

# The Battalion

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## To Battalion Readers . . .

Criticism of the Battalion's policies in regard to news, editorials, and advertising space has been widespread. Much of it is justified. There are demands that we cover the news more fully, cut down the space devoted to advertising, increase the size of our sheet, and bear down on our proofreading.

We are not evading the issue. There is plenty of room for improvement. And we intend to improve the Battalion's appearance and content so as to conform as well as possible to the needs of a large student body and a growing community.

Tabloid size has prevented us from achieving desired news coverage. We have hopes of adding an insert sheet soon, but so far, post-war restrictions on paper have prevented this. Our editorial and reportorial staff is now organizing for the hurry-up pace.

In future issues of the Battalion, general interest articles about campus and community will be found on the front page. Editorials, Backwash columns and features articles will be found on the second page. Sports will dominate the third page, and the back page will be devoted to notices, club news, and classified advertising.

We feel our responsibility to the student body and the community very keenly. We will try our best to fulfill our obligations to our readers.

# BACKWASH

Backwash: "An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence."—Webster.

By Warren Rice

As eight o'clock classes pulled Aggies out of bed Monday morning, few had spent the weekend on the campus. The lure of faraway places was apparently strong. Most of them came back looking like Ray Milland in "The Lost Weekend". One senior, returning in the wee hours from Tesseland must have been smoking too much, because as he was put to bed, he smiled, "Ahh! So round, so firm, so fully packed!"

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In some years College Station has a season called winter. Then the fountain in Prexy's Triangle is frozen and even the bulls wear ear muffs. But on other years, such as this one, it just rains. Either drops as big as billiard balls at ten, two, and four, or a saturating mist during all twenty-four hours. These are the years that try men's souls.

The wet years have only one compensation. The spring following the monsoon months is such a relief! The Batt usually runs a little pome on the first sunny day of each spring:

Spring is sprung  
The grass is riz,  
I wonder where  
The flowers is.  
The next day it hails.

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Currently, the foremost bleed heard on the campus is about the cafeteria in Sbis Hall. And about the plans for installing a similar chow line in Duncan Hall for non-

military students. Non-regs say it costs them about a buck and a half each day for very little food and takes more time than regular mess hall style meals. They would like to see the cafeteria continued for the benefit of married couples only, and a return to mess tables, more food and lower charges for single exservicemen.

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A navy ex comes up with a line about the tattooing expert who

phoned his wife one afternoon—"I'll be home late tonite dear. I have two more battleships and a blond to make."

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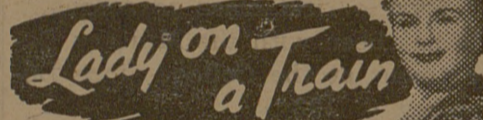
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