

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Cooperation Will Make Campus Driving Easier

With the heavy construction work now under way on campus, drivers are finding their paths blocked more every day. Much of this is necessary if the construction is to be completed on schedule.

However, many of the traffic obstructions are not necessary. Observing a few obvious rules would alleviate the situation and make it easier for everyone to perform their tasks more efficiently.

College vehicles at work on projects, as well as those of visiting contractors, could keep within designated parking areas as much as possible. When those spaces are taken, parking on the same side of the street will prevent bottlenecks.

Even parking within barriers which are already set up is possible in many cases. Vehicles parked directly across from each other on many of our campus streets leaves room for one-way traffic only.

When possible, vehicles should use the parking lots available to them, keeping within regulations, of course. This helps eliminate street parking to a large extent and allows increased ease of traffic movement.

Heavy equipment on the streets are out of everyone's way and in working position when they reach their destinations, and the sooner, the better for traffic movement.

Most of all, it should be remembered that the construction crews are attempting to arrange for the future comfort of those who are on campus the year around. At the same time, A&M's staff and students also have places to go and jobs to do. A spirit of cooperation between the two may help both parties concerned.

In Memoriam

A&M's Memorial Student Center is indeed the living room of the campus. Its facilities are among the best to be found at any college.

Since its completion almost eight years ago, it has been a place where students and faculty members go for relaxation. It has been a place where visitors could come and be welcome.

But the MSC, as it is called, is more than that. It is a memorial to the Aggies who were not fortunate enough to return from overseas in defense of their country.

Hats are not worn in most living rooms.

In this one, the added fact that it is a memorial has always given gentlemen visitors and campus people alike an added incentive for removing their hats while inside the building.

Foreign Students

Like U.S. Cooking

Foreign students attending A&M develop a real liking for American style foods.

The proof is in the sale of American cookbooks to the students, who ask that the books

be mailed to their families and friends. Especially those students from Asia come into the Exchange Store, the College's book and supplies store, and order such books.

Manager Carl Birdwell says he has noticed that such purchases usually begin after a student has been on the campus for two or three months.

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CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"... and when I noticed what was happening I started carrying my books with my left arm!"



HOWDY from PARIS, FRANCE

As you look around Paris, it suddenly strikes you that the buildings are very old. A lot of them were built one or two hundred years ago, and they are still in daily use.

One good example of that is the Palais Royal. This was built in the seventeenth century by Cardinal Richieu as a great palace for himself. It is located in downtown Paris. While it was being built, the French courtiers got wind of his plans and began a gossip campaign saying that it was pretentious for Richieu to live in a palace which was better than the one the king had. So Richieu had to give it, as a gift, to the king.

The king had been living in the Louvre, today the world famous museum, which was a tiny place compared to the one that Richieu had built for himself. The Palais Royal boasted a theatre, a great courtyard and many apartments. All the French king said was thanks a lot and then his family lived there until Versailles was built.

Theater Still Used

The Comedie Francais, the national theatre of France, is the theatre that was there. Nowadays, they play many plays there which had their original debuts three hundred years ago. A fact like this adds to the excitement of going to a performance of a classic at this theatre.

After the French kings left the Palais Royal, the apartments began to be rented to people of note, and many shops were opened in the courtyard. Many famous people have lived in these apartments. Sarah Bernhardt was one of them. Collette, the author of Gigi, was another.

The courtyard has all of these little stores around its gallery today. It is something like Townshire. There's a colonnade that covers the sidewalk near the stores. Children play there and people just stroll.

Many Restored

This building, like many others is being restored by the French minister of culture, Andre Malraux. A great many of these buildings are made of stone and are a couple of centuries old.

Chemicals and sandblasting cannot be used to get the black patina off them. They are washed with soap and water laboriously.

But the results of the washing are very good, because a lot of the detail that ordinarily would not stand out can now be seen. There is a lot of little sculpture work on the exteriors. It was done by artisans in a bygone era when they thought that even if something were hidden in a far-off corner where people never saw it, their work was seen by God.

They don't tear down old buildings here, just to build new ones. It's not like back home where one week you go to a restaurant or a building, and six months later you return to find a parking lot or a new building going up on that site.

Here I find the difference between our new and their old country. You can go to restaurants here that people went to fifty or a hundred years ago. This gives them time to cherish the things around them.

Texas Drivers Set Best Safety Record In History

Special to The Battalion AUSTIN—Texas has something to brag about: The best traffic safety record in Texas history.

The National Safety Council "grades" all states on traffic safety. Of a possible 100 points, Texas got 84 for its efforts to solve traffic deaths and injury during 1961. A big share came from the second lowest traffic

death toll since 1949—"only" 2,314 killed on the highways in 1961.

California had the best score with 86. Michigan was second with 85. Texas tied with Illinois and Ohio for third place among the "big traffic" states.

Gov. Price Daniel said that holding down the death rate despite steadily increasing traffic made a real record—fewer deaths

per 100,000 miles than ever before.

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