

Battalion Rated High By Newspaper Critics

By DAVE STOKER
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As one enters the office of The Battalion, he can't help but notice the many awards that adorn the walls of this publication's entrance. Year after year The Battalion has placed high in contests and ratings held throughout the country, making it one of the top college dailies in the nation.

Highlighting The Battalion's honors is the award it received in the College Newspaper Contest on Safe Driving in 1956. In this contest The Battalion received a \$500 first place prize from Col. Homer Garrison, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, for its Dec. 14, 1956, issue. It

received the highest rating over 277 other schools from 28 states. The Battalion has placed in the top three in the Safe Driving Contest for seven consecutive years, taking second place in 1950, third place in 1952, first place in 1953, third place in 1954 and 1955, first place in 1956 and third place last year.

Most recent of The Battalion's long line of awards is the award it received last year from Columbia University. The Battalion won Columbia's medalist rating, the highest honor given by that university.

The Battalion, enjoying a readership of over 18,000, has also gained an abundance of prestige

around college circles for the ratings it has received in the past from the Associated Collegiate Press, critical service at the University of Minnesota.

Last spring The Battalion, under Joe Tindel, received a second place rating from the ACP, the third highest rating given by the service and comparable to "good to very good" by their rating.

In 1947 the publication received the ACP's highest possible rating, the All American Honor, a "superior" rating. The Battalion received the ACP's first class rating during the second semester, 1955-56; first class rating during the first semester, 1956-57; and another first class rating for the second semester, 1956-57.

For The Battalion

Reporter's Job Is to Get Story

By ED RIVERS

"My name is Jones. I'm from the Battalion," the guy says to you.

He might be tall; he might be short. He might smile; he might not. He might tell you a joke; and he might not laugh at one of yours. He's a young man trying to do a job and, in the case of a Battalion reporter, he's also trying to gain experience in his chosen profession.

He'll probably ask you questions, because it's his job to find out things that the people want or need to know, or would enjoy knowing. He deals in facts—the truth—nothing more. His opinion, and he has one, has no place in the news story.

bit if they carry their publicity hunger to an extreme, but they still usually provide grist for his mill.

Only those who want to stay out of the news confront him with any real problem. Why? The reporter must ask himself. Does their reason arise only out of personality or is their's a real and important reason?

Why Hide?

What is the reason this person or organization wants to hide or alter the truth? The more important this person or organization is in relation to the welfare of the public, the more important it is for the reporter to learn the truth.

To that person or organization it might seem that the reporter is out to cut their throat. The reporter deals in truth, and if their throat can be cut by the truth, then it may be cut. If the truth cannot hurt them, they have no worry in the first place.

Perhaps such dashing-sounding terms of "the real truth" is a thing a Battalion reporter will not come up against during his school career. But he still must prepare himself for the day that he will have to meet such a challenge because it is a part of the way of life that he has chosen.

Main Source

His main source of facts is people so he has to deal with people, all kinds of people. Whether he gets along with them or not depends on his individual personality. He may be anything from the cynic to the chaplain type, because he is only human. And how well he gets the facts, governs how well he does his job.

The reporter is the master link in the chain of information between the news source and the reader. When you pick up a newspaper and read a story, it was his eyes that saw it for you, his ears that heard a first-hand account of it for you. It was his trained mind that formulated the facts and put them in a readable form for you.

College Major

Like the engineer or the business major, his college career is devoted to getting ready to do the best job possible in his field. He'll make mistakes because he is human like everyone else. When he misspells a name in a story or gets a figure wrong, it's because he's young and eager.

Who is the engineer who never miscalculates, or the business major who always has the right answer? Given the chance, he'll give you the news, the facts, the truth; he give them to you in a newspaper of which A&M can be proud.

People Divided

So far as the reporter's job is concerned, people can be roughly divided into three categories: those who want to get into the news, those who want to stay out of it and those who are indifferent.

Those in the latter category make any reporter's day a little brighter. Those who want to get into the news might annoy him a

Six Professors Attend Meeting In San Antonio

Six members of the Department of Civil Engineering attended the annual meeting of the Texas Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers at San Antonio, Sept. 25-27. Several staff members received appointments.

Those attending were Dr. S. R. Wright, head of the department, Dr. Wendell H. Nedderman, Dr. R. M. Holcomb, R. E. Schiller Jr., E. P. Segner Jr. and J. S. Noel.

Segner is executive secretary of the Texas Section and Dr. Wright represents the Brazos County branch on the board of directors. Noel is editor of the "Texas Engineer," monthly publication of the Texas Section.

Three members of the civil engineering staff make up the Tellers committee. They are James B. Baty, chairman; Dr. Nedderman; and T. J. Hirsch.

Dr. Nedderman was appointed chairman of the Structural Technical Group. Schiller was named to the Hydraulic Group and Truman Jones, also of the department, was named to the membership committee.

Milner Hall Aps

First copies of the Voice of Milner, a bi-weekly newspaper published by Milner Hall students, were distributed Monday, Lee Lowery, editor of the paper, said.

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PAUL BROSSIA
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Ohio Student Interns Here

Paul Brossia, a student at the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, has begun a year-long internship at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

Brossia, serving the internship as a required part of the seminary program, will serve the congregation as an assistant to the pastor. He will be adviser to the Lutheran Student Association, teach the Aggie Bible Class each Sunday and assist the local Lutheran League.

Student Meetings Highlight Services

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran student meeting will be held tonight at 7:15. Paul Brossia, seminary student from Columbus, Ohio, will speak on "How Do I Know What I Should Do with My Life."

WESTMINSTER STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

The student fellowship will meet tonight at 7 and will be conducted by the Rev. Charles Workman. Films of work camp and student seminars in Mexico will be shown.

Experience Total: 25 Years

Batt Staff Members Boast Professional Experience

Eleven members of the 1958-59 Battalion staff have mustered about 25 years of overall actual newspaper experience, counting their tours on daily and weekly newspapers around the state in the term of months.

Experience among the staff ranges from serving as a high school handyman in the printing shop of a newspaper, to fulfilling Texas Daily Newspaper Assn. internships on Texas dailies.

ing intern for the Lamesa Daily Reporter.

Bill Reed
 Bill Reed, news editor from Bonham, is the "pro" around the Battalion. As a high school student he was circulation manager and backshop helper of the Bonham Daily Favorite for three years, and served there as a reporter one summer. He took his advertising internship at the daily Kilgore News Herald the past summer, returning to A&M for his second tour of Battalion duty.

Johnny Johnson
 Johnny Johnson, sophomore from Bogota, served as Battalion summer editor in 1958 after only a year's experience on the campus daily. He worked parttime for the Abilene Reporter-News while in high school, and served as editor of the Mount Pleasant Daily Times in the summer of 1957.

Lewis Reddell
 Lewis Reddell, Llano junior, is serving his second year on The Battalion staff, this year as a news editor. During the summer

of 1958 he was a reporter for the Llano News, which is owned by his father.

Ed Rivers
 Ed Rivers, Battalion reporter from Lufkin, was a reporter for the Galveston News for four months and for the Lufkin Daily News for eight months. This is his second year on The Batt staff.

Tommy Keith
 Tommy Keith, senior from Cleveland, has been working for the A&M Agricultural Information Office for the past two years. In his second year at The Battalion, he is a sports writer.

Dave Stoker
 Dave Stoker, junior news editor from Fort Worth, utilized last summer as a reporter for the bi-weekly Hereford Brand. He is serving his second year as a Battalion.

Jay Collins, a University of California transfer, had journalism experience in high school and was on the newspaper staff at UC. This is his first year for The Battalion.

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