as I am a transfer student, that I am supposed to leave my car home and walk or hitch-hike to school to register my car.

The only place that I knew to park while I registered it was in front of the Security

Office.
 I walked in to register my car, and upon going out there was a ticket on my car. Reason: No college decal and parked in visitor's place.

I walked back to the Security Office and informed the "Chief" about the situation and he said that I would have to pay or appeal.

So I appealed. This I figured would be handled by some men who would reason the situation logically, but I received the shock of my life when I was informed that I would still have to pay the fine.

The above evidence suggests that the situation for the Security Force must be pretty desperate when they start fining

people over such "Technicalities." When I transferred here I was read proud to be a part of Texas A&M and above all an Aggie. Now I am still proud to be an Aggie but that proudness is tarnished.

I don't mind paying the fine if I am wrong, but I feel that I was done an injustice. I would be more than glad to contribute to a fund to raise money for the Security Force, but don't try to give me a ticket just to increase the fund.

Pilar Pena, '64

P.S. I will write to my State Senator and Representative to ask him to please try and appropriate more funds for the Security Force so that they won't give tickets on "Technicalities."

A&M Offers Refresher Course For HS Staffs

An extension course for high school teachers will be conducted during the fall by the A&M Department of Mathematics.

Financed by a National Science Foundation grant, the sessions are being held weekly at Jacksonville High School. H. D. Perry, an assistant professor here, is teaching the course.

The refresher course includes modern math taught in high schools. Teachers attending receive extension graduate credit. The National Science Foundation pays for tuition, travel and cost of books.

In the spring, the course will be repeated. Roger McGee, A&M associate professor of mathematics, will teach.

High school teachers wanting to take the course should contact C. M. Loyd, co-ordinator of the National Science Foundation training programs for A&M.

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