

EDITORIAL

UPPERCLASS INCOMPATIBILITY

It is quite evident that the theme of this Freshman Battalion is entirely different from the context of its predecessors, so, in order to maintain this broadminded view, we will not burden our readers with the "gripes" that are already too familiar to all of us. However, we should like to give vent to our opinion on just one topic, the incompatibility of the upperclassmen among themselves.

Why shouldn't the upperclassmen continue to practice the courtesies that they were supposed to have learned as freshmen? Is it beneath an upperclassman's dignity to speak pleasantly to his fellow classmates? We, as freshmen, believe that the upperclassmen should display more of the true Aggie spirit and doff the "high hat." We hope that during the remaining years of our college careers that we will be able to create a feeling of comradeship and congeniality with one another, thus destroying the barrage of class distinction that is now prevalent among the upper classes.

EXPERIENCE VS POPULARITY

Though we have learned nothing else in editing The Battalion this month, we have learned that one qualification should be required of every student editor and business manager—experience.

If we, despite our classification as freshmen, may be allowed to pass on a little advice to other members of the student body, we want to say that it will be to the best interests of the student publications at A & M if the coming elections place men with experience in the responsible positions on the publications.

And we do not believe that work with high school publications can be classified as experience. Each publication has its own particular characteristics, requiring knowledge in that field, and only those students who have had experience on student publications at A & M are equipped in this manner.

Often the popularity of candidates influences student elections more than other qualifications for the offices. Our own meager experience as editors of this magazine has proved to use that beyond all doubt this qualification is not enough.

EPILOGUE

Our task is almost completed—even as these words are written a major portion of this edition of The Battalion is on the press and, with the exception of this bit, is in type.

To say that we have enjoyed our work immensely would not be altogether true, but to say that we have disliked it would be just as false. There have been moments of pleasure—and moments of displeasure; there have been times when we were confident and times when we wondered where the next words were coming from.

But that is all past now and we wish to express our appreciation to those who have aided us, either as contributors or advisors.

We now offer you the fruit of our labor and we hope it pleases you; if it does, we are happy; if it doesn't, we are sorry—for you.

But, nevertheless, it is done and we are through—praise be to Allah.