

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Reduced Guest Rate Will Aid SWC School Students

Student members of next year's Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Committee took a giant step Saturday toward aiding their fellow students enjoy the high caliber of sports played by members of the Southwest Conference.

Delegates to the spring sportsmanship committee meeting in Waco approved a resolution to the business manager of the SWC asking for a \$2 student guest rate for football games.

If approved, the reduced rate will replace a former \$4 rate that was used here and at most SWC schools.

The proposal will cover tickets purchased by students for guests, with the ticket-holders accompanying students at the gate.

At most schools, as is true at A&M, students themselves pay a fee that covers their entrance to athletic contests while registering.

Then for out-of-town games, SWC students are allowed to purchase student tickets for \$1.

The action for a lower guest rate was closely associated with the fact that students, while guests for road games, can enter for the \$1 rate.

Several delegates at Saturday's meeting sought a \$1 rate for guests, however this was upped to \$2 in an effort to prevent cutting revenue too much.

This will possibly be a big factor at A&M, where the seating capacity of 42,000 is one of the lowest in the conference. Already the Aggies play several teams only in their opponents' home stadium because of Kyle Field's restrictive capacity and the fact that most fans have to travel considerable distances to attend home games.

The Battalion hopes a reduction of guest rates will be viewed favorably by officials of the Southwest Conference. Even though less money will be collected from each student guest, we feel that increased attendance due to the lower rate will more than make up for the difference.

Also, since most guests will be of college-age, the conference stands to win even more life-long fans.

Mothers Went Away Proud

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And for good reason—once again Parent's Day Weekend was a huge success for over 5,000 to 7,000 parents and visitors.

A&M without a doubt put its best foot forward throughout the activity-filled weekend.

The list of persons responsible for the smooth coordination of events is much longer than the actual list of activities. These persons put in many hours of hard work for the weekend—both for themselves and their fellow-students.

They definitely deserve a pat on the back—as long as students will successfully coordinate events like the past Parent's Day, A&M will occupy a warm place in the hearts of thousands of Texans.

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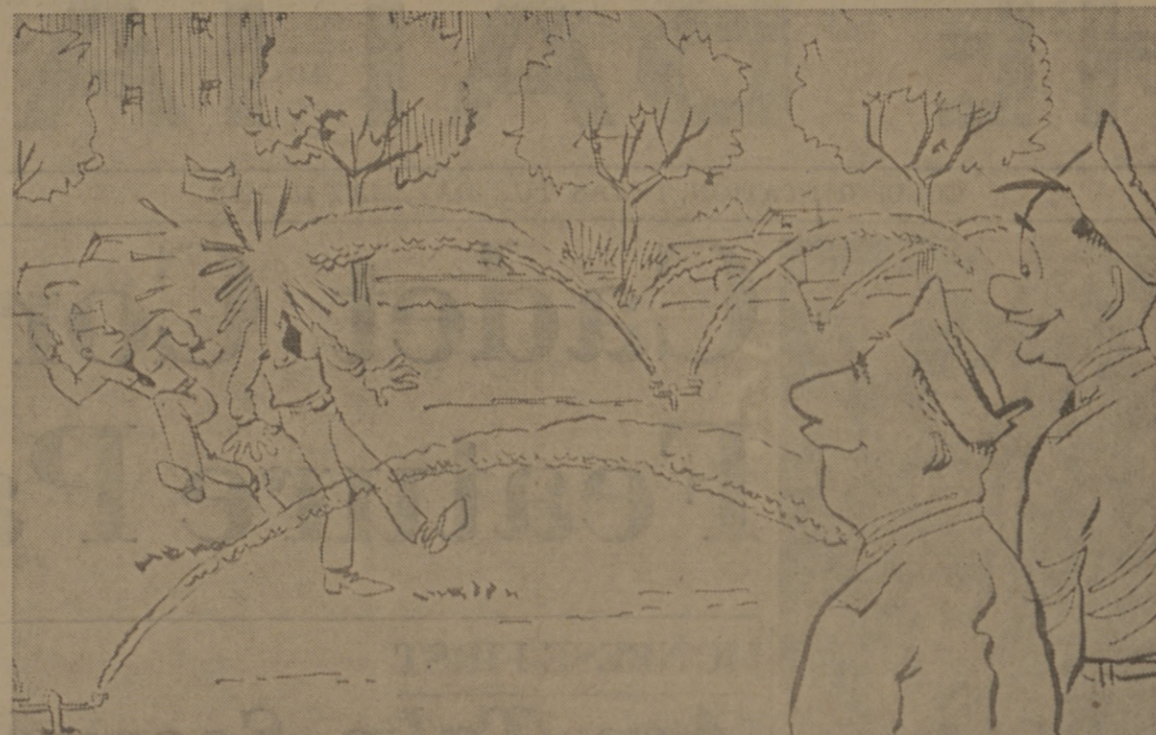
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CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"... I don't think walking across the drill field will be as much of a problem this summer!"

—Sound Off—

Prof Commends Results Of Poll

Editor, The Battalion:
Congratulations to those Aggies, who were guided by their intellects rather than their emotions, for the over-whelming significant results of the recent poll requested by the administration.

The results of this poll, along with the similar feelings of a majority of the faculty, may include the proper authorities to look "long and hard" at the way A&M should go in the future. These results may partially answer critics of the school who have referred to our potentially great institution, because of the present state of things, as a "relic of antiquity."

C. E. Miller
Department of Biology

Wife 'Sick' Over Voting

Editor, The Battalion:
A&M has been a great school for great men since its establishment. It gives me a sick feeling to see the men presently enrolled voting to change the very things that make this school outstanding—the Corps and its tra-

ditions.

And it will change if a non-compulsory Corps and a coeducational system are established. The day will soon come when the Aggies are frat rats living in frat houses.

The Corps will diminish in size and prestige until it is of no more importance than that at TU! Aren't there enough tea-sippers hiding behind that emaculated bull without putting the Aggies in much the same position.

Since I'm an Aggie wife, I can speak from the other side of the fence, too. Girls take pride in dating Aggies. He doesn't have to be good looking or a good dancer to make the grade—as long as he's an Aggie, that

makes him distinctive and more eligible than any frat rat because there's nothing individual about them. It takes a man to be an Aggie, and we all know it. To prove my point, how many of you are going with girls from TU and other coeducational schools?

There isn't an Aggie in the world who doesn't feel a little taller when he hears the "Spirit" and a swell of pride when the band strikes up the "War Hymn." The 12th man has maintained nation-wide respect for many years. It will be a sad thing to see him die and the proud Aggie fade into the background with millions of other frat rats!

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CRAM COURSE NO. 5: SHAKESPEARE

Continuing our series of pre-final exam cram courses, today we take up the works of William Shakespeare (or "The Bard of Avon" as he is jocularly called).

First let us examine the persistent theory that Shakespeare (or "The Pearl of the Antilles" as he is affectionately referred to) is not the real author of his plays. Advocates of this theory insist that the plays are so full of classical allusions and learned references that they couldn't possibly have been written by the son of an illiterate country butcher.

To which I reply, "Faugh!" Was not the great Spinoza's father a humble woodcutter? Was not the immortal Isaac Newton's father a simple second baseman? (The elder Newton, incidentally, is one of history's truly pathetic figures. He was, by all accounts, the greatest second baseman of his time, but baseball, alas, had not yet been invented.) It used to break young Isaac's heart to see his father get up every morning, put on uniform, spikes, glove, and cap, and stand alertly behind second base, bent forward, eyes narrowed, waiting, waiting, waiting. That's all—waiting. Isaac loyally sat in the bleachers and yelled, "Good show, Dad!" and stuff like that, but every one else in town used to snigger and pelt the Newtons with overripe fruit—figs for the elder Newton, apples for the younger. Thus, as we all know, the famous occasion came about when Isaac Newton, struck in the head with an apple, leapt to his feet, shouted, "Europa!" and announced the third law of motion: "For every action there is an opposite and equal reaction!"

(How profoundly true these simple words are! Take, for example, Marlboro Cigarettes. Light one. That's the action. Now what is the reaction? Pleasure, delight, contentment, cheer, and comfort! And why such a happy reaction? Because you have



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started with a happy cigarette—a felicitous blend of jolly tobaccos, a good-natured filter, a rollicking flip-top box, a merry soft pack. As Newton often said, "You begin with better makin's, you end with better smokin's." Small wonder they called him "The Swedish Nightingale!"

But I digress. Back to Shakespeare (or "The Gem of the Ocean" as he was ribaldly appelted).

Shakespeare's most important play is, of course, Hamlet (or Macbeth, as it is sometimes called). This play tells in living color the story of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, who one night sees a ghost upon the battlements. (Possibly it is a goat he sees: I have a first folio edition that is frankly not too legible.) Anyhow, Hamlet is so upset by seeing the ghost (or goat) that he stabs Polonius and Bare Bodkin. He is thereupon banished to a leather factory by the King, who cries, "Get thee to a tannery!" Thereupon Ophelia refuses her food until Laertes shouts, "Get thee to a beanery!" Ophelia is so miffed that she chases her little dog out of the room, crying, "Out, out damned Spot!" She is fined fifty shillings for swearing, but Portia, in an eloquent plea, gets the sentence commuted to life imprisonment. Thereupon King Lear and Queen Mab proclaim a festival—complete with amateur theatricals, kissing games, and a pie-eating contest. Everyone has a perfectly splendid time till Banquo's ghost (or goat) shows up. This so unhinges Richard III that he drowns his cousin, Butt Malmsey. This leads to a lively discussion during which anyone is killed. The little dog Spot returns to utter the immortal curtain lines:

Alack, the play forsooth was sad and sobby,
But be of cheer—there's Marlboros in the lobby!

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As the slings and arrows of outrageous finals loom closer, perchance the makers of Marlboro are not untoward to offer this friendly suggestion: Get thee to a library!

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO KEEP COOL DURING WARM WEATHER?

OH, I DON'T KNOW... I CAN THINK OF SEVERAL GOOD WAYS.

I GUESS DIFFERENT PEOPLE HAVE DIFFERENT METHODS.