



The AGGIE-Nizer

Outstanding Events Plentiful At A&M During Last Year

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What ho, 1952?

It was a gay year filled with momentous occasions and lasting memories. It was a year of investigations, rumors, heated class meetings, rumors, administrative decrees, rumors, hot elections, and rumors.

What is an Aggie if he hasn't heard the latest from... Those people referred to as "They" in the term "They tell me" should be commended for such hard work in 1952.

At A&M "they" have given us something to talk about, and of these things Aggies talked about in 1952 we have picked the most important.

award as outstanding military unit for the second straight year. They also supplied the second consecutive corps commander (only Air Force men to hold that job).

BIGGEST DRINKING PARTY—Ross Volunteer's trip to Madri Gras as official representatives of Governor Shivers.

MOST PUBLICIZED WEDDING—It happened in Dogpatch where comic strip heroes Li'l Abner and Daisy Mae did the impossible... as far as readers were concerned.

BATTALION WRITER'S ERROR OF THE YEAR—Feb. 21 issue carried sports story with headline "Davis Nears End of Athletic Career."

MOST PROFITABLE PARADE—Mother's march on polio.

BLOODIEST EVENT OF YEAR—Aggies donate hundreds of pints of blood to mobile Red Cross unit.

BIGGEST RUMOR OF 1952—The TT affair which lead from investigations and accusations to confessions and administrative action.

MOST UNACCEPTED PROPOSAL—Seniors trying to change the name of College Station to AggieLand. The seniors liked it; the local residents said "nix!"

BIGGEST SOCIAL ERROR OF THE YEAR—Reveille II, the Aggies' new mascot, was mistakenly reported as a "he" in The Battalion.

BLUNDER OF THE YEAR—Student with cerebral hemorrhage was denied aid at the College Hospital during Christmas vacation because authorities believed his case not an emergency.

BIGGEST FARCE OF 1952—Dead Week at A&M when more major quizzes are scheduled than any other time of the year.

MOST DISAPPOINTING ANNOUNCEMENT—Camp was canceled for Air Force Seniors who were not required to serve a summer tour after their junior year.

BIGGEST STEP BY CITY—Home Rule type government approved by overwhelming majority of College Station voters.

MOST PERSECUTED MEN ON CAMPUS—Transfer students.

BEST STORY TELLER—Battalion editor who composed Fairy Tales.

BIGGEST RUT—Squadron 10 getting the General Moore

MOST QUESTIONABLE ADDITIONS TO CAMPUS—Reveille II's new pups.

BIGGEST JOKER OF THE YEAR—Eric Carlson.

LARGEST ARRAY OF MADNESS—ASABAB Ball staged by architectural students.

BIGGEST FLUB OF 1952—The Campus Chest drive which fell short of its mere \$2,000 goal by more than \$700.

WASHINGTON STATE'S GREATEST GAIN—Dr. C. C. French, former dean of the college at A&M, who accepted the presidency of Washington State last spring.

NEWEST NAME FOR MSC—Found in the many letters that pour into the Memorial Student Center one day last year was an envelope addressed to, "Memorial Stud Center."

MOST FEMINE ATTRACTION TO CITY—Women pro wrestlers sponsored at Consolidated Gym by the Lions Club.

OUTSTANDING MRS. Jeannine Hooper, wife of Aggie track star Darrow Hooper, who received the title of Mrs. A&M of 1952.

MOST TELEGENIC AGGIES—The football team as they played on TV screens over the nation. The A&M-Michigan State game was NBC-TV Game of the Day.

SWEETEST SMILE—Aggie Sweetheart Claire Williams, a TSCW sophomore.

WILDEST VISITOR—Pogo from the heart of Okefenokee swamps.

MOST EXPECTED SWOON—The Aggie championship in track after the squad swept practically every preliminary meet they entered.

BIGGEST ADDITION TO CITY—Construction of 140 homes by realtor J. C. Culpepper in north College Station.

SMARTEST ATHLETE—Jaro Nataradus, football letterman, who was named valedictorian of the 1952 graduating class.

MOST WELCOMED ANNOUNCEMENT—Graduating ROTC students will get duty call within 120 days.

MOST WELCOMED STUDENTS—Summer co-eds who come to A&M for an education?

BEST DANCE OF THE YEAR—Combat Ball.

MOST MATURE ACTION OF SENIORS—Abolishing campus greeting of "Beat the h— out of..." during football season.

BIGGEST CONTROVERSY—Seniors' gripes to the military department and college administration.

MOST HEARTFELT DEATH—Mason L. Cashion, secretary of the A&M YMCA for over 25 years, passed away after a long illness last summer.

WILDEST WAY TO WIN MONEY—A band senior took 48 people to a drive inn movie all in one car to win a \$100 ring prize.

MOST PAINTED VEHICLES—The new tanks received for Armor instruction which got a splashing of blue and gold paint while still on flat cars at a rail siding.

MOST FORGOTTEN ISSUE—The Senior Grievance Committee.

Determining Course of Life Enhanced By Education

EACH YEAR begins a new page in life. One never knows what is writ on each leaf and few can directly determine what the future has in store.

This may bring many to believe that nothing should be done since the course supposedly is predetermined. But the question remains: What is that course?

The leaves in the trees begin their course in the spring, going with the wind, laughing at the sun. The summer months prolong the period of gaiety but as fall approaches, the leaves begin to lose their hold and fall into a mass of decayed moss together with other species. They then begin the long trip into the cold of the winter. Gone is the beauty of the leaves. Gone is its one life stem.

Good Will Comes And Goes Annually

CHRISTMAS TAKES a long time in getting here. Ask anyone. The truth is it's only 358 days til Dec. 25, but already a few have forgotten.

"On earth peace" is too much a dream and perhaps its lack of support is justifiable, but the "good will to men" phrase can be practiced to and by all.

Some Americans have and always will expect that all inquiries from across the Atlantic Ocean are for money alone. One newspaper in Texas already has said: "We hope to keep Winnie's friendliness, but let's don't let him take anything back. We need it all ourselves."

Having not fought at Yorktown or Bunker Hill, we are sorta sentimental about the English. One reason being that there are few others overseas who understand us, linguistically speaking.

We hardly think that Mr. Churchill in visiting America, the President-elect and flashing his inspirational victory sign, expects to fill up one of the Queen's ships with all our gold and take off across the ocean.

Money truly is the root of all evil, it's not worth too much around here now anyway and if the English can use some, why not?

Promote world peace. How is this done? One sure way not to promote it is to pull the old American trick: crawl in our red, white and blue satchel, pull the zipper shut and forget about the other nations.

To lose the world leadership which the United States has unwantedly obtained could mean disaster for all. Only through alliances with our allies to promote world security and good will can Christmas recur every 365 days.

"Speak well of everyone if you speak of them at all—none of us are so very good." —Elbert Hubbard.

But man also is dropped from a carefree life during the fall and winter months. This is true especially if man begins again to school. His education may become his moss—if he lets it; his school and surroundings are the other species which may decay with him—if he lets it.

His desire for improved environment, a gayer sun, a warmer wind brings his cycles into a greater defiance since unlike the vegetation his coming cycle may not have the same favorable as well as undesirable characteristics.

He must provide for himself a will to progress. Doing this he will grow with his stem of life—his education. He must check the moss of his environment, changing it if necessary, replenishing it with a warmth so necessary to survival. Only through his knowledge of his cycle will man know his course.

Unlike the leaf, man's life is not complete in one season. But like the leaves, his life completes a cycle each season then continues to strive for betterment.

Salary Raise Plays Tax Trick

THE NATION heard today the State of the Union speech by President Truman and awaits one by President-elect Eisenhower, who will present it after his inauguration. Prominent in both speeches probably will be taxes.

But here's one example which neither of the two probably will mention.

An employe of the government recently received a \$3.08 raise per day-period. The take-home pay before the raise was \$91.39 and now after the raise, thanks to taxes, it is \$87.64.

But it isn't the money, it's the principle of the raise.

Losing Team Needs Most Support

WHETHER IN politics, love or sports, one finds it easier to sing a victory song than pledge support to a loser for future events.

The A&M basketball team does not fall under the win category, having lost its last five games. But instead it must be placed under one of two other brackets: an unsupported team which must continue to do its best, or a resurgence of spirit from "true" followers.

This weekend, the Cadets will play their first home conference game, meeting the University of Arkansas in DeWare Field House. Their classification in the support column will be at test. Winners are made, not born.

The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions "Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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POGO By Walt Kelly I'LL GIVE THOSE LI'L BOUNDERS A ROUND OF MOP ACROSS THE BROWNS! HA! STAN' BY TO REPEL BOARDERS! THERE HE BE! THERE HE BE! GRAB A HOLT! YARMF! HANG ON TO THE VARMINT! HOLD A HOLT OF HIM! HEY! YOU IS PULLED HIS HEAD OFF. IT'S YOUR FAULT... YOU KIVVERED MY EYEBALLS SO I COULDN'T SEE WHAT I WAS DOON.

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