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## The First Issue

This issue, the first to be published by the 34-35 staff, is dedicated in all sincerity to the out-going editorial board; thus, in order that the reader may see once more the names of those who have made the Battalion a success this year, we have printed them again, above, just as they have been for the last nine months. To those seniors, named here, should go the credit for the editing of the most well-received paper in years.

To those who are interested, the new staff makes this announcement: next year's Battalion will have no dyed-in-the-wool policy, and will do no crusading—except when occasion demands. The staff is cosmopolitan, and partisanship will find no berth on these pages. If this sheet can mirror student opinion, and aid student thought, and, at the same time, conform to all rules of decency, etiquette, and common sense, the editors will need no other compensation.

Realizing that the making of mistakes is a fundamental delinquency of human nature, we ask the patience of our subscribers. We are bound to err many times. But, any deviation from the true course of judgement will result only—we beg you to believe—from faulty logic, and not from partiality.

The practice of printing contributed student editorials will continue, so long as those submitted are worthy and constructive. All criticisms and suggestions will not only be welcome, but desired. We beg the help of any interested party.

## Why Freshmen Fail

Although it is a startling fact, about one-half of all freshmen in state universities and colleges fail in one or more subjects. This may be attributed to two things. The first is lack of application on the part of the student; the other is faulty high school preparation.

If the student takes advantage of the opportunities offered him by a college course, applying himself diligently and consistently to his work, failure to accomplish the desired end can be traced to another source. In the majority of cases, improper and inadequate high school training is responsible for such disappointing results. The manner in which the ordinary high school curricula are administered is, in many instances, absolutely deplorable. In following the specified course of study, the student acquires a superficial knowledge of a few subjects and a thorough knowledge of none. The notion that college is a prolongation of the secondary school is a scatter-brained idea. Actually, there is a great abyss separating the two which many would-be college students can not conquer. High school courses are taught with no thought of their relationship to college courses. When college students can not perform the fundamental operations of arithmetic and have no conception of the principles involving the use of negative quantities in algebra, no further evidence need be produced to demonstrate the inferiority of the work done and accepted by these schools.

Despite the fact that the student may have received poor secondary schooling, he still has his own initiative on which to rely. Willingness to work is an invaluable asset and an absolute necessity if one is to reach the pinnacle of success. Without this, super-intelligence can make little headway. Doggedness often accomplishes the seemingly impossible.

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We all know that the best method of advertising this expansion is the old word-of-mouth way. That is, advertisement by actually getting out among people and talking the product up. The product in this case is an education at A and M College, and should be about the easiest thing to sell. The Aggies have a reputation which has already made A and M acquainted with many boys who are prospective students. The only thing lacking is that final punch, the experienced advising the undecided. Is it too much to ask an A and M cadet to talk up his college? If modern A and M is anything like the "old regime," we think not.

On behalf of the general welfare of A and M and its every student we are asking that every Aggie endeavor to bring as many new students "into the fold" as possible. An increased enrollment means a better school, engineering, agriculture, or what have you. And a better school means a still larger enrollment. It's a kind of a circle.

But to get the thing revolving we have to put forth a little honest effort; not enough to hurt anybody. And after all, the general status of the college as a college will effect you directly. It will reflect upon you in your job-hunting and reputation as a scholar. That A and M develop and improve at a constant rate is important to each of you. At the same time, you practically hold its fate in your hands. Is there any wonder why we ask you to talk the ol'place up and get us larger classes?

## PROGRAM FOR COMMENCEMENT

### FRIDAY

- 10:30 a. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon. Samuel L. Joekel, D. D., Professor of Bible and Religious Education, Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, Texas.
- 1—4 p. m.—All Departments open for inspection.
- 4:15 p. m.—Formal Presentation of Reserve Commissions. Major General John A. Hulen, Commander of the 36th Texas National Guards.
- 6:15 p. m.—Commencement Processional.
- 6:30 p. m.—Commencement Exercises.  
Address—Honorable F. M. Law, President of the American Bankers Association, Houston, Texas.  
Valedictory—W. W. Holmes, Cadet Captain, Shamrock, Texas.  
Conferring of Degrees—Hon. F. M. Law, President of the Board of Directors of the College.
- 8:30 p. m.—President and Mrs. Walton at home informally to members of the Senior Class and their guests, and members of the faculty and their families.
- 10:00 p. m.—Final Ball.

### SATURDAY

- 9:00 a. m.—Graduating Review.

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## CALVERT ELECTED TO HEAD AGGIE FENCING TEAM

M. G. Calvert, Eagle Lake, was elected captain of the fencing team at a banquet held in honor of team members in the Mess Hall Saturday evening, May 26. Calvert succeeds Charles Van de Putte to the captaincy of this organization, under whose leadership this sport has received its first real foothold on the A and M campus. Van de Putte, as outgoing captain, was presented with a sweater by his fellow team mates.

Short talks were made by Coach C. C. Palmer, Lieutenant M. H. Marcus, team sponsor, and Captain Van de Putte. Plans were discussed, and tentative arrangements were made for fencing teams of the state to meet early next fall at College Station or some other town in this section of the state for the purpose of organizing into an association and promoting the interest of fencing among other schools and amateur organizations. If these plans mature a schedule will be drawn up among teams at the meeting for matches to be played among themselves during the year.

While this was the first year that any active work has been done in fencing, a large amount of interest was shown by those who followed the sport this year, and it is hoped that this interest can be greatly increased during the next seasons. There were about twelve men who worked out regularly with the team this year and a much larger number is expected to answer the first call next season for instruction and practice.

In the final match of the year the Aggie team was defeated by the fencers of the Fort Worth Y M C A by a score of 5-0, in a match which was much closer than the score might lead one to believe. All of the matches were with foils.

Summary:  
A and M Fort Worth  
Van de Putte 4 Griffin 5  
Parker 4 Spaug 5  
Pier 2 M. Ellis 5  
Hunter 4 Chiles 5  
Calvert 3 G. Ellis 5  
Scorekeeper: Lieut. M. H. Marcus  
Referee: C. C. Palmer

NEW YORK, May 25.—Ignoring the protests of a group of students who went to the City Hall to voice their opposition, the administrative committee of Hunter College this week announced its recommendation that Acting Dean Hannah M. Egan, who has been charged with being "too moral," be given a permanent appointment.

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To you grads, we wish you every success, and to you Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores, we wish for you a pleasant vacation, and anticipate with pleasure having you back 'around these parts' next fall.

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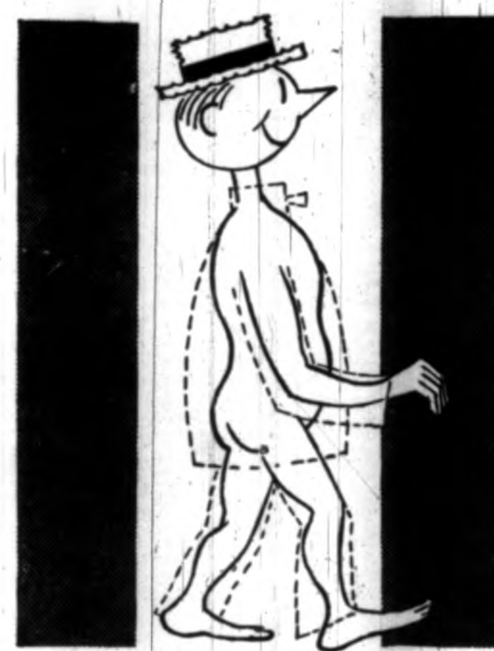
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