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THE POLICY OF THE BATTALION

Last year THE BATTALION selected a definite goal and strove throughout the year to attain it. As a result, more students read the editorials than ever before, and cadets who once never glanced at an editorial, now turned to the editorial page first. It is hoped that the students will continue to regard this part of the student publication as an expression of their thought.

This year THE BATTALION will call for a closer unity among the student body and for the abolishment of, or indifference towards any faction or factor that might cause dissention among the cadets. It will plead for a realization of the fact that dear as the old traditions are, many of them must give ground for the good of education and the advancement of the State of Texas. It will urge a closer cooperation and a more complete understanding between the students and the faculty.

THE BATTALION will remember at all times that it represents not the thought of one class, one group, or one faction, but the will of the student body. It will be quick to recognize merit and to give deserved praise. Representing student opinion, it will not hesitate to censure the act of any individual or group of individuals; fortified by the backing of the cadet corps, it will not be backward in making any suggestion to the different classes and organizations or to the faculty if its editors are convinced that the indicated action is for the good of the College.

THE START IS THE BEGINNING

This, the fifty-first year of the A. and M. College, has started off very auspiciously. Everyone feels it has. The first innovation was that of having the seniors and freshmen meet several days before the other classes arrived for a "get acquainted" period; the seniors to get an outline of their new duties and responsibilities, the freshmen to have many helpful suggestions given them by both the College authorities and the seniors. Again, the year before us looks very promising in that we have such a big splendid freshman class to start off right. Everyone was impressed with the fine spirit of President Walton's opening address the other morning. The somewhat overworked word, service, entered often into his words, but we could not help but catch its sincerity and to interpret the spirit in which it was uttered. Every man with whom we are to be so closely and vitally associated with in these next few months, our deans and instructors, seemed to be imbued with a zeal to help and cooperate with every student, with every interrelation within the College, to the end that this may be a more successful year than any that has gone before. Why shouldn't it be? We always expect progress in any continuous undertaking, but let us all strive to make this year one of outstanding progress.

These professors and instructors who are to work with us, lead us, ask only one thing. They ask that we each do our very best at all times, and that means that we apply ourselves in a fair way to our studies and keep our eyes and ears open; that we try to understand and help our instructors to the extent that they will first be actually better able to help us, and in addition, be gratefully and enthusiastically glad to help us.

The freshmen have been told to do so many things that their minds are in a whirl. Never worry, all is not learned in a day, and the "fish" will soon find that they have much to learn. The enthusiasm of a freshman direct from high school is a wonderful thing. Every man here who has started this year on his first year of college is to be truthfully complimented for his aspirations and his hopes to reach above the ordinary man in his education and consequently in his ability to raise himself along in life; and again, that he may be better fitted through his higher order of training to serve his fellowmen.

The A. and M. College has for a long time had a rather general reputation as being a roughneck school. Many parents, the same ones who so hopefully sent you freshmen off but a few days ago, have some hesitancy in

sending their sons to A. and M. for fear that the social and moral influences will be damaging. The influences may be good, they may be bad, it all depends upon the individual man himself. President Walton in his late words of hopefulness and encouragement to the freshmen recommended that they line themselves up in the church organization which was their preference at home. Never be ashamed of your church affiliation because you think that it would make you unpopular at A. and M.; that is a mistaken idea. Not only freshmen, but men of any class will find that affiliation with one of the local churches will be a thing of immeasurable help to you. Every college man wishes to broaden along all lines; he will find the time spent in developing clear ideas with regard to things of religion time better spent than that used in many other possible pursuits at A. and M.

You may make your college life what you will, you will get out of college what you put into it in earnest effort.

FRESHMAN WEEK

It is hoped that the Freshmen have enjoyed their first week in Aggieland which was for the first time set aside for them this year. Every year the College is doing more to make the Freshman more contented, but not until this year had such a complete program been prepared to make our first year students realize that they were not returning to high school, but that they were entering college where a period of greater personal responsibility awaits them.

This year they were given the chance to spend an entire week on the campus getting accustomed to the ways of college life, and adjusting themselves to the facilities of the College before they were asked to plunge head-first into their studies without first being given the chance to ask themselves the question: "Why am I here?"

Many interesting lectures were prepared to entertain them and at the same time furnish valuable information which would enable them to begin their work here under the most favorable conditions. We have senior week which comes the last week of the session, but is it not equally as essential that we have freshman week to start us off right? We should have all come here to get the most possible good out of our four years here, and that could not be done unless we first become acquainted with the ways of the College, then we can more easily take advantage of the opportunities offered here.

Freshman week has been a great success in that it has started the largest and most contented freshman class in the history of the College working earnestly.

THE PROBLEM OF THE JUNIOR-FISH

With A. and M.'s famous "Fish Banquets" a thing of the past, with hazing passed into history, and with "airing-outs" only a memory, there are many problems of reconstruction to be considered. Prominent among these is the solution of the status of the junior-fish. While the problem has been under intermittent discussion for some time, it has been brought into the limelight by the appointment of some forty junior-fish from John Tarleton as sergeants in the cadet corps here.

It is obviously detrimental to military discipline for a corporal to assume a superior position over a sergeant; likewise it would be a manifest injustice for a cadet to treat a fellow-student as a "fish" without himself having served an apprenticeship as a freshman under the same conditions. Some "happy medium" must be found, and THE BATTALION invites student opinion on the subject.

REPRESENTATIVE PRAISES A. & M. ORGANIZATION

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"Hazing is generally recognized as disturbing, unnecessary and distasteful to the best interests of the school and I am glad to tell the people of Texas, that during the past eighteen months, not a single complaint of any nature has reached me. That is wonderful cooperation.

"The eyes of Texas are upon you, and we point to your achievements with pride. On all sides we hear nothing but praise for the A. and M. College, and if my only son was old enough, I would be proud to see him enter your College. You have turned out some very fine men. They are proving to the people of Texas the merits and worth of the A. and M. College course. The success of these students all over Texas naturally reflects to the glory of the A. and M. as well as to themselves. The real manhood of Texas, the sons of blueblooded ancestors, are receiving training courses and going out into the world better equipped and better qualified to become useful citizens, and of much real value to their community and to their state. Again I say, we are proud of the A. and M. College."

Truly and sincerely,
J. Herechel Boggs,
Representative 91st District.

SENIOR D. H. JUDGING TEAM IS SELECTED

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ing to Chicago for final practice in preparation for the national meet. The men will enter the National Dairy Judging Contest at Detroit, Michigan, on the sixth of October, and will return to Texas as soon as the contest is over in order to be in Dallas in time for the A. and M.-Sewanee football game, a fitting climax to such an enviable trip. The results of the contest will be available on October the ninth.

The D. H. teams representing A. and M. in previous contests have always won a lion's share of the honors, and those who are in a position to know say that Coach Darnell's boys will more than keep up our reputation.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS NOW UNDER WAY

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basement will be two offices, two private and one servant dining rooms.

The new Test Barn of the Dairy Department will cost approximately \$12,000. It will be completely modern in every respect. On account of the shortage of labor, the date of completion is uncertain.