

Successes of 1948...

At the beginning of each year The Battalion draws up its own "New Years Resolutions" for improvement of A&M College. When the end of the year draws near, we like to see how many of them were accomplished. Here is a short glance backward on our last years resolutions and the results of each.

Eliminate Railroad Hazards . . .

Traffic hazards along the railroad crossings have been partially remedied. Missouri Pacific has installed red lights on the College Station Crossing. Though considerable discussion has taken place about the Sulphur Springs Crossing and others no definite plans have been made. Even as late as September, trains were clocked at speeds above 35 miles per hour while traveling through the Bryan City Limits. The hopes of a raised-track Union Station has been relegated, it seems, to the distant future.

Air-Condition These Buildings . . .

Again, hot weather has come and gone, and Guion Hall and Cushing Library lack air-conditioning. It has been pointed out that it is mechanically impossible to air-condition Guion Hall within any reasonable amount of expense. And since the Memorial Student Center will be completed within two years, Guion, as a recreational center, will take a back-seat to its new neighbor. The library is still devoid of circulating or cooling media other than attic fans and the isolated fans are for the use of the employees.

Establish A Journalism Department . . .

At the beginning of the current semester a full department of Journalism, with a four year curriculum, was set up. For the first time in its history A&M students may obtain a degree with a major in journalism. While still in its fondling stage, the department is growing rapidly, and has ambitious plans for expansion. Next semester the curriculum is to be broadened further, and reports from the annex and a survey on the campus indicate a substantial pick-up in enrollment. Currently there is a large need over the state for writers in both agricultural and engineering fields. Added to the demands in the classical journalism fields, this gives the Journalism department the promise of being the fastest growing infant in the college.

Improve Athletic Bookings . . .

Prospects for the appearance of an important intersectional opponent on Kyle Field approached reality during 1948. The athletic department following coach Stiteler's policy that the only good win is a win over a strong team, scheduled Villanova on a home and home basis. With the first game of the series behind them, the Maroons and their backers eagerly look forward to the '49 opener at A&M against the Wildcats. The proposed installation of lights on Kyle Field prior to next season will enable the Aggies to continue to bring outstanding elevens to the local gridiron. Enticing indeed will be the situation during the '49 campaign with all four of the Kyle Field opponents having participated in January 1, 1949, bowl games: Villanova (Harbor), Baylor (Dixie), SMU (Cotton), and Texas (Orange). Raising of the standards of A&M athletics can be foreseen from the Fish grid team's exceptional record and the fine prospects for other first-year teams.

Improve Campus Appearance . . .

Reprinted below is one of the Battalion's resolutions for 1948. We earnestly tried to bring about improvements of these conditions, but the situation is just the same as it was 12 months ago. "From the East Gate, the West Gate, or the new North Gate, the A&M campus is an imposing sight. But when visitors, who gasp with awe at the first glimpse, are taken into the center of the campus, they are disillusioned, for the campus leaves much to be desired. "Street signs are not to be found, because there aren't any. Yet A&M is a complex place, with many streets, and it is hard to tell a visitor how to find Junior in Dorn 12, when there is no way of identifying streets. Dormitory designations are also hard to find—mostly hidden behind shrubbery—so that parents have been known to stand outside Milner Hall, wondering where, oh where Milner can be. "On dark nights residents of College View and some other campus areas stagger around in total darkness, or make mad dashes whenever the moon shines through a hole in the clouds. "Roads are full of "chug" holes . . . something will have to be done, or Aggie land will become impassable to all but jeeps." Things haven't changed much, even in a year, have they?

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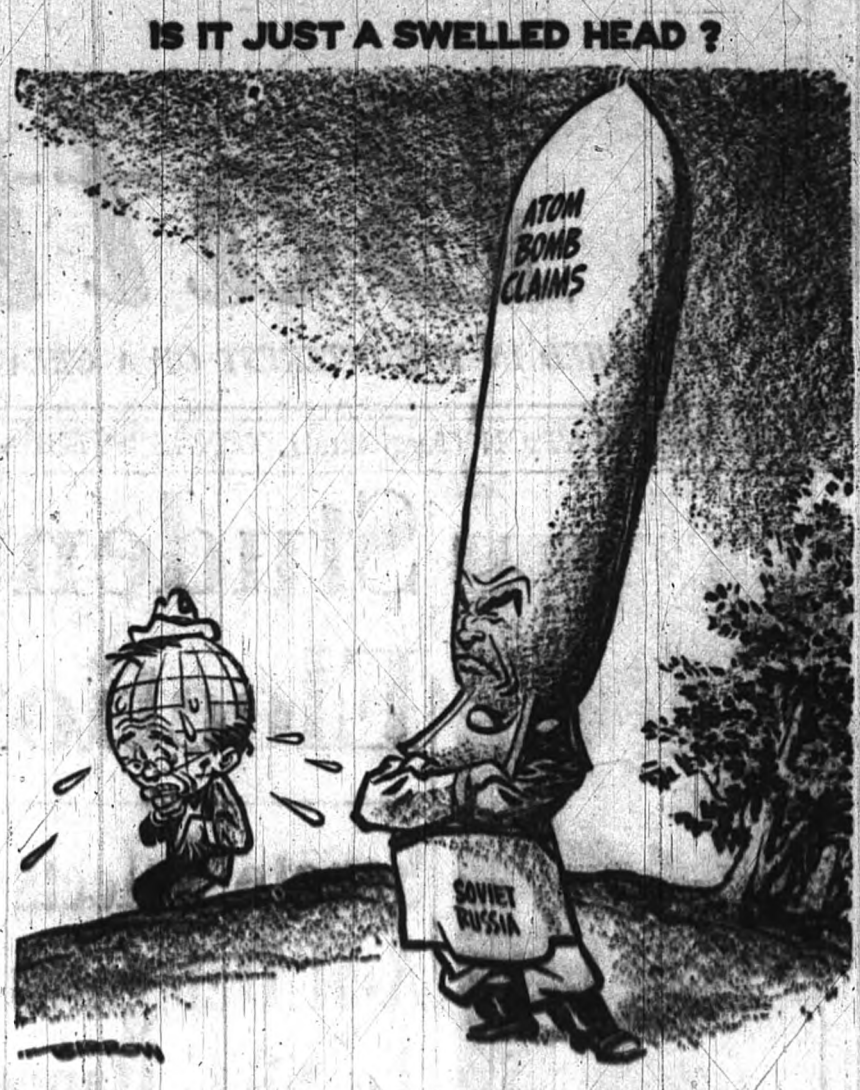
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Letters To The Editor

EMPLOYMENT OR MATRIMONY?
Editor, The Battalion:
Seldom does an occasion require such criticism as has been brought about by the sudden talk of mid-term commencement exercises for students who expect to graduate in January. Even with what promises to be a record-breaking number of graduates, it seems very late to be changing plans that must often be made far in advance of such an event. Strangely enough, a few of the troops intend to go to work immediately after their little hitch is finished and may find it difficult to strut their stuff in the crisp and colorful air of late January. Another factor to be considered is that a considerable number of erstwhile bachelors have admitted to the intention of committing matrimony within a week after their departure for widely scattered parts of the country. Of course, it is realized that a majority of wives, mothers, and relatives would like to see the pompous culmination of a long, arduous grind, but this seems hardly the time for a sudden revival of an issue that was understood to be long-settled. It is generally hoped that the whims of a few will not cause the inconvenience and embarrassment that will prevail if graduation exercises are allowed to become an added burden, instead of the memorable pleasure which they provide in their proper place. Tex Fields, et al

FAIL TO ARBITRATE
Editors, The Battalion:
What an arbitrator The Battalion turns out to be? First two irate Tessies write down here with all sorts of consternation and mental wrath which seems to accuse the innocent and let the guilty go free. The situation seems to shape up in two aspects, either the one or both the Tessies (who wrote letters down here on the eighth) have been jilted by an Aggie and are taking it out on the students in general, or otherwise their accusations must hold some water. But regardless of who, is right and who is wrong, it seems to me that the policy of The Battalion be such that it's position prompt it to correct such situations as have just arisen, by first investigating and then printing. In this case it seems to me it would have been much wiser to let those responsible for such a situation do the apologizing, if they felt one due. For I don't think the Singing Cadets

ABSENT SENATORS
Editors, The Battalion:
In reading the news story in the Friday Battalion by Chuck Maisei, one sentence stands out, "Fourteen senators were absent." Why couldn't The Battalion print the list of absentees at each Student Senate meeting and the area that each represents? By doing this the Student Body would know if their senator was on the job. Would this be possible? Billy Ray Boling
Editors' Note: It is the intention of the editors that the various areas or dorms "not represented" be listed in The Battalion after a Senate Meeting. We did not have this information, or it would have been printed in the story mentioned.)

WENT TO DANTON TO BE BIG SHOTS.
It is unfortunate that someone should send a cartoon depicting the beauties as a bunch of hags. Certainly the relations, which A&M is halfway responsible for maintaining with TSCW, cannot be upheld when everyone concerned does not use discretion. I say lets do everything we can to keep this fine relationship going. R. L. Bynes, '48.

Letters

SORRY
Editors, The Battalion:
There has been a big argument in my dorm about some of the statistics in the SMU-TU game this year. One guy thinks TU made 600 yards rushing in that game. I wonder if it would be too much strain for you to publish those statistics for me?
Tom Carrens
(Editors' Note: Unfortunately, our sports editor says that he doesn't have this information.)

WORD FROM TSCW
Editors, The Battalion:
It seems like we've got a few feathers ruffled around here after all these clippings and remarks from Aggie land today. My copy (given below) will explain it, I suppose. I'm an Aggie lover from way back, and I sure hate to see us come to blows. I hope you'll print it 'cause I think it pretty well expresses most of the Tessies opinions.
"Every Tessie who knows an Aggie got a clipping from the 'Batt' today!
"I think we all agree that Tessie-Aggie relations are pretty well shot but fussing among ourselves is a heck of a way to better the situation.
"Personally, I have not joined the Aggie Man-Haters Association, and I do not want to because I think our Aggie brothers are just about the best fellows in the world.
"Some of these gals have met the wrong Aggie, and some of you have met the wrong Tessie too I am afraid, but can you judge all of us by one or two of the group?
"What say we stop throwing these rash statements at each other? A little respect on both sides of the fence would do wonders toward making our schools

MUSEUM SETS MARK
CANYON, Tex., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Attendance at the Panhandle-Plain historical Museum here has broken all records this year, with 48,433 persons registering so far, Boone McClure, assistant curator, announced. Total registration last year was 44,507.

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Range Specialist Starts News And Research Digest

A monthly digest of news and research on range problems has been initiated by Alfred H. Walker, extension range specialist in the Range and Forestry Department. The monthly "Range Notes," circulated to county agents, agricultural extension service personnel, and interested ranchers, contains latest information on grazing, management, brush control, and range problems, Walker said. It is intended that these bits of information will give county agents and interested people an idea of what is being done toward range improvement within the state, he stated.

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