Battalion Policy

(Editor's note: In order to clarify The Battalion's role as a newspaper serving both A&M and College Station, below is published the statement of principles of A&M Student Publications.)

The objectives of the student publications of Texas A&M College include education and practical experience for the students who participate, furnishing of journalistic and literary media to serve the college and its community and adding to the prestige of the college and its schools.

The Battalion and the other student publications have freedom of the press, accompanied by the responsibilities that such freedom entails. The editorial policy of each student publication is determined by the student editors. The student editors are not expected to express officially the policies and attitudes of the College administration. The editors are nevertheless expected to be aware of the special character given to the newspaper and the other publications by their association with the college, and to have what they see as the long-run best interest of the College at heart. The student editors have the right to disagree with and be constructively critical of the administration of the College, but they are expected to tell all sides of each news story as accurately and completely as possible. As a concomitant to its having freedom of the press as enjoyed by other free newspapers, The Battalion occupies the same position relative to the College as do such newspapers, without special privilege.

"The editors of student publications are expected to be guided by the accepted ethics of their profession as outlined for example by the Code of Newspaper Ethics of the American Society of Newspaper Editors. This involves responsibility, freedom of the press, independence, sincerity, truthfulness, accuracy, impartiality, fair play and decency. It is expected that the editors will be accurate, complete and objective and avoid slating and editorializing in news stories.

This statement was adopted unanimously by the faculty and student members of the first Student Publications Board at their initial meeting. It has been subscribed to and endorsed by the President of the College and by the Dean of Student Personnel Services and has been re-subscribed to annually by the Student Publications Board.

Letters to the Editor

Editor, The Battalion

After reading your editorials, especially the more recent ones, one wonders how you could have the gall to so misuse the power vested in you as editor of The Battalion. May we remind you that The Battalion was never intended to be used by any faction or individual for voicing petty opinions or prejudices. It is the press's responsibility to present the facts on any subject and, in the event of a controversy, to allow both sides to present their viewpoints; in our opinion, you are failing miserably to do this.

We have a few comments con-

First, you say, "Despite the de-

feat of the Senate's plan for integrated reserve seats for juniors

We have a few comments concerning your editorial of May 9. statement is that you do not becording to Lt. Col. Taylor Wilkins, lieve the present Corps is a "pride to the college."

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Editorials

Vote Tomorrow

Tomorrow's election of Student Senate officers and major committee heads for next year presents one of the best opportunities of the year for students to get out and vote for the men who want to head their student govern-

In the past there have been cries that Senators have been acting without authority from the student body on major issues. This election will leave it up to the voters to elect men who best represent their stands on student gov-

When the time comes for these senators to take action on major issues, the men who didn't vote in the election will wish they had voted, especially if some move which they disfavor is made.

The answer to better student government at A&M is not a complacent attitude. It is an attitude of genuine interest coupled with votes for the men who will do the best job for the student body.

1957-58 Editorial Policy

Listed below are the major points of the 1957-58 Battalion editorial policy based on the statement of principles published on this page. It is the same policy which has governed The Battalon since May 1.

The Battalion will: (1) Speak editorially on what the editor believes are the best interests of A&M regardless of what group is involved; (2) Urge editorially that a strong Civilian student body be organized so as to be a pride to A&M; (2) Urge editorially that the Corps of Cadets improve their organization even though it already has many good points; (3) Urge editorially that Civilian students participate more in campus activities (traditions, clubs); (4) strive editorially to increase cooperation between the two groups; (5) Speak editorially on any issue affecting citizens of College Station; (6) Speak editorially on any issue of state or national origin which affects A&M students and (7) Feel free to take a definite stand editorially on any controversial issue with the school's best interests in mind.

Here is the policy which will govern editorials in The Battalion. All editorials will be written according to these | showed slow, heavy tanks are useprinciples and policies based on them.

These stands will be taken only on the editorial page, destroyed. editorial box on the front page and by cartoons specifically "The 12-pound conventional marked editorial. News columns will be reserved for ob- charge in this missile can destroy jective news coverage.

Last Meeting

Cat-tastrophe YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (A)-Wiliam D. Timmins, line serviceman for Ohio Edison Co., admits he's

soft-hearted.

Timmins braved wintry weather and the wrath of a weather-beaten tomcat to rescue the animal, stranded atop a high voltage pole for five days.

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Gen Noel Daun of the French Air Force declared the missile

any tank or armored car," he told reporters inspecting the Sud aviation plant here. "It has a record of 90 per cent of hits.'

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Police Inspector Joe Clark said his shotgun discharged accidentally and struck the Negro in the right side when the patrol car "hit

The dead man was identified as L. C. Thompson, about 35.

Deputy Sheriff George Hilton said Thompson had admitted verbally a few minutes earlier that he stabbed two youths, robbed a service station and raped a 15year-old white high school girl

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