## earns respect from many

following article was taken from parlier issue of the Battalion. Ed.

Dr. Jim Syler, 1957 A&M gradudefined an Aggie as a "soldier, esman and knightly gentlemen' "rides hard, shoots straight and shis life in such a way that he can any man in the eye and tell him to hell, if need be!

The popularity or accuracy of that nition is uncertain but it might interesting to note what others e said about Aggies and A&M, ing normal censorship.

When I decided to become an gie, my brother suggested my ents change their name and e to another city, He wrote m. "Got your last letter and the news that the world has gained ally like the reception they get here. ther Aggie." And to me he te "Glad to hear you've finally nd a place that deserves you," atever that means. That's okay; still thinks AMU stands for

nic mass unit. Those who saw "Patton" should nember Gen. Omar Bradley wed by Karl Malden. The real Texas A&M can stand up to any n in the world and compare orably their education and trainpersuits of peace, and if it comes

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Robert Mitchum once told Johnny Carson the worst movie he ever made was about some two-bit cow college in Texas in the '40s.

And from the 1946 Daedalian, the earbook for Texas State College for Women at Denton: "There's a college down near the Brazos strictly for men; it's a military college where young boys fresh from high school enter and graduate as men . . . it's called Texas A&M." Whoop, who-

More recently, like several bonfires ago, John Denver hailed College Station as "the culture capital of the South" and "gateway to Snook." For a minute I thought he was being sarcastic.

But it seems entertainers gener-

During a performance that rocked G. Rollie White, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band's Jeff Hanna admitted, "It's always a shot in the arm to come down here to play for you weirdos 'cause you're all crazy.'

John McEuen, who has probably done more plucking than Col. Sanyed by Karl Malden. The real ders and Churches' put together, reaffirmed this backstage as he picked away at Opus 36, Clementi on the banjo.

'We always look forward to playg and leadership — leadership in ing in College Station," he said, smiling through his beard. He added the Band would rather play A century ago then-Governor for a crazy crowd like the Aggies hard Coke said, "An Aggie does than a screaming bunch of "teeny

he gets

home.

last weekend were also flattering. "We've had audiences before but this is one of the best we've ever had," he said. "This is quite a group you have here." Funny, I was just going to say the same thing about

Last spring Rod Serling unleashed his nationally famous glower through bushy eyebrows on an innocent G. Rollie White audience and said, "When I was a kid, A&M was a power to be reckoned with." Considering his image, that gives A&M quiet a distinction.

Flattery from the outside, from civilized people, is great but it's even better from a former student who saw the error of his ways and tried to do something worthwhile.

After his freshman year in the Corps, Dan Jordan transferred to the Air Force Academy for "a more professional atmosphere." He reabout a year ago to report, "I still consider Texas A&M to be the best military school in the country. Compared to A&M, he said, the Academy "damned sure doesn't have class spirit.

Two Apollo 17 astronauts were awakened on the moon last year with the strains of the Aggie War Hymn. Eugene A. Cernan and Harrison H. Schmitt had discovered orange dust on the lunar surface earlier that week and flight director Jerry Griffin, class of 1956, made that particular music selection.

"He said that if you could find some maroon dirt today, instead of orange," explained capsule communicator Gordon Fullerton, 'you'd probably get a lot more

cooperation out of him. One of the better definitions of an Aggie was one of those things which mysteriously turned up in a quiz

gie?" and sadly sported no authorship. It read in part as follows:

After the security of childhood and during the insecurity of second childhood, we find a bunch of 'good Joes' whom we call Aggies.

"They can be found anywhere: at drill, on leave, in love and always in debt. Girls love them. Bryan tolerates them, and the state supports them. He dislikes answering letters, wearing his uniform, upperclassmen and the Corps. This guy likes to spend most of his money on girls, some on beer, some goes back into the game, and the rest goes foolishly.

"An Aggie is a magical creature. You can lock him out of your liquor cabinet but not out of your heart; you can get him off your mailing list but not off your mind.

At All University Night early this semester, yell leader Grif Lasley said, "If he's an Aggie, you're behind him. That's what an Aggie is.' And yell leader Mark McLean added, "Deep in the heart of every Aggie is a spirit that can never be

Dr. Jack K. Williams couldn't define A&M that night but said it was "identified by the friendship which pervades this campus." And Coach Emory Bellard defined his Aggies as 'a fightin' bunch of devils.

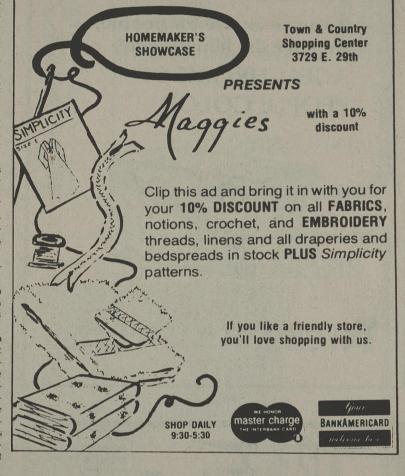
To me an Aggie is the culmination of a parent's greatest hopes or worst fears. He is the guy who walks across campus in the rain to make sure his P.O. box is still empty. But defining "Aggie" is comparable to defining "animal in the zoo" - more comparable than I care to think about. So until Funk & Wagnalls gets the word or until they consider trying to take us seriously, you'd best decide for yourself what an Aggie is.

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### Spiders invading high-rise homes

asking flys to come into their parlor anymore in Chicago. The phrase these days is "step into my skys-

And instead of flies, spiders are

attracting mud-dauber wasps who are building nests on the balconies of expensive lake-front apartments. The webweavers, so small they are blown by the wind, have taken over the windows and ledges of high-rise apartments by the thousands. Pest controllers say they have found nothing to stop them.

We've spent a fortune to get rid of them and there's no way," says

#### Turtle freed after year

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — A tale of a trapped turtle that triumphed emerged from an East Fort Worth construction site Wed-

A builder and his employees freed a small green four-ounce turtle from beneath a 30-pound hunk of concrete under which the terrapin had been trapped for possibly a

Level with the flat underside of the concrete was the underside of a

Employee Eddie Bowen, 17, pried it from the concrete and set it

The turtle stuck out its head, gazed around and began to amble

Some area biologists seem skeptical of the story, but say if its true, it may be a record for a turtle which has lived this long under such condi-

Roland Ceragioli, superintendent of Outer Drive East. "We put a new chemical in the window-wash solution and were charged for a double washing. Three days later they were

back by the hundreds. 'We sprayed the top of the towers. We sprayed the bottom of the towers. In a high-rise everything has to be done off a scaffold and we've spent an estimated \$35,000 a year just to wash those spiders out of

Entomologists have identified the insects as orb weaver spiders, a harmless variety. They say they ride wind currents off Lake Michigan, set up housekeeping on windows, and live until the first frost, eating gnats and laying eggs in crevices. They also are attracting mud dauber wasps who are dirtying up terraces with their mud nests.

Robert de Celles, property manager of Lake Point Tower which has an automated window washing apparatus, says he has returned to window-washers and close-contact sprays to kill the spiders.

"We just finished a scrubout in which two men with steel wool spent four weeks scrubbing spiders and eggs and cobwebs from each of the 11,000 windows in the 70-story building," said de Celles. "We got rid of about 75 per cent of them, but they'll be back.

Darryl Sanders, a Purdue University entomologist whose advice was sought, said: "There's no way to escape from insects except in outer space. They always have learned to adapt to new habitats and maybe having a building 70 stories high has created a new critter entirely.

Surprisingly, say managers, there have not been as many complaints as might be expected from residents whose gaze out on Lake Michigan is blurred by cobwebs on the window panes. But one resident said:

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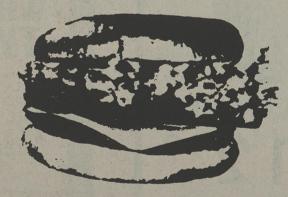
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