

## Compulsory Activity Fee Means Minimum Costs

A THOROUGH education at the lowest possible cost . . .

With this statement of purpose, Gov. Richard Coke formally installed A&M as Texas' first institution of higher learning in 1876.

As the school has passed through 77 years of growth and progress we have learned there are other things than classroom work necessary in obtaining this "thorough education" he spoke of.

Extracurricular activities have come to play a prominent part in practically every student's college life. Prospective employers review your list of extracurricular activities and gain a better understanding of how well-rounded your college life is from participation in these activities.

A&M students are availed many opportunities for activities outside the classroom. But to have these things means expense. State funds are not available for providing them. People of Texas will not buy you an annual or pay for the baseball you use in intramurals. They will not give you a ticket to athletic events and reimburse the athletic department for that amount.

But if every student contributes a small amount to these things the volume of income can provide them at rock bottom prices. On the other hand if all students do not pay, the volume will be smaller and prices for individual items will be more than doubled in certain instances.

Until this semester all Aggies were required to pay a fee of ten dollars which was apportioned to the annual, The Battalion, intramural, athletics, the MSC, the athletic department and the swimming pool.

A bill is now before the state legislature to make payment of this fee again compulsory. The House education committee sent it back for floor vote Tuesday. Monday the powerful Senate state affairs committee will hear arguments on the bill.

We encourage full support for this measure, not only because our publication receives a portion of the fees, but mainly because if it fails, the minority of students who refuse to pay will cause the majority who wish to receive these services to pay more

## New Calendars

THE SOVIET 1953 calendar has a 15 million circulation and its contents are unusual.

Stalin's picture appears on 12 pages of the tear-off calendar, his virtues are eulogized in 20 poems, his name is printed 367 times.

Besides the publicity campaign on the prime minister, the time sheet includes harsh and bitter articles about the "enemies of mankind," the "maneaters," "murderers"—the United States, naturally.

Although the United States President is not given the calendar coverage enjoyed by Stalin, neither Eisenhower nor Stalin could make the news headlines in calendar form better than Marilyn Monroe. And Miss Monroe does not need 12 pictures on a calendar to make it successful.

But the Russians would never understand.

## The Battalion

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

The Battalion, official newspaper of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, is published by students four times a week, during the regular school year. During the summer terms, and examination and vacation periods, The Battalion is published twice a week. Days of publications are Tuesday through Friday for the regular school year, and Tuesday and Thursday during examination and vacation periods and the summer terms. Subscription rates \$6.00 per year or \$5.00 per month. Advertising rates furnished on request.

Entered as second-class matter at Post Office at College Station, Texas under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Member of The Associated Press

Represented nationally by National Advertising Services, Inc., at New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

The Associated Press is entitled exclusively to the use for republication of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited in the paper and local news of spontaneous origin published herein. Rights of republication of all other matter herein are also reserved.

News contributions may be made by telephone (4-5444 or 4-7604) or at the editorial office room, 202 Goodwin Hall. Classified ads may be placed by telephone (4-5324) or at the Student Activities Office, Room 209 Goodwin Hall.

FRANK N. MANITZAS, JOEL AUSTIN  
Ed Holder, Jerry Bennett  
Harri Baker  
Peggy Maddox

Co-Editors  
Managing Editors  
City Editor  
Women's News Editor

### Today's Issue

Ed Holder  
Joe Hipp  
Bob Boriskic

Managing Editor  
News Editor  
Sports News Editors

## ESTATE FUNDS

### Officials Undecided On Use

Officials are undecided on the use of A&M's part of a \$4 million dollar estate recently willed the college by a Gladewater oil man, said E. E. McQuillen, director, development fund.

The actual amount of the inheritance is unknown, he said, since the terms of the will designated A&M ten per cent of a trust fund which is to be divided between ten colleges in Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

We have not received a copy of the will, McQuillen said, and therefore do not know if any limitations on the use of the money is specified.

Until a copy is obtained, nothing concerning its use can be planned, he added.

Trustee and independent executor of the will is to be the First National Bank of Dallas.

### Oldest and Newest

## Airplanes To Be Displayed During Pest Control Course

One of the oldest and one of the newest airplanes in agricultural aviation will be demonstrated during the Second Annual Texas Agricultural Aviation Conference and Short Course on Pest Control here Feb. 23.

The old model, a Huff Daland "Puffer", began service as a crop-duster about 1922 or shortly afterward. It was originally designed as a navy training plane but was not used for that purpose.

Latest development in farm flying is the Ag-1 airplane, designed and developed by Fred Weick, director of the Personal Aircraft Research Center, Engineering Experiment Station.

### Performance and Safety

Stressing performance efficiency and safety for the pilot, the Ag-1 was designed exclusively for such operations as seeding, fertilizing, dusting and spraying crops. It can take off from a rough unprepared runway under work load and any part of the plane except the engine can be duplicated in an ordinary machine and sheet metal shop.

Extreme maneuverability also is necessary, and it was designed to fly to the end of a field only a few feet of the ground, then zoom over such obstacles as trees or power lines while loaded.

Weick, the plane's designer, is nationally known as an aircraft engineer and designer. While serving with the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, Weick directed research and made the recommendations which resulted in "bringing the engine inside the plane", that is, enclosing it in nacelles, and in putting aircraft on tricycle landing gear.

### Gained Fame Quickly

Rising from junior aeronautics engineer, Weick became assistant chief of the aerodynamics division of NACA. Later he joined the Engineering and Research Corporation, where his research resulted in acceptance of the Ercoupe by Civil Aeronautics Administration officials.

### Baptist Vespers Plan Laymen Panel Friday

A panel of laymen will speak at the Vesper service, 7:30 p. m. Friday, Feb. 20, in the Baptist Student Center.

## KEY TO THE KINGDOM



## Certificates Awarded To Flight Seniors

Thirty-three senior Air Force ROTC cadets who have applied for flight school and completed physicals, received certificates this afternoon authorizing wear of the new "half-wing" insignia of the ROTC flight cadet.

Col. John A. Way, PAS&T formally presented the scrolls at a ceremony during leadership lab. Next Thursday, the remainder of the 66 seniors will receive certificates.

Of the senior group, 45 cadets are in the flight operations options and 21 are in others.

Junior Air Force cadets will receive certificates soon after signing a letter of intent obligating them to attend flight school following graduation.

The gold and silver wings, which may be worn over the cadet's left shirt or blouse pocket, may not be purchased without a certificate. The first shipment has not as yet been received by the Exchange Store.

## Burchard Heads Affairs Committee

D. D. Burchard, head of the journalism department has been appointed chairman of the Inter-Association of Affairs Committee of the American Society of Journalism School Administrators.

A. E. Austin, president of ASJSA made the appointment. Austin is head of the journalism department of the University of North Dakota.

Burchard's committee is the coordinator between the ASJSA and other coordinate members of the Association for Education in Journalism, over all teaching groups

## "Oxford" Man Reveals Weakness of Opposite Sex!



ONCE upon a time, there was a wealthy young college man who spent a million dollars a year on his wardrobe. But the gals all thought he looked "square as an ice cube."

One day, while cruising around the campus in his solid gold convertible with leopard-skin tires, he noticed a young freshman surrounded by a bevy of beautiful dolls. Slamming his foot down upon the sterling silver brake pedal, he smoothed out the wrinkles in his custom-tailored suit and strolled over to this popular fellow.

"Tell me," he asked, "to what do you owe your great success with the fair sex?"

"Naturally," the young Casanova replied, "it's the shirts I wear." He pointed to the pale gray Oxford button-down he had on. "Everyone's bashing ears about Oxford shirts this year . . . and I have Oxfords in light blue, gray, yellow, pink, lavender . . . and of course, white. Roll collars, button-downs and those new short collars, too!"

The rich young man felt the luxurious Oxford fabric. "Your shirtmaker must charge a lot for shirts like these."

"Shirtmaker nothing," grinned the young fellow. "I get all my shirts from the friendly Van Heusen dealer right down the street. And the ante is only \$3.95 apiece!"

The wealthy young man made a bee-line for the Van Heusen store. Since he was loaded (with money), he also bought a dozen deluxe Van Heusen Oxfords, made of high-count, tightly-twisted yarn, for \$4.50 apiece.

His seven wives are suing for bigamy this month.

## P O G O



By Walt Kelly

## LIL ABNER The Weak Will Inherit The Earth



By Al Capp