

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Were Students Hunting For Spirit Last Friday?

To ask a student to drive to Baton Rouge Saturday night would have been a lot to expect, even though the Aggies were playing their first ball game of the year.

However, for all but three freshmen Aggies, it was too much to ask for students just to show up at Henderson Hall last Friday morning to give the football squad a decent send-off. The Battalion's Sports Editor Jim Butler had suggested early last week that students show up to let the team know we traveled with them in spirit if not in person. It shouldn't have been necessary for this to be suggested. It should have been automatic for everyone who did not have a class at that hour.



Coach Hank Foldberg and his troopers went to Louisiana and made a good showing for themselves, but I don't think any of their thrust originated at the blast-off sponsored by their fellow Aggies.

We will admit that Henderson Hall is off to one side of the campus and that it was a bit warm Friday morning. However, we doubt that the temperature Friday was anything like the nearly 100-degree weather the footballers practiced in for two weeks before most students set foot on the campus this year.

The Battalion is anxious to see if the Student Body has regained The Spirit after two weeks of school. It is apparent from the show last Friday morning that The Spirit had not become a part of the campus life at A&M at that time.

The football squad will leave Henderson Hall at approximately 6:30 a. m. this Friday to go to Easterwood Airport to fly to Columbus, Ohio. It will be interesting to see how many of our students will be on hand to come forth with a "Gig 'em Aggies" as the team leaves the campus.

Nation's Collegians' Dress Follows One Basic Style

There was a time when a man's tie would be a dead giveaway as to his college affiliation.

Today, were you to take four collegians from four different campuses and put them together, there'd be no way of telling who's from where. As a matter of fact, regardless of the campus each came from, he'd look at home at most any college.

The man from the South, the midwesterner, the northwesterner and the man from the East would each be wearing loafers, crew socks, solid colored slacks, a sport shirt or an oxford button-down shirt, sans tie, and — if the weather were on the cool side — a cardigan or pullover sweater. Hats? Only if they're freshmen and are required to wear their "beanies."

"The casual look at most colleges is the accepted thing," says R. M. Seibert, men's wear expert at Chemstrand Company. "Actually, the trend started over 15 years ago with the end of World War II, dith discharged GIs returning to complete their educations. These boys — many of whom were mature men — had the fills of khaki regimentation. The result was the revolution — or evolution — of campus wear that we know today. Casual clothing became firmly favored for campus activities — and clearly will remain so."

For dates and other social events at college, however, a new man appears, according to a recent survey done for Chemstrand. He may still wear slacks, but with these is a sport jacket. If not this, he'll be in a business suit, usually with a vest. Loafers give way to cordovan or black wing-

tip shoes (the white buck shoes are now provincial — gone the way of the raccoon coat) depending on the clothing worn. The sport shirt is replaced, in most instances, by a white oxford button-down, worn with a regimental stripe, knitted solid or small repeat pattern tie. Socks are coordinated with the tie, and most students' wardrobes run the gamut from argyles to solids.

The survey also shows a different pattern of dress between men studying in or near large cities and those in the hinterlands. The latter tend to prefer the more casual type clothing throughout — meaning that while they spend as much for their clothing, sport jackets and slacks are preferred to suits.

Bulletin Board

TUESDAY
The Soil and Crop Student Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Charles Taliaferro at X-1-F Hensel.

WEDNESDAY
The Aggies Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center.

The Hillel Foundation will sponsor a get-acquainted meeting at 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY
The Amarillo Hometown Club will meet in the Lobby of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

The Grayson County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the main lounge of the Memorial Student Center.

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CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"When I said 'Bring your tackle box of equipment' I meant ... Well, I assumed ... Err ... That is ...!"

College Campuses Host More Autos

Nearly two million automobiles will work their way through college this year.

A survey of the college parking problem by The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company indicates that 44 per cent of the nation's 4.5 million undergraduates will report to classes on wheels later this month.

Questionnaires sent to colleges, both large and small, in all sections of the nation, revealed that the increase since pre World War II days in the number of student autos parked on campus ranges from 300 to 1,000 per cent.

Understandably, the daytime parking problem — not to be confused with its midnight counterpart — poses a problem for campus police chiefs as well as deans.

Parking facilities are virtually non-existent at many colleges in metropolitan areas, the study found. For example, the 10,000 daytime students and 14,000 night schoolers at the College of the City of New York either ride the subway or race parking meters. A handful of daring faculty commute through Manhattan streets on motor bikes.

In contrast, the University of Minnesota will park automobiles 1,900,000 times in the course of the school year. Minnesota has a "self-supporting" parking setup where everyone on campus pays to park.

Most colleges have an annual fee, ranging up to \$10. Rutgers, which claims the largest parking facility in New Brunswick, N. J. (3,000) operates 26 buses to shuttle students from parking areas to four school areas.

Higher education is not necessarily conducive to the fight against traffic violators. Last year Rutgers passed out 10,000 tags to students, faculty members and others.

Some of the Ivy League schools, notably Yale and Princeton, do not allow on-campus parking. Columbia does, but has no parking facilities. Both faculty and students park on Manhattan streets on a "catch as catch can" basis.

Dartmouth allows parking, making it easier for seniors and married students by slicing the registration fee in half to \$5. The college is especially tough on stu-

dent auto violations. Last year it suspended a star halfback because he was caught owning a car while attending the school as a financial aid student. The player lost all-east recognition while the football team won nine straight.

Dartmouth's assistant business manager, Jack Skewes, makes the point that seat belts are required in all cars starting this fall. The University of Texas, like many institutions, bans freshmen from parking on campus. To all drivers, the university hands out an attractive four-color map of the campus — along with a copy of its stringent regulations.

Time was when a visitor to the campus could just follow the crowd and wind up in the right place. Not so any more, relates the public relations director at Boston College. One night last winter a Pulitzer Prize winner was on one B. C. dais; a seminar on ethics for local businessmen was held in another hall; a synopsis on Civil War events in a third; the evening classes were in session and a basketball game was in progress. A stranger drove onto the campus expecting to see the B. C.-Navy basketball game. He parked his car and followed the crowd. He wound up listening to James Reston, N. Y. Times Washington correspondent, speaking on the state of the nation.

Estimates of the number of used cars on campus varied widely from 45 to 90 per cent of the total number. Surprisingly, the highest percentage of used cars was found at Harvard, generally considered the richest university in the country.

College police chiefs, deans and other concerned with parking problems disagreed widely on one question posed by the survey: "Is today's student a better driver than his father?"

The Northwestern respondent said, "We doubt it." Dartmouth replied, "About the same at comparable age." Columbia answered, "Unlikely." "Yes, but less cautious," said Maine. Wisconsin and Harvard gave an unqualified "Yes," while Tennessee wrote, "?"

Perhaps the most succinct observation came from Northwestern's manager of parking and traffic. At the bottom of his questionnaire he wrote, "Cars are still unnecessary to a college education."

Far Reaching Foresight In Finances Called Vital

Financial foresight more far reaching than this year's water or street project, or next year's budget, has been cited as the increasingly vital requirements for municipal leadership in Texas.

As part of an address on the responsibilities of city government officials, Steve Matthews, executive director of the Texas Municipal League, presented a thumb-nail sketch of newly developed information on the property tax and its growing impact not only on local government finance but on business investment in Texas.

TML, he said, is currently engaged in the collection of data to gain a clearer understanding of property and non-property tax use in Texas and throughout the nation. Research conclusions of TML and other agencies were listed to show a trend toward over-dependence on the property tax in this state.

"Investment capital will be deterred from locating in the fast growing urban areas of our state if archaic tax policies mean that such investments will have to carry an unrelieved and unrealistic share of the burdens of local growth and expansion," Matthews stated.

Here are extracts from his text pertinent to the local revenue problem:

Only a very short time ago—less than three years ago—in fact—many voices were being raised in our state about the adverse consequences to our "business climate" if we did not broaden the tax base for state government. That base was broadened.

Study after study by commission after commission has presented us with facts about the property tax — and its use at the local level in Texas — but we have not yet reacted effectively to the clear and compelling meaning of those facts. Let me list just a few such facts for you:

1. The property tax is the largest tax collected in Texas except for Federal income taxes on individuals and corporations.
2. Since World War II, the property tax has increased in magnitude nearly fivefold — from \$161 million in 1945 to \$735 million in 1960.
3. In the last five years of the pre-war decade, property tax collections increased an average of \$3.1 million annually. In the last

five years of the 1950 decade, property tax collections increased \$53.1 million annually.

4. While the property tax has declined in relative importance as a percentage of state-local tax revenues combined, it has increased in importance at the local level. In 1932, property taxes raised 91 per cent of all local tax revenues. Today, the level is 92 per cent.

5. The rate of increase in property tax collections is outrunning our population growth. In 1960, the property tax collections were 100 per cent greater per person than in 1950, despite the dramatic population explosion in Texas during that decade.

6. Property tax collections are also outrunning the increase in personal income payments in Texas. In 1950, property tax collections amounted to 3 per cent of such income payments — but by 1960, had climbed to 4.1 per cent.

7. The Texas State Tax Study Commission reports show that 50 per cent of our Texas property taxes are paid by business and these taxes — on state-local bases combined — accounted for about one-half of the business tax bill in Texas prior to adoption of the sales tax.

8. Property taxes levied on homes, personal property, etc., are about equal in importance to Texas families as to Texas businesses.

9. Because of the great "proliferation" of local units of government with taxing authority, Texas has more tax administrators than any other state — all working with and on the same property tax base.

10. The disparity from area to area in property tax burdens has much more effect on our competitive position tax-wise with other states than any of the revenue measures levied at the state level. The challenge presented to us

in Texas is clear and measurable. In the future, we will be attracted to Texas concentration of manufacturing population, rather than posits of natural resource investment capital will be drawn from locating in the fast growing urban areas of our state. Tax mean that such investment will have to carry an unrealistic share of the burdens of local growth and expansion.

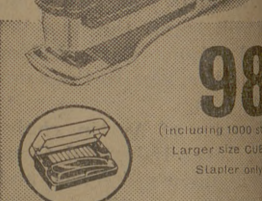
Exclusive reliance upon property tax will equally deter families and individuals. We do not expect to realize the rate of our growth if we rely on local taxing policies to finance industry we need to produce and to the homes of the people for whom those jobs are created. Certainly, the property tax revenues for cities, counties, school districts. But they come when we must seek to broaden the base revenue support for our growing Texas cities.

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