

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Rugged Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Tradition

The Battalion Starts A New Year . . .

The Battalion editors in the past have established at the beginning of each year the policy they plan to adhere to during their term of office. We believe that it is a good practice, and in accordance with it we set forth in this column the policy which we will follow during this school year.

The Battalion plans to continue to give full news coverage to both the College and the city of College Station. In addition, in an effort to further good relations between A&M and its sister school, TSCW, a column devoted to news concerning that school will be carried.

As in the past, the paper will not endorse any political candidates for either national, state, local or campus offices.

We will continue to encourage, both editorially and through our other columns, further improvement of the physical plant of A&M. Street improvement, adequate crossing warning signals, better landscaping and development of new buildings and improvement of existing buildings will be supported. The Battalion will also give its full support to all plans to improve the quality of instruction at A&M.

We will endeavor, at the same time, to help secure a larger number of students for A&M, by promoting among high school students of Texas a realization of the advantages of attending this College.

The Batt feels that conditions exist-

ing at the Annex are not entirely favorable for study and feels that freshman students should be returned to the Campus when adequate housing and classroom facilities are available.

Until the time the Freshman Class can be brought to the campus, the Battalion will strive to bring about a closer relationship between the students at the Annex and those at the College. In an effort to do this, the Battalion will carry a page each week in the regular paper devoted to Annex activities. It will be written and edited by Freshmen.

We will encourage an increase of student participation in the governing of their own affairs, since we believe that those matters affecting student activities can best be governed by the students themselves.

The editors welcome all suggestions and criticisms from the readers of the Battalion. The Letters to the Editor Column will always be open for readers to express their opinion and the editors will be available at all times for constructive criticism or comment.

We will endeavor to give fair and impartial treatment to any subject which might arise during the school year.

All editorial opinions will reflect the opinion of the editors only. We assume full responsibility for all material published in the Battalion unless such material is otherwise labeled.

Sardines or Humans . . .

Tonight there are 825 students who are living three to a room. This means that there are 275 rooms which house three people.

Crowded conditions are not conducive to studying, and the person who has to study under such conditions is not being given an opportunity to do his best.

These 825 students who are having to live three to a room are being cheated out of something which is rightfully theirs, namely the right to study in the proper atmosphere.

College authorities are working on the

situation at the present time and some solution will probably be reached shortly.

In the meantime however, these people in the crowded rooms will be working under a disadvantage.

Every effort should be made to straighten out the housing situation as soon as possible so as to give these students an opportunity to study as they wish.

We hope that this situation will be thoroughly investigated and that no reasonable means will be spared to adequately house those students who now live three to a room.

No Rumors If You Please . . .

Rumors are flying! Only yesterday people were saying that all the June ROTC graduates were being called to active duty.

After checking on this rumor it was found that the Public Information Division of the Army had released a memorandum saying that all June ROTC graduates with less than 90 days of continuous active service would be called; not all the graduates.

Rumors like this worry, confuse, and irritate people.

The only treatment for this malady is to ignore rumors and rumor mongers.

The next time you hear a rumor monger in action, just remember that he is using his sole means of attracting attention to himself. His moment of fame is brief.

Unfortunately not all the rumor mongers on this campus are students. Many

of the most malicious spreaders of untrue tidings are members of the staff who want their brief fling at glory.

They are people who should know better but who fail to properly discharge their responsibilities to the student. Consequently the student is often hurt or made a rumor monger himself, because he has faith in this person who spreads falsehoods.

The Battalion advises that you ignore those people who have been known to deal in half truths. Adopt a healthy skepticism and believe little that you hear and only a small portion of that which you see.

The Battalion further recommends that all rumor mongers buy themselves a portable wire recorder so that they may hear the sweet sound of their own voices and refrain from spreading their tale of sorrow over the campus.

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Amplification Department

By CARROLL TRAIL

Dear Sir: I am a second semester freshman engineering student, having

4 Members Added To Biology Staff

Dr. Lynn L. Gee has been named professor of bacteriology at A&M according to Dr. C. C. Doak, head of the Biology Department.

Dr. Gee comes to A&M from Purdue University, Indiana, where he was associated with the Agricultural Experiment Station.

Dr. John Merkle, from Oregon State College, has been named associate professor of botany and will teach at the Annex.

Lawrence S. Dillon and Richard B. Rypma have been named instructors in zoology and general biology respectively at the Annex.

started down here last January. I didn't go to summer school, as I had a job campaigning for Lyndon Johnson. I was the man he looked in the eye and told where he stood.

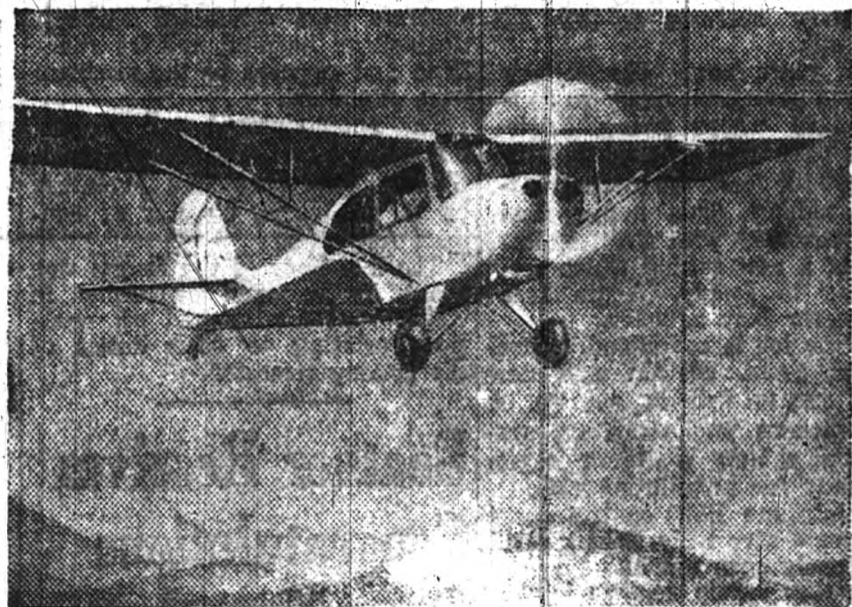
Like all other returning students, I was supposed to register last Saturday, but I was detained until late Saturday afternoon. I was busy hiding the votes in Jim Wells County.

Naturally, I had to register late. Now I realize that this makes trouble for the faculty and administration, especially the registrar. But I paid the assessed fine, and they signed me up.

It seems that most of the sections were already filled and things were slightly mixed up. All I could get was English 101, a three hour course.

What I want to know, am I a "regular" student, and will I enjoy the privileges as such?

Sincerely, J. M.
Answer: I know this will come as a shock to you, J. M., but I am afraid that you do not have suffi-



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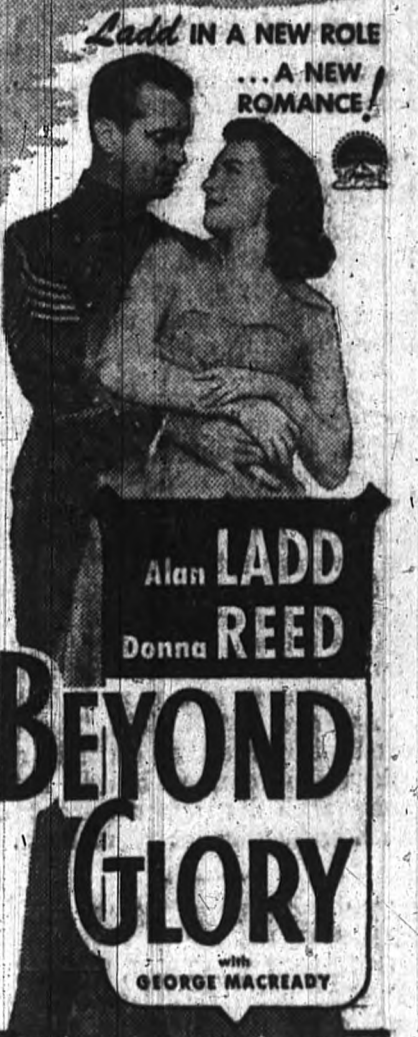
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