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THE BATTALION THURSDAY DECEMBER 3, 1954

Leaders Must Help Students To Accomplish Grade Plan

A&M scholastic officers and sergeants placed a high goal on a tottering pedestal Monday night.

They started a program designed to improve the grades of cadet upperclassmen. The plan mainly affects students doing unsatisfactory scholastic work.

The program calls for scholastic officers and sergeants to keep reports on the academic standing of cadets, and requires upperclassmen on scholastic probation to sign an oath forcing them to fulfill certain study obligations.

A high academic rating of a student body is a great asset to any institution. But certain factors must not be overlooked in carrying out the plan.

A college education serves several purposes—it develops character and personality and teaches a student to think for and discipline himself. The grades a student makes are determined by the degree of which he possesses these qualities.

A student cannot be forced to study nor can any of these qualities be shoved into

him. He can only be guided so that he might absorb them himself. He must determine what he wants from college and then develop the initiative and ability needed.

After graduation, a student must guide himself. No one will be around to force him to do anything. It will be entirely up to him.

The grade improvement program offers an opportunity to guide a man to success. But at the same time might cause a man to be resentful of such a plan and make him build up an inward resistance to its very aims.

The goal is tottering. The students can go either way. They will be resentful of the force or they will learn to develop habits of discipline.

The way they go depends on the attitude of the men who will carry out the program, the scholastic officers and sergeants.

These leaders must remember they are trying to help the students on probation. They are not punishing the men for failure to meet grade requirements. If this principle is adhered to, then the tottering pedestal will develop a firm foundation.

Enrollment Figures Quash Rumors of Freshman Decrease

Figures recently presented at the annual meeting of the Land Grant College association show that A&M is leading 16 out of the 22 land grant colleges in freshmen enrollment for 1953.

Freshmen enrollment this year at A&M totaled 1,758. A&M can take pride in this fact especially when the freshmen total is 211 more than it was in the fall of 1952.

Six colleges led A&M in the number of freshmen entering school this year. Yet three of these suffered a drop in freshmen

enrollment under what it was in 1952 while A&M's increased.

These statistics quash occasional statements which would have one believe that less high school graduates each year enroll at A&M.

We hope that the number of freshmen will continue to rise until A&M has made up for its total enrollment drop and leads the freshmen enrollment of the 22 land grant colleges.

What's Cooking

7 p. m.—Houston hometown club meeting, room 301, Goodwin hall. Very important meeting.

Texarkana - Four State club meeting, room 224, Academic building.

7:15 p. m.—Waco - McLennan county hometown club meeting, room 306, Goodwin hall. To discuss Christmas party.

Kansas-Missouri club meeting, room 197, Biological Sciences building. Discuss Christmas party and election of officers.

Panhandle club meeting, Academic building.

San Angelo A&M club meeting, Ag. building. Bring pictures for duchess election.

Pan - American club meeting, room 3C, MSC. The A&M Latin-American committee will be present.

Fayette - Colorado A&M club meeting, room 2C, MSC. Christmas party plans.

7:30 p. m.—Knights of Columbus, basement of St. Mary's chapel.

Rusk county hometown club meeting, room 307, Goodwin hall. Whispering pines club meeting, room 228, Academic building.

Laredo A&M club meeting, room 125, Academic building. Plans for dance. Very important, reservations for tables.

El Paso hometown club meeting, 3rd floor, Academic building. Discuss Christmas party.

Marshall meeting, YMCA. Discuss Christmas party plans.

Tyler - Smith county hometown club meeting, room 104, Academic building. Plan Christmas party.

Austin hometown club meeting, chapel, YMCA. Plan Christmas party.

West hometown club meeting, YM CA. Plan Christmas party.

Shreveport club meeting, room 106, Academic building. Discuss plans for Christmas party.

Amarillo A&M club meeting, social room, MSC. Final plans for Christmas dance.

Flax county club meeting, Academic building.

Palestine hometown club meeting, 3rd floor, Academic building. Discuss Christmas party.

East Texas hometown club, 227 Academic building. Special Smoker and plans for Christmas party.

Job Calls

• Dec. 4—Oil Well supply will interview mechanical engineering and business administration majors graduating in January. Mechanical engineers will be interviewed for either sales engineering or design work, and business administration graduates will be interviewed for audit work and also sales and management.

• Dec. 4—National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics will interview 1954 graduates at all degree levels in aeronautical, civil, electrical, mechanical and chemical engineering, chemistry, mathematics, and physics. Work will be in basic and fundamental research in various phases of aeronautics where their training and specialties may be applied.

• Dec. 4—Civil and mechanical engineering majors at all degree levels graduating in January will be interviewed by Chicago Bridge and Iron company. Training would be in field construction, shop fabrication, and engineering drafting, and there will be quite a bit of traveling involved during this period. They will consider men with ROTC contracts.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editors:

We are very fortunate here in this land of ours for everytime we are ready to cast judgement of disapproval on a group of people a few rise to show the best side of the human race. Bill Wiseman and Ed Waples should be commended for their unbiased minds. If this mature thinking and reasoning is a result of their four years here then neither educator's time nor the tax-payer's money has been spent in vain. These are the examples of tomorrow's praiseworthy citizens.

Barney Smith

Editors, The Battalion:
Ole Army:

The Texas A&M club of Arkansas appreciates the fine turnout of Cadets that came to Little Rock on October 31 to see the A&M-Arkansas football game.

We are proud of you and wish particularly to commend those Cadets present at the game for the fine spirit they showed after the regrettable incident involving moving from one section of the stadium to the other.

Such spirit, we feel, can be found only among the student body of Texas A&M, and it gives us renewed pride in our school. We, of course, deeply regret the incident and are sorry that it occurred.

We understand that Chancellor Harrington has already received letters from the Governor of Arkansas, the President of the University of Arkansas, and the stadium management expressing their regrets for the incident.

Also, the mayor of Little Rock addressed a letter to you under the date of November 12.

In this connection we feel that only a small percent of the people of Little Rock were responsible for the incident and that there should be no ill will toward the University of Arkansas, its student body, or its football team.

They were in no way responsible. We are also grateful for Dr. Harrington and Dean Abbott. They did a splendid job in easing the trouble and preventing a much greater disturbance.

In order that the people of Little Rock may more fully appreciate and understand our side of the story we are making available to the editors of the local newspapers the write-up in the Battalion of Tuesday, November 3.

Again let me assure you that the majority of the people of Little Rock feel badly about this incident as evidenced by an editorial which appeared in the Arkansas Gazette, November 3, and which follows:

"It was extremely unfortunate that formal rounding out of the cycle of War Memorial Stadium appearances by Arkansas' six Southwest Conference opponents should have been marred by incidents involving seating of the Texas A&M student cheering section.

"The fact that Saturday's game was A&M's first stadium appearance offered some excuse for the Arkansas hosts, but not enough.

"The Aggies' ancient 'Twelfth Man' tradition well-known in Conference circles, and the stadium management should have made advance arrangements to place the standing Cadets where they would

not obstruct the view of other patrons.

"A student spokesman for the Aggies said after the game, 'I hope we never come back to Little Rock.' For our part, we hope that he and the other Aggies will reconsider on cooled second thought. We think we can assure them that it won't happen again."

We are glad that you came to Little Rock, we deeply regret the misunderstanding, we hope that you will forgive and forget and that you will come back again. The welcome mat is out.

Yours very truly,
Texas A&M Club of Arkansas
Charles A. Long, '32 President

Editors, The Battalion
To John Clark:

I cannot address this to an Aggie because you could never fall in that category. There are a few names I could address you by but the editors wouldn't print them.

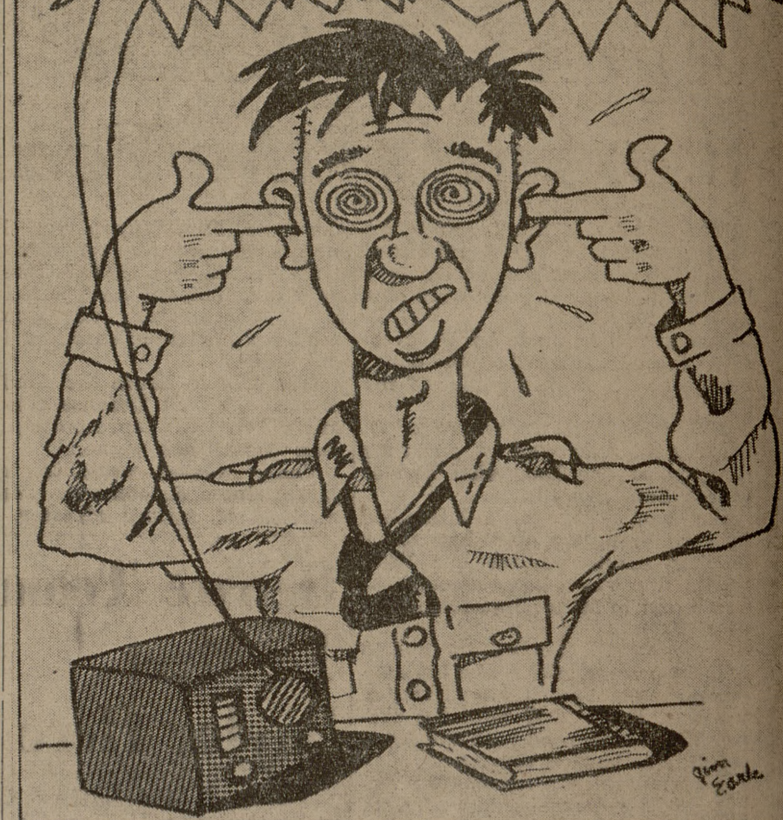
With reference to your literary masterpiece in Wed's Batt. We are extremely fortunate in having very few men of your kind on the campus of A&M. Although I've never met you, your type is very easily spotted on the campus. You belong to the group that think it above their dignity to speak when passing people on the campus, you belong to those few who talk about the shortcomings of A&M but make no attempt to alter and improve them. You belong to the group that feels like it is some type of belittlement to meet the fellow sitting next to you in class, or standing by you in a coffee line, or riding with you in a car. This description may not fit you on every count but it describes the group to which you belong. You and those who feel as you do are truly a sorry lot.

As for you and your future alma (See LETTERS, Page 4)

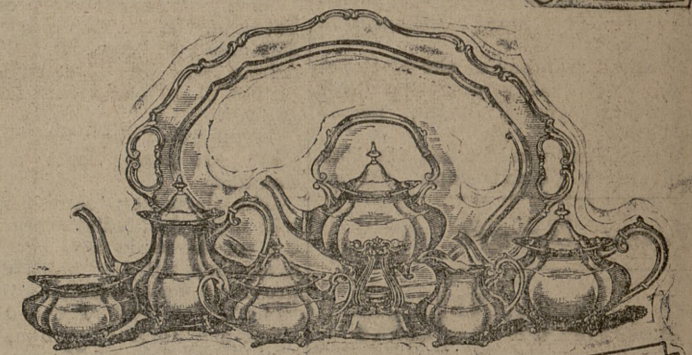
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