

Championship, You Bet! But Even More, Too

Coach Shelby Metcalf and the Fightin' Texas Aggie basketball team brought the Southwest Conference Championship back to College Station with them last night—but, their season accomplishments have meant more than just a championship to A&M.

Probably without ever being aware of the fact, the Aggie cagers have done one of the greatest services to A&M that has been enacted in recent months. At a time when the Spirit of Aggieland, the worth of the Aggie and A&M itself were all being questioned and placed on trial by some groups, the cagers presented a common cause around which all Aggies could rally.

Cadets, civilians and even the relatively small number of co-eds on campus (who are most often called Maggies) were all compelled in one way or another to show their support of the team and loyalty to A&M as this really great feat took shape before their own eyes. They could see that their team was developing into a champion. And, a student is never so close to anything as he is to a winning athletic team.

In their common closeness to the team, all students were necessarily drawn closer together. As we gathered closer to the roundball court and rubbed the shoulders of enthusiasm together, we each discover for ourself that our fellow Aggies are still as well blessed with the Aggie Spirit as we each knew ourself to be. We have discovered that Aggies are still the same Aggies that they have always been. We probably realize more than we did a few months ago that A&M answers second to none—in all areas from fields of athletic competition to the classroom and on into the world of everyday living.

We thank you and congratulate you, Coach Metcalf, and your cagers, for the Southwest Conference Championship—but, even more we thank you for giving all Aggies a common meeting ground.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle

Johnson Burned In Effigy By Anti-American Students

ATHENS (AP) — Rampaging anti-American demonstrators burned an effigy of President Johnson in Athens Tuesday night as rioting over the Cyprus issue erupted in Greece. Students stoned American installations and fought with police on the Greek island of Rhodes.

The demonstrators claim the United States is following a pro-Turkish line in attempts to settle strife on Cyprus.

Thousands of shouting demonstrators raged through the streets of downtown Athens denouncing America and British on the Cy-

prus issue and shouting praise for the Soviet Union.

On Rhodes, off the Turkish coast, an estimated 3,000 high school students hurled stones at the U. S. Information Service buildings, the Turkish Consulate and the USS Courier, a Coast Guard vessel serving as a broadcast station for the Voice of America.

A Greek government official who tried to calm the crowds was hooted and jeered when he shouted, "The Americans are our friends."

In Athens, there were shouts

of "Johnson Al Capone", "Evvo Russia" and "Out with the fleet." About 2,000 persons gathered outside the U. S. Embassy where a small effigy of Johnson quickly went up in flames.

Other thousands demonstrated in front of the British Embassy while still other marched through downtown streets blocking traffic.



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— Sound Off —

Editor,

The Battalion:

It is only natural that there are those who believe that the A&M Senior Ring was meant to be worn only by students who, in addition to attaining senior standing, had completed two years of military training at A&M. The reason for this thinking is that the ring bears the crossed rifle and sabre. Their solution would be to offer all civilian students various sizes of the same ring (without the military symbol). We would expect this group to apply similar reasoning to the question of Silver Taps, which is equally military in nature, by saying the Silver Taps was always meant to be played only for military students at A&M. These ideas would at least be conceivable and for that matter might even be accepted by a majority of students now.

However, an inconsistency suddenly emerges. The Student Sen-

ate is apparently dominated by those who persist with the erroneous belief that tradition dictates to whom respect will be shown, that a fellow student who has died is deserving of less respect simply because she is female. And some would even argue that simply because she is female, the coed does not deserve to wear the ring, even though we all know that many students and graduates who never had any military training at all now wear the senior ring bearing the crossed rifle and sabre. It is just such distasteful arguments based on this discriminatory idea that are being objected to. It is hard to see how supposedly rational individuals can base resolutions on an argument which is itself such a deviation from common sense, reason, and justice. This is obviously a beautiful example of thinking in a mental straightjacket. To put into reality practices based on

such resolutions would constitute a great leap backward for our rapidly progressing University.

This leaves both questions to be considered as being either military traditions or student traditions. The latter seems to be the more feasible approach. Since Silver Taps has in the past been played for any A&M student, it should continue to be played for any A&M student — male, female, or military. In this same light it should remain possible for all seniors to wear the same ring (except for a possible weight option).

James R. Sharber

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Editor,

The Battalion:

This letter is a rebuttal of Mr. Keith Mims' letter to the editor appearing in The Battalion, Feb. 28, in which he criticized Mr. Ronald W. Bland, leader of the liberal movement at Texas A&M University.

I begin by a discussion of the phrase so often quoted from Karl Marx's Communist Manifesto: that is, "from each according to his ability, to each according to his need." Mr. Mims crudely implies, by ascribing these words to Mr. Bland's Liberalism, which he identifies with the American liberal movement, that Mr. Bland is a communist. But, if Mr. Mims wishes to crudely imply, he should do so by making use of the correct ideological statements of a modern communist nation which have been legislated into law. I quote from the constitution of the USSR (1936), Article 12: "The principle applied in the USSR is that of Socialism: 'From each according to his ability, to each according

to his work.' Furthermore, Article 12 states that, "Work in the USSR is a duty and a matter of honour for every able-bodied citizen, in accordance with the principle: 'He who does not work, neither shall he eat.'" This principle is, indeed, not unlike our American ideal of individual performance.

Mr. Mims, while incorrectly comparing the American liberal movement with communism, makes the same intolerable error of most uninformed conservative stylists. About soviet communism, it is not that we should object to the destruction of the institution of private ownership of the resources of production, elimination of class conflict, and establishment of a uniform propertyless class, but that we should object to the maintenance of the soviet communist system by the authoritarian police state with all of its murderous ramifications. The criteria of any democratic process is free choice by its citizens to determine both their political and economic systems. The processes of Soviet government prevent both of these choices from being made.

To move on, Mr. Mims, I define conservatism for you as the immovable status quo, as unwillingness to change, as maintaining vested interests which are judged to be contrary to social and public interest. Basic to conservative philosophy is a histori-

cal point of view. Conservative thinking is projected backwards so that our social institutions of fifty years ago are advocated as the methodology by which we can live with our changed social interrelationships of today. This is an invalid advocacy for logic does not exclusively permit that no-change is compatible with change.

The liberal philosophy attempts to come to grips with the inherent evil of human temperament manifest in social institutions, the evil is that people form habits of acting and reasoning which they do not like to change. Because of this dislike they confer on social institutions an encompassing veil of stationary perfection, where there is no static perfection. The liberal philosopher looks upon society as imperfect, and by use of reason and choice desires to change only those institutions which are deemed undesirable and those which are outmoded.

I close by saying to you, Mr. Mims, that if you think the liberal movement is subversive and it will bury us, and if by us, you mean conservatives, you are correct. It is the direct, undeniable purpose of liberalism to infect the minds of the populace to make the free choice of ethical social change, and to bury the incompetent and ensalved mind 'boxes' of conservatism.

J. F. Crook

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TO: "WHO'S WHO" STUDENTS
FROM: AGGIELAND '64
SUBJECT: FORMAL PICTURES

Seniors selected for 1964 Who's Who should report to the AGGIELAND STUDIO, North Gate, to schedule formal pictures for the 1964 yearbook. Corps seniors may wear the Class A uniforms of their choice (midnights, Ike jacket, etc.) Civilian seniors should wear suit, sweater and tie, etc. Sport shirts or Class B uniforms are not considered appropriate.

Students are advised to go by the studio, or telephone, and set a day and time to have their picture made. Due to crowded schedules, the studio may not be able to take an appropriate picture without advance notice.

C. Chris Schaefer Editor

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