

Job Ended, Editor Shoots the Breeze

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Escape—escape from relentless deadlines, the handicap of a skeleton-size staff, and myriads of disappointed readers, that's what today means. Yet the eye-catching, red-encircled May 25 on the wall calendar in the Batt office also signifies the end of some of the most pleasurable days we've experienced.

Today's issue is the last edition of The Battalion which the 1949-50 staff will turn out; tomorrow's will be the first product of the newly named summer staff.

But before we carry our last copy down to Ed Hefti, our night Linotype operator, we'd like to shoot the breeze a little.

"Hefti" will probably rib us about this being the first copy we have ever gotten down before deadline time (and he'll be about right). But we'll grin and know he's kidding us since he's been a top-notch in working late with us, often after hours, to enable us to get our page out.

And this morning "Sully" (C. E. Sullivan, compositor who makes up the Batt) may have questioned our failure to carry pictorial coverage on hurdler Paul Leming being named most valuable track man, but it won't be because "Sully" doesn't like our "system"—it's just that he's an old Beaumont hometown fan of Leming's.

Hart Hall Buddies Doing Well

In signing off, we'd like to call to everyone's attention the fact that the crop of athletes who entered A&M in September, 1947, are playing an important part in rejuvenating the Aggie sports situation.

We were fortunate enough to live in Hart Hall our first year here with most of those athletes, and we've always felt that they were overlooked when recognition and publicity were handed out in later years.

And what have they done as juniors? In basketball they led the conference until the second half of play was underway. Then, only two losses to supposedly weaker teams—Rice and Texas—cost them

Baseballers Still May Claim Championship

A&M's baseball recruits in '47 included this year's three all-conference Maroons—shortstop Guy Wallace, centerfielder Wally Mason, and pitcher Pat Hubert. And plenty of other outstanding diamond men were on the Fish line that year, too.

It has been our personal opinion—but one shared by many others with whom we've talked—that that Fish line that played in the spring of '48 was one of the smoothest fielding hardest hitting combinations we've ever seen. And we don't exclude the SWC varsity teams we've seen in action.

Good enough to capture second in the conference; this spring once again we team with the very important services of a few seniors and sophomores, the current Aggie juniors

Footballers Should Near Top of Heap

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T Association Chooses Bates New President

Bob Bates, two-year football letterman, is the new president of the "T" Association, athletic letterman group. Holding its last meeting of the year Tuesday night at Sue Haswell Park, the association elected Bates and two other officers to serve for the coming school year.

John DeWitt, two-year letterman in basketball and football, was elected vice-president. Mickey Spencer, football letterman this year, was named secretary-treasurer.

Other business transacted included a recommendation to be acted upon soon, that all parents of former lettermen killed in World War II be given complimentary tickets to all football games they desire to see at A&M. Tickets would be given by the Association.

Bates, varsity football center, is a junior P.E. major from Fort Worth. DeWitt is from Waco and is majoring in range and forestry. Spencer, from Pasadena, is a mechanical engineering student.

The major function of the Association is the sponsoring of Sports Day every Spring, which includes the last intra-squad football game of spring training, as well as other athletic events.

The Association also holds a Fall and Spring banquet and party, at which time they honor new lettermen and the entire coaching staff.

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Dodgers Stretching National Loop Lead

BROOKLYN, May 25 (AP)—Duke Snider, George Sluba and Roy Campanella hit home runs last night to lead the Brooklyn Dodgers to a 6-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs. Dan Bankhead went the distance and gained his fourth victory without a defeat while Bob Rosh suffered his first setback in six decisions.

Bankhead is hurling his first complete game in the Majors, allowed five hits, two of which came in the ninth. A home run by Andy Parks spoiled his shutout in the fourth inning. The clot was number eight for the Chicago center-fielder and put him in a four-way tie with Ralph Kiner, Sid Gordon and Puddin' Head Jones for league honors.

Four of the Brooklyn runs also resulted from homers. Snider's with one on in the first inning was the first off Rosh this season after 51 innings. Sluba and Campanella's came with one on.

NEW YORK, May 25 (AP)—Rookie Clyde Boyer blanked the Giants with two hits in a brilliant 7-2-3 innings relief job yesterday to pace the St. Louis Cardinals to a 2-0 triumph over New York. Boyer relieved Max Lanier in the second inning when the veteran south-paw injured his back. Lanier gave up two hits, Red Schoendienst singled in the winning run in the fourth inning. Stan Musial stole home for the second run in the eighth.

PHILADELPHIA, May 25 (AP)—The Philadelphia Phillies scored all their runs in the eighth inning, three on Dick Sisler's home run, to defeat the Pittsburgh Pirates 6-3 last night. Wally Westlake's homer in the seventh accounted for all of the Pirates' tallies.

BOSTON, May 25 (AP)—Left-hander Warren Spahn pitched his best game of the season last night, limiting Cincinnati to three hits as the Boston Braves trimmed the Reds 4-1. The Tribe rapped Earl Blackwell for six hits and all four runs. The contest was played on the 15th anniversary of the first night game in the majors, played in Cincinnati.

CLEVELAND, May 25 (AP)—Gene Bearden pitched the Cleveland Indians to a 5-4 win over the Washington Senators here last night. Bearden, who relieved Early Wynn, gave up only four hits in seven innings.

Larry Doby, the American League's leading hitter, got two big hits in three official trips to the plate and increased his average to .416.

Steve Nagy walked Al Rosen in the third with the bases loaded, forcing in Dale Mitchell with the first Tribe run.

Mickey Vernon and Doby singled in the fifth and scored on Lou Bonadrea's single. Doubles by Mitchell and Bob Kennedy set up the clinching scores in the sixth. Kennedy, whose hit sent Mitchell in, scored later as Rosen forced Doby.

CHICAGO, May 25 (AP)—The Chicago White Sox scored five runs in the eighth to defeat the Philadelphia Athletics 10-7 before 2,875 persons here yesterday. Luis Arana, fourth of five Chicago pitchers,

received credit for his first major league victory as the White Sox collected 12 hits in their third straight win.

ST. LOUIS, May 25 (AP)—The Boston Red Sox got off to a flying start with three runs in the first inning, then staved off two Brownie threats and went on to a 5-2 triumph over the St. Louis Browns last night.

American League Standings			
	W	L	Pct.
New York	21	8	.724
Detroit	17	10	.630
Boston	21	15	.583
Washington	17	13	.567
Cleveland	16	14	.533
Philadelphia	10	21	.323
St. Louis	8	17	.320
Chicago	8	20	.286

National League Standings			
	W	L	Pct.
Brooklyn	19	11	.633
Philadelphia	18	12	.600
St. Louis	16	13	.552
Boston	16	14	.533
Pittsburgh	16	16	.500
Chicago	13	14	.481
New York	10	15	.400
Cincinnati	8	21	.276

Oh, My Stars! The Case of The Missing Week's Star

A missing link in the recent Star of the Week selections of The Battalion sports staff was the honor winners for the week of May 23. The selected athletes there were five stars: the five track and field men who won first places in the SWC meet.

Discus thrower George Kadara, javelin thrower Bob Haik, high jumper Paul Leming, and miler Julian Harting all of whom had won previous awards for their efforts, were joined by pole vaulter Don Graves to equal the largest previous aggregation of Battalion award winners for a single week.

After the games ending 21-21 tie with SMU last fall, five football games were named as Lineups of the Week during the fall semester.

Former A&M Grid Star Dies at 66

11th Rock Ave. May 25 (AP)—Robert A. (Bob) Keen, 66, prominent Little Rock contractor-engineer and former Texas A&M football great, died at a hospital here yesterday.

Kern, president of Kern-Lumrick Inc. was a star quarterback for the Aggies in 1909-10-11. He was especially noted for his pass selection, and although weighing only 156 pounds, was an excellent ball carrier.



Howard Grubbs (center), new executive secretary of the Southwest Conference, joins hands with two men also well-known in the conference. On the left is Abb Curtis, conference officer in charge of officials. Jimmy Stewart, former executive secretary of the conference, is on the right of the former TCU athletic director.

Rocky vs. Jake; What's at Stake?

Writer Forecasts 'Great' Fight (La Motta-Graziano)

By WHITNEY MARTIN
New York, May 24 (AP)—So Rocky Graziano, to the astonishment of nobody, will meet Jake LaMotta for the middleweight crown Jake took from the late Marcel Cerdan. Or maybe half a crown, as the Bronx bully boy whipped only one side of Marcel.

Ah, that should be a stirring match, many stirring. One of those he's up he's down, he's up affairs. Brings together the two best men in the division. What a skillful exhibition of the man's art of self-defense that will be!

Sure, Graziano, who once held the title, was knocked out so thoroughly by Tony Zale that he discovered six new corners and 18 new planets before he was revived. But Shucks, Rocky had an excuse for that one. His chin was where his hands should have been.

Sure, LaMotta has been whipped so often he could be squeezed over a strawberry shortcake, but he was just toughening himself, seeing how he could take it. He hasn't lost a title bout, has he? That he did.

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