

Editorials

A Look Back

Another year is almost over and only finals stand in the way of most Aggies before the semester ends.

This might be a good time to reflect on some of the things which have happened during the year so that next year everyone will be ready to face new problems.

The year started right for everybody as the Aggie football team breezed through an undefeated season to win the Southwest Conference championship for the first time since 1941.

They didn't stop with that, however, because in winning the championship they crushed the University of Texas for the first time in Austin's Memorial Stadium.

Despite the NCAA's refusal to take A&M off athletic probation, which inflamed many Aggies, all were happy the team had taken the SWC crown.

UT's troubles were not over after Turkey Day either. Coach Ken Loeffler's Aggie cagers broke a 34-year jinx and beat the Longhorns twice during the basketball season.

In addition to athletic successes the A&M student body was doing things on its own.

Probably the best Student Senate in several years began an earnest attempt to provide an accident insurance plan for Aggies. Despite an early set-back because they tried to get a compulsory policy passed for the students, the Senate finally found a policy which seems to be the best possible for all Aggies.

As has been the rule every spring for the last few years, controversy spread between Civilians and Corps and words were exchanged back and forth.

The Civilian Student Council made the most progress since its start toward organization of its students by instituting dormitory organizations and planning a freshman orientation program for the fall.

Coach Ken Loeffler's job was threatened momentarily when the SWC accused him of illegal recruiting, but President D. W. Williams decided to let him stay without recruiting privileges.

Finally, probably the most controversial issue of the year came up, when Corps leaders made efforts to urge the Board of Directors to institute compulsory Corps and several organizations on the campus began expressing their opinions.

It has been a year full of problems, but despite those problems much has been accomplished.

Congratulations

Tomorrow, hard years of sweat, strain and study end with success for the 1957 spring graduates of A&M.

It is difficult for those who are not Aggies to realize just what it means to be graduating from A&M. It not only means completion of academic requirements for degrees and military training for commissions but also it means an intangible degree in training for life's problems.

Many go on to be great military leaders and become a credit to the school while others choose to become civilian leaders and serve the community and state in which they live.

Heartiest congratulations go to each and every graduate. It is hoped that they will carry with them the Spirit of Aggie and always be credits to their school.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor,
 The Battalion

On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to extend thanks to Doris Purser and the Aggie Wives Council for the time and effort spent in obtaining polio vaccine for Aggie families.

We feel that we can breathe a little easier having been inoculated against this terrible disease. I'm sure this feeling is shared by many other families. Thank you.

Mrs. John DeWitt

Editor,
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Not long ago The Battalion received a rating as being among the top college papers of the United States. This was probably the case before it was turned over to the man who dominated its opinions and filled its pages with nothing but anti-Corps propaganda. Not that we feel that the civilian students should not have their opinions, or express them, for that matter, but that the entire content of the only paper on the campus has been loaded with feelings against the Corps. All of the content, that is, except that which was "given to Cadet Colonel of the Corps Jack Lunsford so he may express his views," as was so well pointed out in the bold face type under the title of the article in the May 21 issue.

In that same issue appeared an editorial which expressed certainly the most perverted and twisted view of a student on this campus, obviously written to rationalize the illogical view held by its author. This naive point of view and its obvious fight against reason belongs only to the distorted mind and should only be allowed in a paper which reputedly handles that type of material. Such an example of rationalization and searching for excuses to support an argument is the obscure and unfounded reason that the compulsory Corps idea is intended to keep the Corps from slowly sinking and is a product of fear in the minds of its leaders.

Now really, is there any reason to believe that Jack Lunsford thought, "My gracious, I am afraid of the destiny of the Corps, and in order to keep it from sinking into the mire, I must instigate a plan of compulsory Corps policy to save it from this terrible death!" Of course not! It seems rather obvious that the whole policy is supported because of the benefits a student may receive while being trained in this organization, and this can only be expressed by those who have experienced it. Certainly if a man has completed two years of training in the Corps, whether he liked it or not, he will be nevertheless a stronger man.

The huge play-up you gave the Faculty against the policy is also a sign of the worthlessness of the paper, not that it brought the news to the students, but that its anti-Corps effect was splashed on the front page of the newspaper of a college whose reputation and fame has been built of the Corps of Cadets.

We do not intend to slam the Civilian students or boast of the Corps in this letter, for we only want to express one point. That

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is, that the fight now existing between the two bodies on this campus is affected largely by the newspaper, and as its opinions are only trying to encourage the battle, we are assured that it is worthless and trivial in its effort.

- W. E. Cleland '59
- S. P. Voinis '59
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- E. W. Hill '59
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- Joe Van Zandt '59

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CORPS LEAGUE BASEBALL SAYS THANKS

The Corps League Baseball season is over after its first successful try on the campus. This success could not have been achieved had it not been for the cooperation of the following people or groups:

The Air Science Department for furnishing umpires for the Air Force games;

The Bryan ("Bees") for giving the leagues use of Travis Park;

Mr. Pete Rodriguez for coordinating with the leagues for their scheduling;

Mr. Hein of Sbis Mess Hall for the late tables for our afternoon ballplayers;

The Battalion for the fine copy (See LETTERS, Page 3)

CS Civic Assn. Member Drive Starts Monday

The College Station Civic Association annual membership drive begins Monday, according to the Board of Directors of the organization.

The association works for the improvement of the city as a community to live in and lends its active support to every worthy endeavor of interest to the community and area.

Present programs of the group include support to the public schools, youth and recreation programs of the area, local health, T-B and survey and blood collection programs, the Carnegie Library and other programs of civic improvement.

Walter Manning, president of the organization, named the 1957 membership committee as follows: R. E. Callender, chairman; A. C. Magee, vice-chairman; James B. Baly, Robert L. Hunt, J. Gordon Gay, K. A. Manning, Lucian M. Morgan, O. D. Butler, Mrs. W. H. Delaplaine and Victor E. Schember.

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PEANUTS

Gear Elected Prexy Of Ag. Eco. Club

Ed Gear, from Point Comfort, was chosen Wednesday night to head the Agricultural Economics Club for next year at a regular meeting in room 312 of the Agriculture Building.

Also elected to serve for the coming year were vice president, Ken McKinney; secretary, John Walker; treasurer, Delmar Deterling; reporter, Larry Womack; and Roy Davis, Agricultural Council representative.

Calhoun to Speak At Builders Meet

Dr. John C. Calhoun Jr., dean of the School of Engineering, will be guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Texas Associated General Contractors Chapters Executive Council to be held here June 2 and 3.

Response to Dr. Calhoun's speech will be made by Arthur LeBlanc of the LeBlanc Construction Co. Houston.

On Campus with Max Shulman
 (Author of "Barefoot Boy With Cheek," etc.)

LANGUAGE MADE SIMPLE: No. 2

Exams loom closer and closer. The sands run out; the chips are down. This, you will agree, is no time for levity.

Accordingly, I have asked the makers of Philip Morris whether I might not dispense with jesting in today's column and instead devote it to a cram course in languages.

Their consent was cheerfully given, for they are fine, great-hearted men, the makers of Philip Morris, just as full of natural goodness as the cigarettes they turn out, just as friendly, just as jolly, just as regular, just as unfiltered, just as agreeable. "Why, bless you, child!" cried the makers. "Of course!" Then they rumbled my chestnut curls and somebody cried "Not it!" and before you could say flip-top box, a game of Squat Tag was on, and we played 'til the moon was over the yardarm, and then, pink and touselled, we all went inside and had flacons of temperance punch and Philip Morris cigarettes and fell into our trundle beds and slept the clock around!

But I digress. Today let us turn our attention to the study of languages.

Do you realize how important languages are? I must confess that, until recently, I did not. "What good will Spanish ever do me?" I kept asking.

Well sir, I found out. Recently I took a trip to Latin America, and every day I thanked my lucky stars for having learned Spanish in college. While my fellow tourists stumbled and bumbled, I was perfectly at home.

Hasta la Vista, Señorita!

I recall our first stop in Mexico City. I stepped from the airplane, walked over to the nearest colorful native, and said, "Hasta la vista, señorita. (Good morning, sir.) ¿Pero las lastimas y calamidades se agravanan mas y mas cada dia?" (Has thy footman finished sweeping out thy chamber?)

"No, sir," he replied in Spanish. "He is an idle rogue."

"How is thy footman called?" I asked.

"He is called Diego," replied my friend, "and the little daughter of his fat sister is called Juanita. She has two small books, one gray cat, three black dogs, 24 red chickens, one fat pig, eight pewter mugs, and a partridge in a pear tree."

"Wilt thou have a Philip Morris cigarette?" I asked.

"Gracious," he said thankfully.

We lit Philip Morris and smoked contentedly the better part of the day.

"Perhaps by now my footman shall have finished sweeping my chamber," he said. "Wilt thou not come to my house?"

"Gracious," I said.

Arm in arm we walked to his house, but, alas, his footman had not yet swept out his chamber. So we each took a barrel stave and beat the impudent scamp until it was time for my airplane to take off.

Aloha, Mexico, brooding land of enchantment!

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Farewell, Mexico... Hello, U.S.A., land of the long size and regular, the flip-top box, the fresh, natural, careful smoke—Philip Morris, of course!—whose makers bring you this column throughout the school year.

By Al Capp

By Charles M. Schulz