

Battalion Editorials

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A Postscript to the Swan Songs . . .

Today The Battalion is under new management.

With newly-appointed summer editors taking the reins before the semester even officially ends, a new, greenhorn regime has moved in.

The retiring staffmen for the most part have struck their last keys on Battalion typewriters. They have turned out their last lines as the main cogs in a wheel that kept turning, day after day, for many months.

Now we, the new staff, would like to editorially add a footnote or two to the '30's' signed yesterday by the retiring editors. These men did much to uphold and to improve the standards of both The Battalion and the college.

They sought no great rewards. Their only purpose was to increase their knowledge, provide themselves with a little enjoyment, and lend their efforts to the great amount of work it takes to publish a daily newspaper. Any reward or praise that came their way came unsought.

Each of those men always showed us a high moral sense of right and wrong. If they saw something they believed wrong, they did not hesitate to say just that. On the other hand, when they realized something was praiseworthy, they took advantage of their positions to laud those efforts.

We believe they accomplished something for both themselves and for the perpetuation of A&M as an educational institution. Whether or not you agreed with their editorial views, coverage or articles, they sincerely wrote what they believed.

The Man Who Is Texas A&M College . . .

The history of Frank Cleveland Bolton and Texas A&M College are entwined as probably few other histories of men and schools could ever be. For more than forty years, the quiet, deliberate, gracious teacher has directed, in a progressively greater degree, the paths of the college and its students.

This year marks the end of "Dean" Bolton's full time labors with A&M. And tomorrow evening the staff of the college and its students, present and former, will gather to pay tribute to this man who has meant so much to them all.

The banquet in his honor will last only a few hours. But in that short space of time the men whose lives have been enriched through association with "Dean"

no coercion, no high-pressure salesmanship.

These men gave practically all of their leisure hours that you might receive "The Batt" without fail. They gave plenty of grade-points — "expendable," they called them. They were still working many times when most of us had been long asleep.

In the process of serving as editors for this year, they reaped many headaches, accompanied intermittently by fleeting moments of glory. At times they had battle royals on their hands with you, the readers, although you were much more their constant pride than sorrow. These battles were made to appear infinitesimal by operational problems that only newsmen understand.

Much of their time for the past year was spent in grooming us for the positions we now hold. They patiently and efficiently took us cubs into tow and carried us through the ranks, scolding us, praising us, never losing sight of the prime quality of understanding.

They were skilled in the handling of co-workers, always a touchy problem, and enlarged a thousand-fold on a college newspaper. Tempering criticism with a wonderful sense of humor, they had one word for handling staffmen: tact. This they employed liberally and it produced tangible results.

Be it our fortune to receive a degree from this institution, we would ask only one more favor from the Almighty — that our future employers be as understanding and as worthy as all of our retiring editors.

A Situation Which Needs A Remedy . . .

There is an unfortunate lack of interest or lack of knowledge in the student body as to how A&M's student government operates.

Outside those men who participate in the governing bodies, there is probably only a small percentage of students who realize the large part our student government plays in the operation of the college.

Such a situation calls for a remedy. This remedy, if well applied, could do much to stimulate interest and impart knowledge of student rule.

Such a remedy could be effected easily through the classroom, where a capable professor might explain to the students the purposes, the methods, the limitations,

and the effects of our student government.

Our suggestion is this: that a few-hour instruction period be installed in one of the history government courses, or any other course which all students must take. Nothing can be more self-satisfying in a college than the thought that you, the student, has a voice — and a respected voice — in the operation of student life.

A&M has a rather complicated method of student government, some parts of it good, other parts not so good. We are not attempting to revise in any way the present set-up, but rather fill a gap which lack of information now creates.

The need is evident, the cure is available.

The Battalion

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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Chinese War Undergoes Change

Still the most explosive front of the cold war in Asia, the Chinese Civil War just underwent a serious and basic change.

Without firing a shot the Nationalists withdrew from the Chinese Archipelago, now Shanghai. With the recent loss of Hainan Island off the South China coast, this fortress probably the biggest weapon the Nationalists had against the Chinese Communists.

The struggle was the backbone of the Reds but now it is a mere detail of the Chinese Communist's grand strategy.

handful of old airplanes and naval vessels. Then the Reds got a small air force from Russia, including jet planes.

Chang is withdrawing completely from the China coast to the island of Formosa 100 miles out to sea.

I cannot retreat any more even if I wanted to," said Chang. He thus ended his long policy of trading space for time. There is no more space to trade. The Red has moved to liberate Formosa.

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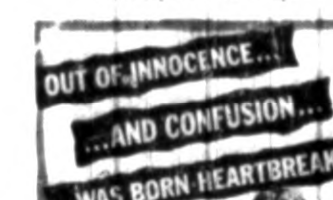


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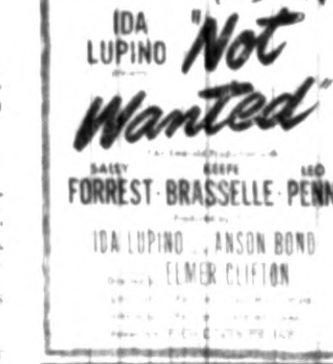
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Letters To The Editor

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THANKS FROM THE JUNIORS

Editor, The Battalion: With this school term rapidly drawing to a close, the Class of 1951 points with pride to its activities of the year. Not only have we had good times and made new friends, but we have been drawn closer together for a common cause—a greater Texas A&M.

However, we cannot take all the credit ourselves. It is the purpose of this letter to extend firm handshakes and sincere "thank you's" to a few of the numerous persons who have assisted us.

Mr. Grady Elms, we would still be trying to straighten out difficulties had it not been for Grady's assistance. If a class can have a Mother, Grady is "she". Mr. J. G. Pennington here is a man who receives little credit for the tremendous effort he puts forth when a class banquet or dance comes along. The success of this

year's Junior Prom hinged more than a little on Mr. Pennington and his staff.

Mr. Halton and the Chemistry Department. The lecture room might last ten years longer had our class meetings not been held there, but they would have been high impossible without its use. Mr. Halton is a man of great patience.

Mr. Luther Moon, we may complain about the Duran food, but you can't beat that meeting with coffee. Mr. Moon made this possible.

Bill Turner and the Aggieband Orchestra, we will still match the Aggieband against any "name" band that's been here. The Aggieband has made itself a name of its own, as far as we're concerned.

The Battalion Staff—you can't top the coverage we've received this year on all of our class functions. A technician thanks to our black and white friend.

The Class of '51 itself—class leadership depends on loyal class followers. I want to thank personally the entire class for making it easy to be a class officer, Committee and other work can be a tough job, yet not once did anyone fail to work when asked. That spirit of cooperation was a big factor in making this year worth remembering.

Others that's a pretty ambiguous word, but I mean every one who had any part whatsoever in making the year a successful one. Doubtless, the class members who have been mentioned, but those "silent partners" deserve the same thanks.

All in all, I wish to thank the class to complete their job which began when they entered A&M to become Aggies and to be damned proud of it after you leave. Next year, I'll be back. (See LETTERS, Page 4.)

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