

Aggies Have New Italian Fan



AN ITALIAN AGGIE, FAUSTO BASTIANINI

Texas A&M now has an unofficial "Aggie fan club" well established in Venice, Italy, consisting of at least one devoted member.

Fausto Bastianini, a citizen of Venice, wrote the following letter to Texas A&M at the close of the last spring semester:

This letter is to all Italy friends:

My dear friends, my name is Fausto Bastianini, 24 years old, I live in Venice, a wonderful city on the sea. I work in a newspaper as a teleprinter operator. My family and affections are far away and I am quite alone and sad sometimes. And now I tell you why I am writing this letter and excuse me for bad language, but I am studying English by myself.

I have read about your wonderful athlete, Matson. He is fabulous, formidable! And my dream is this: I should like so much to have a shirt (cotton) of your university. Please, please content me. My size is medium. Please tell me if you want money for the shirt and postage or if you prefer something equivalent from Italy in exchange for you

kindness.

I pray you, dear friends for this. I wish so much for a shirt. It is not important if it is old or dirty.

Good work and my best wishes for your happy holidays.

Upon receiving this letter, several members of The Battalion staff began gathering various articles to send to the Italian Aggie fan.

Enclosed in a package sent to him was an A&M "T" shirt, sweatshirt, decal, pennant and several brochures.

Also in the package was a copy of The Battalion and an autographed picture of A&M's Randy Matson, World Shot Put Champion.

The package took more than two months to make the trip halfway around the world, but a letter sent by Bastianini upon receiving it took several days.

The letter read:

Dear friends:
Too much! Too much! Too much!!! I just now have opened your packet and jumped around

my room full of happiness. How many wonderful things! I do not know how I can thank you for such great kindness and generosity. Your packet is a well without bottom, full of wonderful items. The shirts are very nice and right for me. That white one I shall put on tomorrow and when I go across St. Marcus Circus I hope to find a photographer for a photo that I'll send to you.

Then your newspaper, the decal, the pamphlets of your wonderful A&M University (I'll read them with quietness, now I'm all shaken . . .) and the photo of fabulous Matson—I'll put and the little pennant on the wall of my room with my most loved things. I thank you, I thank you so much with all my heart.

Do you know two persons reading my "Sound Off" in The Battalion wrote to me? One was a girl who wrote a long and nice letter by Italian language but she did not tell me her name. The other is now a dear friend, Bobby, who, with his wife, comes this autumn near my city; so we

can meet and go together around Venezia and speak about the wonderful heart of Texas—

Many thanks again and my best regards for all students of A&M University.

Fausto Bastianini
"Il Gazzettino"
Venezia, Italy

Enclosed in Bastianini's last letter was a postcard of Venice and a picture of himself which was signed, "From Venice with love . . . many, many thanks. Fausto."

Kohler Takes Chairmanship For Meeting

Dr. Walter H. Kohler, nuclear engineering associate professor Texas A&M, has accepted invitation to chair a session of the American Nuclear Society winter meeting in Chicago.

Kohler will chair a "Special Time Effects and Stability" session during the Nov. 5-9 meeting. The invitation was extended by program chairman Frank Schroeder.

More than 1,500 ANS members and guests are expected.

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Keown Gives Math Paper At Oxford U.

Dr. E. R. Keown, Texas A&M mathematics professor, will present a joint paper during an international conference Aug. 29-Sept. 2 at Oxford University, Oxford, England.

Dr. Keown's paper, prepared jointly with P. G. Ruud, is entitled "The Computation of Irreducible Representations of Finite Groups of Order 2ⁿ, N 6."

The paper is an extension of research begun in 1963-64 while Keown was a member of MIT's Solid State and Molecular Theory Group.

Oxford's international conference on abstract algebra is designed to enable leading world scientists to consider new research discoveries.

Dr. Keown earned his Ph.D. at MIT in 1950. He is author of "Some New Hilbert Algebras," published in this month's transactions of the American Mathematics Society. Keown also has written a mathematics textbook, "Introduction to Group Representations."

New TTI Concept Is Total Visibility

Total visibility is the key to a new technique developed by Texas A&M's Texas Transportation Institute for illumination of complex freeway interchanges.

First permanent installation of the new lighting system is scheduled for San Antonio, with the Texas Highway Department taking complex freeway interchanges.

The new system, which incorporates as many as ten 1,000-watt high as 120 feet, provides more uniform illumination over a wider area than conventional lighting and without as much glare, explains Charles J. Keese, TTI director.

Conventional lighting consists of 400-watt lamps mounted on 40-foot poles. TTI researchers estimate each of the new towers will replace 11 of the standard lighting devices.

Aside from improving visibility at critical intersections, the new system provides an additional safety factor by reducing the number of hazardous poles along the right-of-way.

The new system also has economical applications for lighting straight sections of urban freeways. THD estimates a \$115,000 savings by using 50-foot poles with 1,000-watt lamps on a 4.5 mile section of Interstate 35 in Austin. The section would have required about twice as many of the conventional devices, notes E. M. Carl of the THD design division.

Texas A&M's highway research organization began development of the new illumination technique more than three years ago.

TTI is operating the illumination research program under a five-year \$260,000 contract with the THD and the U. S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Public Roads.

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