

BATTALION EDITORIALS

College Is Big Step, Offers Many Lessons

Even though they may not realize it now, leaving home Sept. 11 for that first trip to enroll at A&M will be one of the most important steps over 2,000 young men from throughout the nation will ever take.

Youth specialists from every vein of American life have repeatedly stressed the importance of a college education for young men and their future careers. This stress is particularly significant at A&M, where men are turned out annually to assume leadership positions in every possible walk of American society.

Be it technicians or liberal arts students, A&M has the facilities and manpower to turn out some of the best-trained college graduates in the land.

The facilities, however, just exist—they have to be used, and used properly, before a student can gain the fullest of the many advantages available here.

Unfortunately, many members of the junior and senior classes will attest that the time to begin earnestly using the facilities is in the beginning—not after college is half completed and the more formative years are behind, never to be lived again.

Many lessons will be learned by the new members of the Class of '66, but none could be more important and eventually valuable than the learning of seriousness and intense desire to make the best of the available time offered.

Certainly not all time will be taken up by studies—colleges teach much more and students have an obligation to learn much more, especially how to communicate and live with their fellow man.

But time will pass fast—just ask any upperclassman—and the wasted hours will never return that could have been spent in the library, in conference with instructors or in hundreds of other ways that would eventually offer tremendous aid to the student.

And, as at other schools, obstacles will appear to conveniently divert the wandering student. This too will provide an important lesson—proportioning activities for the most benefit.

Hints will come from all directions as to how to effectively overcome these obstacles. But no student has ever graduated from A&M that won't tell the new student, "work out your own method—that is the only way."

And when a graduate can look back and say he met his hardships face-to-face and conquered them, then he can say he has learned one of the most important phases of life.

And then he will be able to face that "cold, harsh world" with uplifted chin—as a graduate of Texas A&M.

Nothing Stops Brave Bride

An act of nature could not snuff out a wedding ceremony in the All-Faiths Chapel last Thursday night.

Just as the organist was hammering out "Here Comes the Bride," and the blushing bride herself was about half way down the aisle, the electric organ went silent due to a power failure and the whole auditorium was plunged into total darkness except for a few decorative candles on the altar.

Courageously, the bride kept walking steadily toward her groom as though nothing at all had happened. After such a display of fortitude, no one else dared call the ceremony to a halt.

The officiating minister, Rev. Byron R. Lovelady of the College Station A&M Methodist Church, must have had the scriptural passages memorized, for it would have been quite impossible to read the vows in such dim light.

However, the whole ceremony turned out to be quite beautiful after all, and at 8:23 p.m. Rev. Lovelady pronounced Coach Dick Johnson and Marlyse Abbot man and wife.

The couple will live in College Station.

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by Jim Earle



"No Sir—I'm not quitting th' job—I don't even work here... I'm just trying to get to class!"

A&M Produces Many Leaders

The 1962-63 freshmen at A&M will be on "hallowed ground at Aggieland. For it has been over this small plot of earth at College Station that some of the nation's outstanding leaders have walked.

It has been over these few acres that many former students first received that valuable training in leadership, discipline and knowledge. The freshmen of today is little different from the freshman of 1910, 1920 or 1930. For the most part, all have come from various sections of Texas and from all types of economic backgrounds. However, it is safe to say that many were farm boys without much money, boys who "worked their way through" at A&M.

To name all of the successful graduates of Aggieland would require a volume; to tell the story of each Aggie would require a library. Their accomplishments in the world of business, industry, the military and other fields are truly outstanding.

In the military field, for example, many "former freshmen" have been eminently successful.

Lt. Gen. Bernard A. Schriever, Class of '31, is commander of the U. S. Air Missiles Program. Maj. Gen. Alvin A. Luedtke, Class of '32 is general manager of the Atomic Energy Commission. This is to name only two who at one time were Aggies — just entering freshmen. These were men who worried and tussled over classroom work, men much like the freshmen of '62.

Utility Heads The public utility industry contains many A&M graduates who hold high positions. For instance, E. H. Leavey, Class of '15, is chairman of the board of International Telephone and Telegraph. Lester T. Potter, Class of '28, is president of Lone Star Gas Company. J. B. Thomas, Class of '12 is president of Texas Electric Service Company. W. W. Lynch, Class of '22, is president of Texas Power and Light Company. J. L. Bates, Class of '20 is president of Central Power and Light Company. Price Campbell, Class of '13, is president of West Texas Utility Company. These few examples indicate that this is a field where Aggies have "made good."

At one time they were young men just out of high school who came to Aggieland to begin their higher education — men who had the determination to apply themselves and to succeed. Oil Leaders The oil industry is another field where Aggies have made their way to the top. J. W. Foley, Class of '32 is president of Texaco, Inc. J. H. Dunn, Class of '25, is president of Shamrock Oil and Gas Company. W. C. McGee, Jr., Class of '31, is president of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company. J. L. Sewell, Class of '27, is president of Delhi-Taylor Oil Company. Delbert Brockett, Class of '34, is president of British-American Oil Company. W. T. Askeew, Class of '31 is president of Sun Oil Company of Canada. W. T. Doherty, Class of '22, is president of the Mound Company. These men look back to their days at Aggieland with pride and remember that they, too, were once freshmen who had a lot to do and a lot to look forward to.

More Successes Former students like H. A. Sawyer, Class of '16, president of Lone Star Cement Company; Tyree L. Bell, Class of '13, president of Austin Road Company; J. W. Aston, Class of '33, president of Republic National Bank; George Mitchell, Class of '40, president of Christi-Mitchell-Mitchell; M. T. Halbouty, Class of '30, petroleum engineer and geologist and Leonard S. Hobbs, Class of '16, vice president of United Aircraft Company, have proved themselves successful. They, like the others, walked the drill field, studied late at night and participated in the affairs of the student body very much like the freshmen of 1962-63 will do.

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Typical Day In Life Of Reti Filled With Activity, St

Many things have been said about the life of a freshman at A&M, but one thing has never been said, that it is dull and uneventful.

The Aggie week day starts at 6:30 in the morning, breakfast at 6:50. This 20 minutes is devoted to, first of all getting out of bed. If an individual has trouble waking up and getting up at the same time, he will overcome his difficulty here.

It is advisable to leave the room dusted and swept, and the bed made, before going to formation. This, added to the fact one has to dress and shave, makes those first 20 minutes very well spent. At 6:50 you will fall out and march to breakfast.

After breakfast there are classes, which begin at 8 a.m. and are conducted until the lunch formation at 12 noon. Classes begin promptly at 1 p.m. in the afternoon and are conducted until 5 p.m.

Then comes the time to play. A&M sponsors one of the finest intramural programs in the Southwest. The variety of sports offered is numerous. To mention

a few, there are football, softball, wrestling, basketball, handball, horseshoes, rifle, gymnastics, golf and soccer. Equipment may be checked out for any of these sports at any time of the day, also there are ample facilities for each.

Next on the agenda is the evening meal at 6 p.m. after which one is free until Call to Quarters. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., the dormitory is quieted, and so begins C. Q. or study time. The freshmen and sophomores are required to be in their rooms, at their desks, studying. An individual may be excused from C. Q. only by a valid reason for his absence.

The "typical day" will not mean even one day, the average of 19 hours per day. The individual has no choice of 19 hours and he may do as little as he wishes.

Aggieland is not a football season. It takes two corporations to go to a football game. Cadets sees that Aggie football Hell Out of T.L. are playing.

Fall Room Deposit Due

All summer school students who will live in dormitories in the fall are reminded by the Housing Office to pay their \$20 room deposit and get their fall room assignment if they have not done so.

before the dormitory opens at 7 p.m. Friday. Only Milner C and D of the main open between.

Any dormitory must be turned in by the summer school period. New keys on the \$20 room deposit.



LOUPOT Has Top Standing Among Merchants, Students

A small maroon and white building at the West edge of North Gate traditional standing both in the business atmosphere of the A&M College area as the personal life of many of its students.

Inside Loupot's Trading Post, the Aggies will find one of the best friends they can make while at A&M, J. E. Loupot, '32. He is not hard to spot, being a little taller than thin, a little lacking in hair, and with an ever-present grin.

Old Army Lou, as many have come to know him, has many ties with Aggieland dating back to 1928, when he entered A&M as a fish. After leaving A&M a few years later, he tried business in other parts of the state.

But after a few years, Loupot decided he could do more for the Aggies, alma mater, right here in College Station. So he returned and set up a small business at North Gate.

Determined to make his future here, Loupot moved his business to its present location in a modest brick and stucco building across from the new dormitory in 1942.

Since that day, Old Army Lou has done as much for the Aggies as it is possible for a man of his means to do. A list of his helping hands to Aggies would be a long list to mention, but a few examples will prove the point.

At present Lou has a floating loan fund, the first located at A&M, with which he helps the Aggies over the rough spots. He loans the money in small amounts to those who really need it and at no interest.

He sells books on the rental system. A student pays 95 cents to \$1.95 rent, a deposit on the book. When brought back to Lou at the end of the semester, deposit is returned if the book is still on the current book list.

At times, when the need becomes evident, Lou has asked professors to give time to tutoring students who need help, in order to keep the freshmen at A&M through their hardest year.

Lou considers the friendship of the Aggies and the local community one of his best assets.

"This is nothing but good business," said Loupot. "If the Aggies like the way I do business, they will keep coming back. And they will tell their friends about it, too."

Loupot's is probably known best as a book store, where the customers have to pay new book prices, but can usually find used books at much better prices. However, Lou carries no books that are out-of-date.

Aside from the book business, Lou has a complete line of name-brand clothing for both for civilian students and Corps men. A complete line of accessories are also at Lou's and he will not be beat on prices. He has the brass, belts, shoes, extra forms, school supplies, and room furnishings that the beginning Aggie needs.

The reason Lou can offer such low prices is obvious. There are no high overhead costs to pay, no set amount to be given to outside interests.

"I do business to give the Aggies the best value possible," Loupot said. "If an Aggie needs help, I will give it to him individually."

The tradition of Loupot will live as long as Aggies exist. For he has helped them, and they have in turn helped him. A mutual trust and a mutual interest as this cannot help benefit past, present, and future Aggies.

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