

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

In 1949, Let us...

Establish Governing Board for Center . . .

While construction of the Memorial Student Center continues through 1949 there should be established a governing board for the Center to work out policies and problems that may arise prior to the opening.

The opening of the doors to begin operation should not be a signal to start planning and instituting a governing board for the million dollar Student Center.

Government, if it is to function effectively, must be the result of long and careful planning and earnest cooperation.

The governing board of the Memorial Student Center should be composed of students, former students, and faculty. All these groups are vitally concerned, and it would be only fair to include them on the governing board.

We feel that appointment of this governing board should not be delayed any longer.

Scour the Country for Fish Footballers

During 1949 we would like to see a new twist about Southwest Conference scouting. Reports in the past told of how "Bully" Gilstrap of Texas went to a "prospects" home and volunteered to do a few of the chores (in order to impress the boy's folks) only to find "Dog" Dawson of A&M already in the barn milking the family's cow.

In 1949 we want to hear that "Dog" carries an electric milker with him and after he attaches it to the family cow, so he can be free to do numerous other tasks.

Seriously, we feel that the campaign to interest fine athletes in A&M was very successful in 1948.

But the only way in which we can continue to progress athletically is to keep bringing the best players to A&M year after year.

We resolve to give our complete cooperation in 1949 to the athletic department and alumni in their efforts to attract the best athletes to Aggieland.

Have Larger Batts and More Magazines . . .

When The Battalion began publishing five issues a week in 1947, it was thought that four full size pages would be adequate to provide full news coverage for A&M and College Station.

Increased advertising demands brought on by daily publication and the addition of a woman's page and a freshman page have made it necessary to publish six page editions twice weekly during the past semester.

Now that a department of journalism has been established, it should be possible to publish a six page Batt daily which would better serve the interests of a greater A&M. Previously, the four issues per year released by The Commentator, The Engineer and The Agriculturist have not been able to cover their fields of interest adequately.

The special interests which are covered by these magazines could be more completely served by the publication of eight issues a year. In the past many good stories have been thrown out because of lack of space.

More complete coverage of all campus activities could be given with eight issues of each of the four magazines and a six page daily Battalion.

Recognize and Reward the Band . . .

A 1948 Battalion statement that the A&M Band won a half-time show "155 to 0" was only a gesture to show how Aggies feel about our crack marching band. No one could accurately appreciate the band's fine exhibitions at football games, parades, and other functions without actually seeing it perform.

We suggest that A&M show her gratitude to our "best publicity agent"—the band—by sending the bandmen on several trips in 1949. Our primary idea is for the Aggie Band to go to Baton Rouge this fall to perform. We would like to see some of the College's share of coke machine profits (from coke machines in classrooms on the campus) be used to pay the expenses for such a trip.

The formation of a "concert band," composed of men from the marching band, would enable A&M to send this smaller group to functions which in the past were impracticable for the larger unit. Perhaps the Maroon and White Bands (or such smaller units) could alternate attending out of town events.

May 1949 find the College and band supervisors work out plans to extend the publicity value of the A&M Band and at the same time reward its members.

Get Building Program Underway . . .

In 1949 A&M will receive the fruits of a carefully thought out building program if the execution of plans already developed is pushed vigorously.

A fund of \$5,000 is available for the construction of a rodeo and live stock arena. Bids have been asked for the building of a band shell at the Grove.

Former students have voted the larger part of the funds for the laying out of a college golf course. Construction is going forward on the Student Center.

If the antiquated and inadequate Kyle Field press box is renovated and enlarged, and existing plans are carried through, the college construction program will begin a successful year.

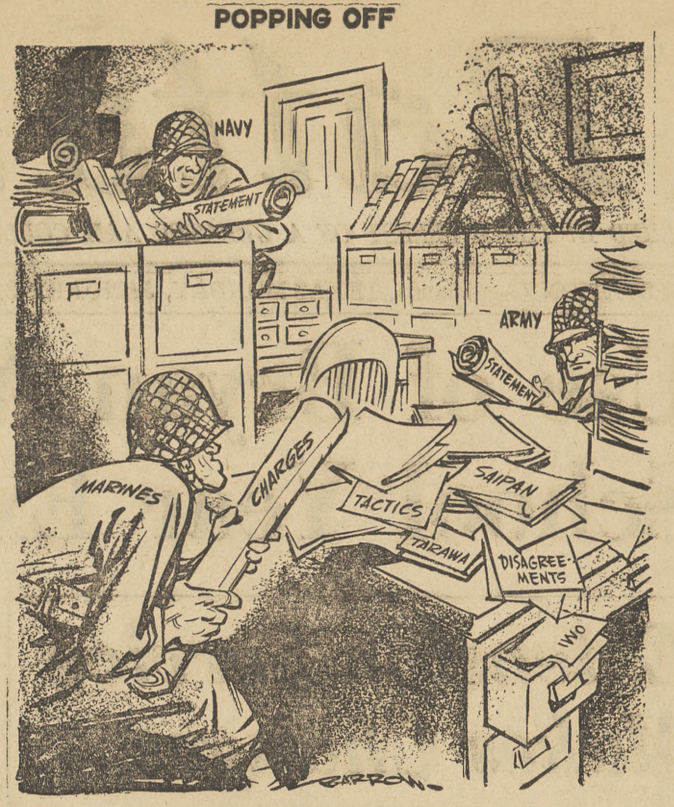
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Letters To The Editor

MORE CAMPUS SECURITY Editor, The Battalion:

I've had my fill I'm plenty mad—not politely angry—but cussin' mad—and if all the vile words and thoughts I'm thinking inside would tumble outside, they'd roll right up to the Fred Hickman regime and give them a foul kick in the britches.

The first time I had any truck with these ticket-happy jokers was when I came out from the administration office to my car, which was parked across from the building on Bizzell Street—in line with about fifteen other automobiles. There he stood, with his shoe on my bumper, writing a ticket. For what, I asked simply? Parking on the wrong side of the street. How about the other cars? They already had tickets.

This incident occurred before the No Parking Signs were stenciled in on the curbs, and there wasn't a trace of one at that time. There was no notice in the Batt about it. They had just decided to make a little extra money—guess. He took my ticket back. However, if I hadn't caught him it would have gone into the office and been a mark against my husband.

But this morning was the crowning blow. I was going to the Library for a short time, so I parked the car on a street by the side of the building. There was a KK standing on the corner, speaking distance away from me when I got out of the car. I looked at him rather quizzically, as I learned from my previous experience that evidently writing tickets is their chief form of amusement and only means of exercise. He watched me park, watched me get out of the car, smiled sort of—well, the way they smile, and mumbled away a word, I told my friend that I would not be surprised if he gave me a ticket while I was in the library.

Five minutes later, I came out of the building, and there he stood! That very same individual bending over my bumper writing a ticket. Words cannot describe my feelings at this particular moment. I charged over to him and said simply, "Why?" Why, didn't he tell me before I got out of the car, went into the building and came out, before writing a ticket. Well, he said, you're not supposed to park in the street.

I pointed out my employees license to him and reminded him

that I was supposed to park in the street when I went somewhere for a few minutes. He thought that I worked at the library and should have parked on the lot. HE THOUGHT! It was a perfectly legal place in which to park—but HE THOUGHT that I wasn't supposed to be there.

He didn't know I was only going to be in there for a few minutes—yet again, he had a perfect opportunity, without straining his vocal chords to ask me, before I got out of the car. He politely informed me that I should have told him that I would only be gone a short time. I should TELL HIM, when I had a legal right to park there. So if I hadn't come out and practically snatched the ticket out of his hand, it would have gone into the Campus Security Office—been another mark against my husband, who is only trying to graduate.

Wassa matter with that organization? I'm thinking it's going to, and hasn't far to go. Do you line your boys up, Father Hickman, and promise them an extra lollipop if they write so many tickets—or do you promise them a cut on the profits that come in. If their salaries can't be managed by the authorized means, why not bump a few of them off the payroll and increase the others salaries, instead of my having to buy their Christmas presents. I've got my OWN presents to buy— (Name Withheld by Request)

Think of This

"I will make you to become fishers of men." Mark 1:17.

John was having a hard time prevailing upon Bill, his guest, to go fishing with him. Bill had done very little fishing, and thus had never come to like the sport. Finally he gave in and went after-noon. Shortly after reaching the river, Bill caught a nice fish. During the evening, he repeated this process several times. Later in the afternoon, Bill found it hard to leave for home. He had been bitten—he had become a fisherman. Notice the word "become" in the Lord's call, indicating that soul-winning does not come without trying. Only the Lord can make fishers of men for he said, "I will make you to become fishers of men."

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FARM JOURNAL CALLED HIM THE "BURBANK OF THE WHEAT FIELD."

HIS RESEARCH HAS INCREASED THE EARNINGS OF AMERICAN FARMERS BY MILLIONS!

Edgar S. McFadden, agronomist for the United States Department of Agriculture, stationed at the A. and M. College of Texas since 1935, is credited with having done more than any other living man to feed this hungry world. Breeder of the first rust-resistant bread wheat, named "Hope," he has made it possible to grow wheat on millions of acres throughout the world where it could not be successfully grown before. His discovery is authoritatively credited with having saved American farmers \$400,000,000 a year during the past war and with having furnished bread for 25,000,000 people who would have died of starvation. His "Austin" wheat now grows on more than a million Texas acres and his new "Seabreeze" variety is spreading throughout the Gulf Coast area rapidly.

Failure Faces College Man Lacking Seven Basic Traits

CHICAGO (AP)—Why does the college trained man frequently fail at his first job?

The answer—He is still a child in one way or another, because he lacks one or more of seven basic traits.

That is the answer given by Dr. Robert N. McMurry based on a survey by his management firm which studied 1,167 trainees directly hired from college by 247 companies.

Seven Basic Traits

- 1. The ability to stay long enough with a company to repay the investment in training.
- 2. The ability to accept responsibility.
- 3. Perseverance, or the ability to "follow a path to the end", even if the path is unfamiliar.
- 4. Self-reliance.
- 5. The quality of being agreeable to different groups and different persons.

Stock Show At Fort Worth Adds 7 'Firsts'

"Firsts"—seven of them—were the by-word for the 53rd annual Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth January 28-February 6.

Officials have inaugurated for the 1949 Show a new department for Brahman cattle exhibitors—open class fat steer judging by age rather than weight—classes for Shetland ponies in the horse show—a 4-H and FFA grass judging contest as well as a special rodeo presented for the youthful farmers—Guernsey dairy cattle replacing Holsteins for first place in the dairy department—resumption of a poultry, turkey and rabbit department—and to commemorate Hereford progress in the Lone Star State, have dedicated the Exposition to the Texas Hereford Association's Golden Jubilee.

The 4-H and FFA grass judging contest and special rodeo will highlight activities January 29, when the Exposition will be host to thousands of the young Texas farmers.

For laugh-a-second entertainment Ole Olson and Chic Johnson of "Hellsapoppin'" fame will return with an all-new "Laffcade of 1949" for 10 night and five matinee performances during the Exposition in the Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium.

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Former Officers Authorized Ranks In Regular Army

Appointment of former officers of any of the armed forces as second lieutenants in the regular army is authorized in a recently released Department of the Army circular.

Applicants must have served a minimum of one year as a commissioned officer in one of the armed forces. The educational requirement is a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, although a waiver will be considered if the applicant has 120 semester hours gained by attendance at an accredited college or university.

Age brackets are from 21 to 27 inclusive. However, applicants over 27 may add to their ages the total period they served as commissioned officers of the army between December 31, 1947, and the date of appointment, or by adding to their ages the total period served as commissioned officers in the armed forces between December 7, 1941, and September 2, 1945. No applicant will be considered who is more than 31, the directive states. Appointments under this authority will be in addition to those made to distinguished military graduates of senior ROTC students and to selected applicants of the competitive tour program.

Vet Enrollments Drop 240,000

About 2,418,000 veterans were in schools and job-training establishments under the GI Bill and Public Law 16 on November 1, 1948, the Veterans Administration reports. A year ago, the total was 240,000 higher, or 2,658,000.

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