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THE BATTALION

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What's in a Name?

A good summary of A&M's Religious Emphasis week is in its name—it's a week of emphasis on religion, not just a week of religion.

This implies that religion is available to A&M students all the time, and that this special week is set aside just to give the program an extra boost.

The 14 or so local churches and the college YMCA provide an opportunity for every student to participate in his choice of religious activities.

And it seems like a high percent of the students do participate.

Then along comes this special week, with its convocation speaker and dormitory discussion group leaders, all outstanding men in their field.

The attendance and participation in the activities of this week indicate that it is just the icing on the cake—not A&M's only week of religion, but simply a week of reaffirmation and emphasis on religion.

'Fraternities'

Last week a journalism professional fraternity was established on the A&M campus, and now in the planning stage are two more professional fraternities—electrical engineering and chemistry.

These organizations, so long delayed on this campus, can give students valuable idealistic and professional aids in their chosen

fields. They also provide a good way to make job contacts.

For a long time these organizations were prevented from being established on the A&M campus by the school's unreasoning fear of the word "fraternity" and of Greek letter organizations.

But now we have them, and they will prove their worth.

Letters to the Editors

(Editor's note: All letters to the editors submitted will be printed, provided they are signed and contain no libelous or obscene

material. We request, however, that the letters be kept to about 250 words, because of space limitations.)

To the Editor:

What has happened in two years? What has happened to the traditions that have made A&M the school it is?

The last few days I have read several articles, in particular the editorials of February 16th and 17th in the Battalion. The article of February 16th stated, "something is wrong with the corps." They are absolutely right in my opinion. It emphasized the fact that Non-Regs are the largest in the history of the school, and they can blame a majority of this on the corps. I can recall when it was compulsory to take military science (or air science) for the first two years, and the last two years were optional; however, with or without a contract a person could remain in the corp. Funny, you had very few Non-Regs—there was a strong feeling of wanting to be in the corp. In fact, a student did not feel a part of A&M unless he was in the corp.

The second editorial of February 17th emphasized co-education for A&M. If a person wishes to go to a co-ed school, he is free to do so. As for myself, I have attended both. Personally, I feel that bringing co-education to Texas A&M

would lower the standards of the College at least 10%. Also an increase in enrollment has a tendency toward indifference between the professors and students. One of the greatest advantages of getting an education at A&M is the personal interest shown by the professors toward the students who are truly interested in an education.

In the past few days I have talked with several seniors whom I have known for years—one in particular whom I talked into coming here. I asked about the speaking and meeting—the two greatest traditions or assets this school has—(again in my opinion they are greater than boots, rings etc.) and he informed me that some of his classmates, whom he is highly ashamed of (and probably a very small minority) decided it should be a senior privilege not to speak—H—! it should be a privilege to speak. He has informed me that a large majority of seniors would like to keep these fine traditions that A&M is founded on, but have had the fear of God put in them by the military and possibly a few wheels in the administration of the school. They are trying to get quantity instead of quality. Speeches made by Col. Boatner and Dean Harrington emphasized quality when I was a fish. It seems that the seniors who should be concerned with this corp are losing interest in class distinction when only a senior with rank can reprimand a freshman on the campus. It used to be a sophomore's privilege to reprimand a fish.

Since the enrollment is the problem facing the administration, they should realize that the students and the traditions of this school are the greatest drawing cards we have.

Stanley H. Rosenthal
Class of '52"

Sickness Lower Despite Weather

The leading communicable disease reported by the Bryan-Brazos county health unit this week was influenza, with 42 cases.

The number of cases in the College hospital had decreased from 30 last week to 10 this week, according to hospital authorities. Bryan hospitals have reported no increase since the cold weather hit this area.

Next on the health unit's report was strept throat with 15 cases reported.

Explorer Scouts Plan for Spring

The Explorer Scouts of the Arrowwood Boy Scout district have planned an expanded program of activities for Spring.

The scouts, under L. J. Bolmanski, assistant district commander, have planned a program to include social, outdoor, service, and vocational activities.

Included in these are a formal dance after Easter, square dance instruction, an explorer-and-dad fishing trip, a camporee demonstration, and a survey of after-school jobs.

Cadet Slouch . . . by James Earle



New Scholarship To Be Awarded

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a senior student in agriculture who has "demonstrated high scholastic ability, leadership in extra-curricular activities, good character, and financial needs."

The scholarship is given by the Ralston-Purina company.

Dr. M. T. Harrington, chancellor, was one of three college administrators who helped plan the scholarship program.

Selection of students to receive the scholarship will be made by each school's own scholarship committee, with final approval by J. D. Sykes, vice-president of the Ralston Purina company.

Science Academy Plans State Meet

The Texas Academy of Science will hold its state meeting at Baylor university in December.

The board of directors and executive council of the Academy met here recently to make plans for the state meet.

Dr. Dale F. Leipper, head of the oceanography department, is president of the TAS, and Dr. G. P. Parker, head of the education and psychology department, is secretary-treasurer.



DOCTOR'S LATEST—Frank Sims, past-president of the student American Veterinary Medicine association chapter, tries out the new lounge furniture in the veterinary hospital. The furniture is for the use of veterinary students on receiving duty.

Job Calls

Thurs., Feb. 24—Taylor Instrument companies—Interviews for field engineers (sales)—development and design engineers, manufacturing engineers, research engineers. Majors: mechanical, electrical, chemical engineering, physics.

Thurs., Feb. 24—State Mutual Life Assurance Co.—business administration, agricultural economics and economics majors interested in the position of home office representatives for assignment in Texas offices.

Thurs., Friday, Feb. 24, 25—The Western company representatives will interview petroleum, mechanical, geological, chemical, electrical engineers, physicists and mathematicians for beginning jobs in field operations, potential candidates for supervisory positions. Will also consider civil engineers and geologists interested in this type of work. Also interested in advanced degree January, 1956 graduates in petroleum, mechanical, geological, chemical, electrical engineering and physics for positions in research and development.

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By Al Capp

SLOBOVIAN'S POUR INTO U.S.A.

BOSTON: "GO BACK WHERE YOU CAME FROM" ORDERS STATE DEPARTMENT.

MILWAUKEE: "LAT GO THE BAKED BINNS, WICE GUY!!—WE NOT THROUGH!!"

LOS ANGELES: "STOP HOPENING DOOR. MISTER NOSY!!—LIGHT IS WAKING BABY!!"

LOS ANGELES: "DUN'T BE A HAWG!! FOR ONE SANGWIDGE, YOU USE OPP TEN POUNDTS FOOD!!"

POGO

ALL RIGHT! COME INTO ME! I'M TANNIN' YO' HIDE TONIGHT AN' BOILIN' YO' BONES FER SOAP.

YOU NEEDS SOAP ALL RIGHT BUT NOT FOR LONG—WATCH OUT NOW! GOT A LIGHTNIN' BOLT IN EACH HAND.

LUMME FER A PLYTE OF SOUP, REGGIE, BUT THEY'S ALL 'OPPED UP.

RIGHTO, ALF, IT'S RIGHT CHAR, ALF, RIGHTO!

OH! LOOK AT 'EM GO—WOT AN' ORRIBLE SET-TO—THEY'LL CAULIFLOWER EACH OTHER'S PINNAE WITH VOCABLES.

AYE, REGGIE—PINNAE—EARS TO YOU, LAD, EARS TO YOU.

AN' 'ERE'S TO YOU, TOO, ALF—YER A RUM BLOKE AN' ALL CANDY.

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