

Battalion Editorials

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Welcome, And a Challenge to Sophomores . . .

To you newly-arrived sophomores, we offer a "welcome" handshake.

You have been "stashed" away for a year and may find it hard at first fitting in the way of life here on the main campus. Because, as you most surely have noticed by this time, things are done on the main campus on a much larger scale than at the annex. There are countless many more daily jobs and responsibilities that the sophomore will encounter compared to those of the annex freshman. In many outfits without freshmen the sophomore is low man on the totem pole.

As thousands of other upper-classmen before you have rushed and worried their first week away as sophomores, you are probably worrying and rushing now under what seems to be a never ending strain—when you can draw out that issued uniform, how you'll ever remember all those new names, how you'll ever make it in ten minutes from a classroom in the shacks to the gym, how many more times you'll have to wait in that Exchange Store

line, and many other problems that up to this time you haven't had to face. But within a few weeks most of your present difficulties should be ironed out.

When that happens, you'll have much more time for writing a few letters, seeing a movie, relaxing, or taking one of those jaunts to The Ice Burgh. But for your routine to settle down, you have to be careful. You can't throw caution to the wind, let the time fly by, and never notice your watch.

One of your worst obstacles, this semester, will be time—time enough to get your work done and still be able to indulge in some kind of recreation. A logical way of combating this is to schedule the things that have to be done each day with the available time.

Many graduates agree that their hardest semester at A&M was the first semester of their sophomore year. If this is true, it is a challenge to you as Aggies to fight time and get over this second and hardest hurdle.

In Under-Crowded Fields, Opportunity . . .

There are supposed to be about 20,000 ways to earn a living. A lot of wear and tear on the brain cells would be saved however, if most people would realize this fact. College undergraduates keep consistently falling into overcrowded fields. Engineering, the largest of the technical fields by far, now has almost one quarter of a million students enrolled in its courses.

Chemists, architects, lawyers, personnel workers, business administrators—all will be graduating into overcrowded fields. There are a few fields, however, which are literally crying to be entered. Teaching is reaching a new low in the number of students enrolled in educational courses; salesmen are in great demand.

There will always be room for a good man in any field, of course. Yet the average college graduate is going to find

the competition pretty keen for the jobs, which will be scarcer than at any other time in the last ten years.

We aren't advocating an immediate change of majors, but rather preparation to steer for the work where there is the most demand. Some jobs are undersupplied. Even if they don't suit your long-standing ambitions, they may offer more chances of getting ahead—for the crowd around them is thinner.

CHANGING TIMES, The Kiplinger magazine, has just published an excellent article along these lines, "Where to Aim for the Best Jobs." They recommend a report from the Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook.

It's better to be getting paid for working at a less glamorous job than just to be looking for the glamorous kind—and not eating regularly.

A Job Title by Any Other Name . . .

Ponderously long (two volumes) and very rhetorically written, the new Dictionary of Occupational Titles goes to great lengths to state and define all the economy. The two volume dictionary contains 22,000 definitions of occupations and 40,000 titles by which these occupations are known.

The Dictionary's publisher, the United States Employment Service of the Federal Security Agency, admits that its lexicographers have covered only a measly 85% of the jobs common to our economy. But among those uncovered, there are several queer-sounding job titles:

End Man. He has nothing to do with football or the show business. He works in the iron and steel industry.

Horsers-up. This job calls for hanging hides over sawhorses.

Pulpit Man. Not a preacher he works in a rolling mill. The enclosure he works in is known as a pulpit.

Kiss-Machine Operator. Is exactly that, according to the dictionary. The job call for feeding a machine which wraps — candy kisses.

This useful dictionary is used by industrial firms, government agencies other than the public employment service, including the armed forces, labor organizations, counseling agencies, schools and individuals. The military services and the Veterans Administration alone have ordered about 27,000 copies of the dictionary for their use.

Along with the creative inventive genius of the American, it seems also to possess a great aptitude for creating new occupations and giving them quaint, often picturesque names.

He: "I see by the paper that a woman in Omaha just cremated her fourth husband."

She: "Isn't that always the way? Some of us can't get a man while others have husbands to burn."

The Battalion

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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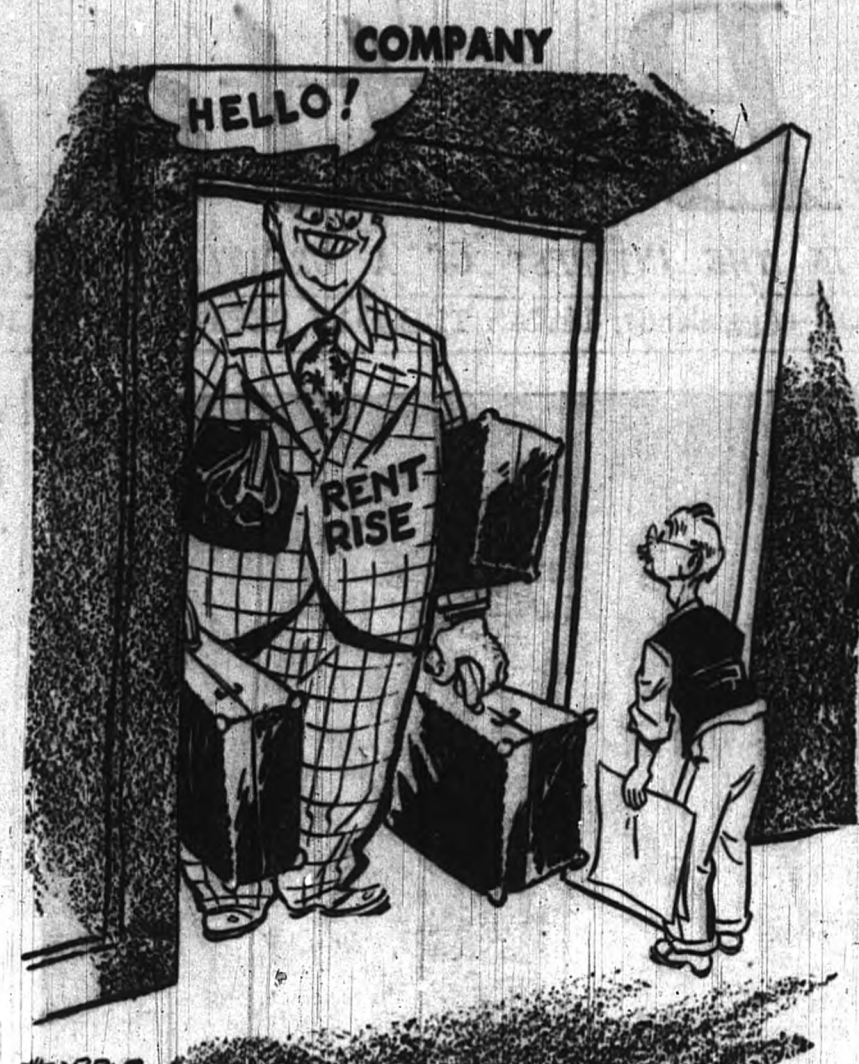
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Editor, The Battalion:
I am enclosing my check for \$3 dollars for a subscription to The Battalion for football season. Gives me great satisfaction to see The Battalion has grown from a weekly publication to one giving daily service to off campus fans. It was sports editor of The Battalion in 1923-24, and consequently have more than a passing interest in the growth and maturity that has ensued since those days. If you do not carry sports news of other Southwest Conference schools, may I suggest a daily feature summarizing notes from our competitors?
Very Truly yours,
A. C. Taylor, '24
Alexandria, Virginia.

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Enclosed you will find my check for \$3 dollars to cover the subscription rate for The Battalion. May I add that I think this is one of the many "good ideas" of "The Batt." When you live way up here in the sticks, first hand information from the old school is really welcome.
Yours very truly,
J. M. Telford, Jr., '48
Ft. Washakie, Wyoming
P. S. Beat the Hell outta Texas.

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From Where I Sit . . . Frustrated Head-Writers Fashion Best Commentator

By HERMAN C. GOLLOB

Knowing full well that the entire staff of The Commentator is a traitorous, treacherous, and renegade crew of frustrated Batt-head-writers who deserted the hallowed confines of that venerable rag for the sole purpose of obtaining a by-line, the omniscient and vindictive editors of the Batt have peremptorily requested that we please forthcoming Commenta-

tor issues with jaundiced eyes. So naturally it is with a tinge of apprehension and a slight trepidation of the heart that we approach our gold-keyed, diamond-studded, noiseless, ribbonless typewriter to hunt and peck this exuberant ode to the September issue of the Commentator, an issue to be discussed only in superlatives.

Co-Editors Mack Nolen and Frank Welch, Feature Editor W. K. Colville (along with his five brothers), and Cartoonist Jamie Lewis have fashioned what we consider the most professional of all Commentator efforts, a commendable contrast to the labored and abortive triva which has previously been compiled and printed under the same name. Lay-out has been such as to make this Commentator visually pleasing; articles are pertinent and pleasing; and editing has been stand-out throughout.

Although the general tone of this issue is humorous, the editors, in keeping with the football season, have included a high-skin prophecy from the clairvoyant pen of seer Harold Ratliff who presumptuously pigeonholes the Ag-

gies in the dark cellar of the Southwest Conference, and an interview with super-builder Harry Stiteler which is a masterful study in optimism. In addition, the semi-surrealistic cover catches a pugacious thumb in the process of being thrust upward in a defiant and determined "Gig'em," the war call during football season.

But this Commentator's forte is humor, a sly and subtle brand generated chiefly by "Iron Man" Colville. A sharp-honed wit and a robust imagination are reflected in the two contributions by Colville, a lad who possesses a natural flair for the searing wisecrack and destructive jest.

His "Freshman Travel Guide" carries the reader on a mythical tour of "darkest Brazos County," and "The Fly-Weight Incident" is a compassionate tale concerning the rigors endured by a dew-drop in defense of his G-T-H cap.

Cartoonist Jamie Lewis, immeasurably assisted by Virgil Fatch, Peter Ajmo, and William Steig, a promising group of tyros, bids adieu to the Commentator with several satirical impressions of life on the gridiron. We hate to see him go.

"Selah To The Entering Student," an advisory verse to the freshman by Allah Ben Billingsley, wastrel brother of Our Own Bill and chief of the Commentator's Far Eastern Bureau, emerges as a classic and should be reprinted in every September issue of the Commentator henceforth, perhaps even printed as an entry and issued to the freshmen along with the Cadence.

Writing and rhyming in a light, humorous vein, the mysterious Allah Ben has captured the essence of freshman life and has contributed several eternal verities pertaining to Aggeland as a whole.

Along with their sound job of editing, Nolen and Welch each contributed several eternal verities pertaining to Aggeland as a whole. John R. Bertrand, assistant to Dean Shepardson, has returned from a year's leave of absence at Cornell University, and he will aid with the counseling program. Bertrand will be in charge of freshmen testing, orientation, and placement on the main campus and at the Bryan Field Annex for the School of Agriculture.

In addition to discussing agriculture with three sections of freshmen at the Annex and one section on the main campus, Bertrand will assist with the student degree plan program for the School of Agriculture. He will continue some research on factors that may be of value in placement and guidance of freshman. He began this study at Cornell.

J. K. Shrum, instructor of animal husbandry at the Annex, will serve as advisor for the agriculture students at the Annex in addition to teaching.

A&M Consolidated Gets Cash Boost

Seven hundred dollars was voted by the College Station Development Association and Chamber of Commerce for the city-school library at A&M Consolidated High School.

Of that amount, \$300 will be used to purchase new books and \$400 will pay part-salary for the librarian. Consolidated trustees already have accepted and approved the \$700 and Supt. L. S. Richardson says the library will be open from 2:45 to 4 p. m. daily for adults of College Station.

Mrs. D. K. Smith, chairman of the Development Association's education committee, was asked to work with the Kiwanis, Daughters of the American Revolution, American Association of University Women, and other civic clubs to plan a coordinated book drive.

City Manager Raymond Rogers told the group that within a week the College Station police car would be equipped with radio equipment to work with the Bryan police.

Directors also were told of a road being built from old Highway 6 to new Highway 8. It runs from Knoll to Clark's Subdivision and intersects on new Highway 6 near the Stearns home. The road is partially open now to the Holnick property.

Official "Greeter" New citizens moving into College Station will be contacted by official "greeters," who will give them baskets of merchandise from local merchants and information about the city.

The board recommended that center parking in the business districts be limited to brief stops for small deliveries. This action came up as a result of complaints from business men whose stores are blocked all day by large trucks.

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Razorbacks Turn Out For Elephant Party

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 19—(AP)—An elephant and an estimated 12,000 persons ate cake together yesterday.

The throng showed up at the Little Rock zoo to give Ruth, the elephant, a birthday party.

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