

Letter To Joe

(Editor's Note: The following letter was written this week by a member of the Class of 1960 to his younger brother, a freshman in the Cadet Corps. The fish considered it an inspiration and offered it for reprinting in the hope that others could benefit from it.)

Dear Joe

After visiting with you this past weekend, I have recalled numerous memories from eleven years ago. I know just how you feel.

College life and the associated studies are a large transition in themselves. Combining this with the discipline and different life imposed by the Corps of Cadets further complicates the transition from "High School Harry" to "Aggie." Joe, it separates the men from the boys. A&M University and especially the Aggie Fraternity want only men to wear "the ring" and receive an Aggie diploma.

I'm sure you are questioning many of the restrictions, rules, etc. you are being forced to abide. Most of these, Joe, have a very definite purpose. Before a person can effectively give orders and lead, he must learn to follow orders. I would be a fool not to recognize the fact that some of the requirements are not oriented in that direction. But even so, these, too, are a test of you — a test to determine what you are made of — degree of intestinal fortitude, ability to withstand pressure, both mental and physical, intelligence, and mental agility. You can learn a tremendous amount about yourself during this year.

Joe, it wasn't meant to be easy. People can attend college elsewhere, wear what they desire, do as they please and worry about nothing but their grades. But Aggie land is much more, Joe. It is much more of a challenge. You will not only be tested in your academic area, but you will be tested almost continuously in the Corps. This pressure will teach you more than you can learn in any class or from any book. You will learn to reach people, understand them better and work with them.

These first few weeks are probably the worst. You have so many things on your mind, so many things to do and so many things to remember that at times the situation might seem impossible. Just remember that thousands of men before you have gone through the same thing, and came out of it much better men and Aggies.

Joe, I have no doubt that you can do it — just suck in your guts, keep your head out and do your best.

Beat the Hell out of Purdue!
Bob

22 Texas Tech Girls Injured In Early-Morning Dorm Fire

LUBBOCK (AP)—Fire damaged one wing of an \$11 million new three-dormitory complex at Texas Tech early Wednesday, sending 22 women students to hospitals with minor injuries.

The dormitories, one for men and two for women, were opened only this week. Fire broke out on the 12th floor of a women's dormitory where the coeds were reportedly holding "wind meetings," talk sessions.

Believing staircases and elevators blocked, some of the girls took refuge in rooms near the fire and were overcome by smoke, firemen said. Some had minor cuts. Some girls panicked, firemen said, and piled mattresses against doors instead of leaving.

Others in the dormitory were evacuated safely, a college

spokesman said, and were spending the night in housing facilities on the campus.

The dormitories resemble slick, modernistic motels and for the most part are fire-proof. Apparently the blaze fed on carpetings and furnishings.

One room and part of a stairway were heavily damaged by the fire.

Club Applications Sought At MSC

Applications for meeting rooms for students organizations and clubs for the fall semester will be accepted in the Social and Educational Office starting at 8:00 a.m. Friday, September 22.

Connally Plans No Trip Yet To Gulf Coast

AUSTIN (AP)—Gov. John Connally, keeping in constant touch with the devastation wrought by Hurricane Beulah, said Wednesday he does not plan to visit the hurricane area "until I think it would be helpful in trying to alleviate some of the problems."

He told a news conference in the Division of Defense and Disaster Relief's underground emergency operating center that he thinks there "is no question" but Texas will need federal funds to get stricken communities back to normal.

BUT, HE ADDED, no application for small Business Administration funds, used to restore public facilities, would be made until damage has been assessed and applicable laws checked. Connally spent all day Tuesday at the operating center, and was back at 7 a.m. Wednesday for another full day.

President Johnson "has manifested a very personal interest" in what Beulah does to Texas, said Connally. While lines have been kept open to the White House in case Connally thinks the hurricane zone should be declared a disaster area, the governor said he has not talked personally with Johnson.

German Textbook By Breitenkamp To Be Published

An intermediate level German language textbook prepared by Dr. Edward C. Breitenkamp of Texas A&M University will be published by Prentice-Hall later this month.

"Thema: Deutschland" will be a 300-page book containing non-fiction articles from German periodicals.

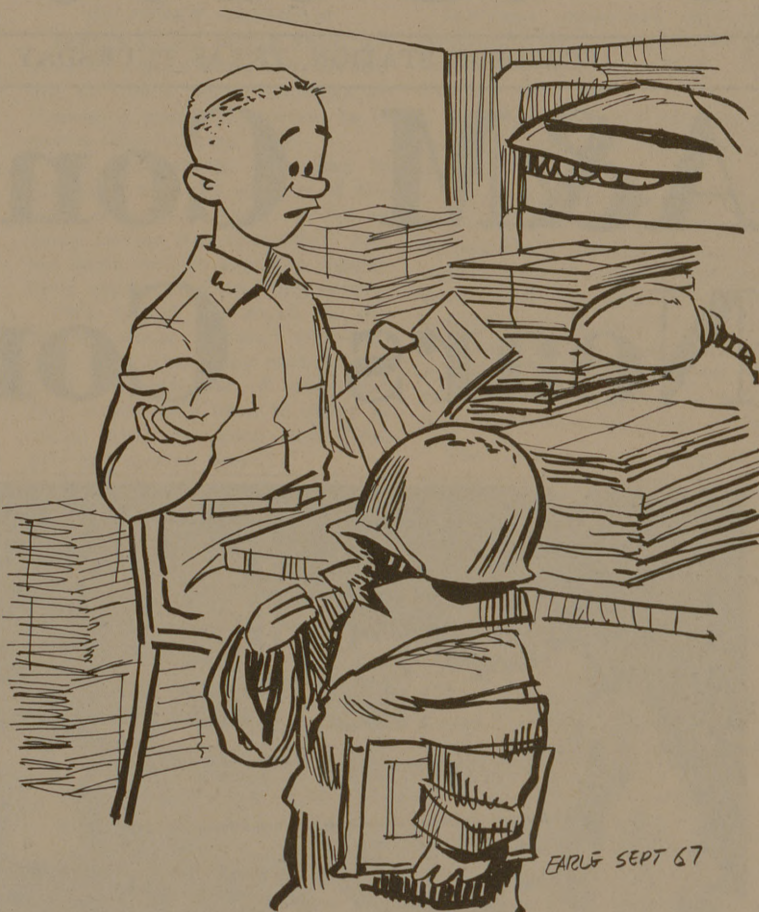
"The idea is to provide a total picture of Germany today in a language textbook," Breitenkamp said. "The selected articles deal with sports, young people and their problems, Soviet espionage, modern literature, reviews of jokes representing the underground during the Hitler period and East Germany."

The format is similar to a paperback text Breitenkamp printed on a home press four years ago.

The professor has been with the Modern Languages Department faculty 14 years. The Texas Foreign Language Association and American Association of Teachers of German member received degrees at Drake and the Ph.D. at State University of Iowa in 1951.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"It was nice of the guys to give me these old class notes and quizzes! They said I don't hafta study—just learn everything here!"

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