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THE FOURTH ESTATE

This is a plea for our own calling.

It is the policy of student publications to offer complete coverage, but obviously this is difficult with a limited number of contributors. It is likewise their policy to be fair to everyone, but a dozen students cannot possibly see everything, even one side of all things and much less both sides.

—Tulane Hullabaloo.

The past two years have seen the greatest strides toward improvement ever taken in A & M journalism fields. First, The Texas Aggie Countryman was founded in December 1929, and was followed shortly by the organization of The Technoscope. The first is a publication devoted to the interests of agriculture, while the second is a magazine specializing in the field of engineering journalism.

Then last fall The Battalion began printing every fourth edition in magazine form. The newspaper editions were improved also, better type and a bigger size page being used in addition to much closer editing of copy.

Recently the publications board system has been introduced. A full time business manager has been employed and even now is making plans for the operation of the four student publications next year.

Despite these rapid advances, however, there still is a dearth of interest among the student body in the student publications. All four of them, The Longhorn, The Battalion, The Texas Aggie Countryman, and The Technoscope, have elected their editors for next year, and these men even now are engaged in the work of completing their staffs for next year.

Interesting and responsible positions on the staffs of any one of these publications are awaiting those who merely will take enough interest to investigate.

A REAL IMPROVEMENT

Probably the most advanced plan that has been given towards improving the educational system and the scholastic rating of our college was made recently by the faculty when they proposed and apparently gave favorably discussion to, but did not pass on the plan of making monetary assessments for each unsatisfactory hour taken by the student in his course of study.

To some this may seem an unjust rule, probably because they have not taken proper interest in a course and failed or that they feel the instructor partially responsible. But it should be kept in mind that all college courses are so outlined and presented that any person of average mentality can pass any of the subjects offered, provided he apply himself, and that anyone of lower than average mentality should not, in the first place, attempt to obtain a college degree. This is the basis of our educational system, and acts similar to the proposed fee system exert a decided force in the carrying out of this fundamental educational foundation.

It has been indicated that a higher failure percentage results at A & M than in a large percent of American colleges and universities. This is not necessarily due to more difficult courses, nor is it reflective on the aptitude of the students, but it is indicative of the indifferentness of the students toward scholastic attainments.

It is to be hoped that the plan proposed and any other so excellent a plan will be passed on favorably by the faculty and carried out to the fullest extent of their resources.

Fix-McCord Compete For Golf Singles Crown

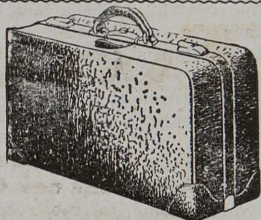
George J. Fix of Dallas and J. W. McCord, a Port Arthur product, both of whom are members of Battery D Artillery have won the right to compete in the final round of the intramural golf tournament for the college singles crown, from a field of seven candidates chosen from the semifinalists in the doubles competition.

Although eight men were designated to enter the singles tournament, G. R. Zachary of Company A Engineers, winners of the doubles playoff has since that time became a

NO MAGAZINE THIS MONTH!

In an effort to close the year without any outstanding indebtedness it has been found advisable to omit the publication of a magazine this month in order to meet the payments of past accounts incurred in the publishing of feature issues. Contrary to expectations, there has not been a magazine this year that has individually paid for itself, but through the surplus revenue from advertising in other editions, the finances of The Battalion have been favorable for the publication of the humor edition. But due to recent let down in the advertising and to the enormous cost of the last feature edition, it was found that the financial standing of the paper would hardly warrant another magazine issue.

Dr. Henry Crane and Bishop William F. McDowell were the speakers at special religious services held last week on the campus of the University of Maryland.



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member of the varsity golf team and was therefore ineligible to compete for the individual title.

Members of the teams entering the semi-finals in the double competition and those participating in the singles playoff are W. H. Beard and G. R.

Zachary, Company A Engineers; George J. Fix and J. W. McCord, Battery D Artillery; H. C. Ericson and V. G. Davis, Troop B Cavalry; and J. P. Christian and J. Lair, Troop C Cavalry.

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