

**BATTALION EDITORIALS**

... Our Liberty Depends on the Freedom of the Press, And It Cannot Be Limited Without Being Lost ... Thomas Jefferson

**Quantity and ...**

Latest figures on freshmen resignations show a marked change from last year: only one-third as many Corps freshmen resigned during the first three weeks of the fall semester as compared with a similar period last year.

Even with the slightly smaller enrollment for the 1958 fall term, this change is most significant.

Now upperclassmen have some demonstrable proof that "Grade Point Army" has some merit—at least in retaining the crop of high school seniors attracted to A&M each fall for the first three weeks.

For the first three weeks of this year, the loss ratio compared with that of years past is encouraging. The percentage of losses is becoming less as the weeks pass.

Real proof of the new "slow gear" policy with fourth classmen will be the number of freshmen at final review—not the first three weeks. But certainly, the year's program has gotten off to a good start.

Sheer number is not the goal being sought by de-excellerating the freshman training program, however. The sophomores next year must know as much about A&M as sophomores in the past. They must be able to pass on the traditions and the strength men have found at A&M to the classes to come. To do these things, they must do more than just survive the first encounters with upperclassmen.

In addition to being here for final review, these remaining freshmen must be mentally and emotionally prepared to take over their part of teaching the men to follow. Just staying the full nine months isn't enough. These "fish" must be trained and polished—slowly and carefully like rare gems if they are to shine in May.

If the figures on the first three weeks can be taken as an indication of a trend, the freshmen will be here in force at the end of the year. The kind of Aggies they make and the kind of A&M they pass on to their followers depends on the training they receive between now and then ...

**Interpreting**

**Montgomery Brings Up Old War Controversy**

By J. M. ROBERTS  
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"No one who studies war can fail to be impressed by the admirable speed and flexibility of the American armies and groups of armies, and the adaptiveness of commanders and their troops to the swiftly changing conditions of modern battles on the greatest scale."

That's what Winston Churchill wrote to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower on March 9, 1945, after the allied sweep across the Rhine.

"I am glad the British and Canadian armies in the north should have played a part in your far-reaching and triumphant combinations," he added.

Churchill also has said, however, that prior to this time the efforts of Gen. (now Field Marshall) Viscount Montgomery to promote a single unified northern thrust into Germany, under his command, fully represented

British war policy.

Montgomery now says that Eisenhower's refusal to listen to him prolonged the war for several months.

The old controversy has been renewed by publication of Montgomery's memoirs. Always known as a curmudgeon, the hero of Alamein maintains the reputation with his fervor. He's still willing to argue with a winner.

As Montgomery tells it, he was once so anxious to take over Bradley's armies—he had already taken over Simpson's—that he suggested that Eisenhower come to see him about it. He said he was to busy on the Low Countries front to go to headquarters.

That is typical of the intensity with which Montgomery carried on his campaign, repeatedly apparent in the memoranda he sent to the supreme commander.

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"DO YOU HEAR HEAVY BREATHING?"

**Who's Here**

**Massingale Hails From?**

By JACK TEAGUE

John T. Massingale Jr., senior marketing major from ? has probably done more traveling, or as much, as any any other person on the Aggie campus.

The reason for the question mark is that I can't quite make up my mind exactly where John is from—he has a hard time himself trying to figure this one out.

John was born in Sherman, Tex. and then the ball started rolling. He lived in Sherman for one year and then moved to Galveston. From there he moved to Amarillo, Temple, Tyler and Texarkana, just to name the Texas residences. At 12 he went with his family to Frankfort, Germany, where he lived for another year. And then on to Munich, Germany, where he lived for the "remarkably," as John puts it, long time of three years. From there he returned to Falls Church, Va. And from Falls Church he returned to Sherman, where he finished high school.

Yep, you guessed the reason for all this moving. John's dad is an Army man. Right now he is chief of transportation at Ft. Sill, Okla.

An Aggie-ex, Class of '52, John's dad had a lot to do with his coming to A&M. John is a member of Squadron 14 and is athletic officer. He is in the Marketing Society and the Business Society and a member of the Oklahoma Hometown Club. John has changed hometown clubs three times since coming to Aggie, having been a former member of the Grayson County

**Campus Entertainment Looks Bright for Weekend**

With the host of young ladies from Dallas, Houston, Denton, Austin, etc., descending upon College Station this weekend, a look at the entertainment scene seems to be in order.

Tomorrow night, Rue Pinale presents a pair of Texas Christian University coeds as the featured performers in floor show entertainment. June Pence, vocalist, and Katherine Davis, pianist, will be on hand in the table tennis area of the Memorial Student Center along with the dance music of the Dave Woodard Combo. Many who attended the 1957 Intercollegiate Talent Show will remember Miss Pence as one of the top ten acts of that event.

**O&M Professor To Present Paper**

Winton G. Covey has accepted an invitation to present a scientific paper at the Second National Conference on Agricultural Meteorology at New Haven, Conn., Oct. 22-24.

Covey is a micrometeorologist in the Department of Oceanography and Meteorology.

Meetings of the conference will be held at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and the Yale School of Forestry.

Saturday evening, the Aggieband Combo will play at the All-College Dance in Shiba Hall from 9 p. m. 'till midnight. Charlie Barnett and his Orchestra was originally to have played for the dance, but due to traveling difficulties, will be unable to appear. Admission will be \$1.50 per couple.

Anyone who has time to catch a flick this weekend would do well to see "Operation Mad Ball" at Guion Hall. Your reporter

**What's Cooking**

The following organizations will meet tonight:

7:30  
 Midland Hometown Club will meet in the YMCA Cabinet Room.  
 Cooke County Hometown Club will meet in the lounge of Pur-year Hall.

Panhandle Club will meet in Room 203 of the Academic Bldg.  
 Flax County will meet in Room 225 of the Academic Bldg.

Del Rio Hometown Club will meet in the YMCA to discuss plans for Christmas dance and club picture for Aggieband.

Runnels-Coleman Hometown Club will meet in Room 225 of the Academic Bldg.

Texarkana and Four States Area Hometown Club will meet in Room 223 of the Academic Bldg.

Mid-County Hometown Club will meet in Room 227 of the Academic Bldg.

The California Club will meet in the MSC by the chairs and couches near the post office.

San Jacinto Hometown Club meets on the second floor of the YMCA to discuss social activities.

Rolls of refrigerator cookie dough are usually best when they are shaped about 1 1/2 inches in diameter. When you use a 3-cup flour recipe, make two rolls.

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**On Campus** with Max Strubman  
 (By the Author of "Rally Round the Flag, Boys!" and "Barefoot Boy with Cheek.")

**SAIL ON, SAIL ON!**

I suppose October 12 is just another day to you. You get up in the ordinary way and do all the ordinary things you ordinarily do. You have your breakfast, you walk your oedot, you go to classes, you write home for money, you burn the dean in effigy, you watch Disneyland, and you go to bed. And do you give one little thought to the fact that October 12 is Columbus Day? No, you do not.

Nobody thinks about Columbus these days. Let us, therefore, pause for a moment and retell his ever-glorious, endlessly stirring saga.



Christopher Columbus was born in Genoa on August 25, 1451. His father, Ralph T. Columbus, was in the three-minute auto wash game. His mother, Eleanor (Swiftly) Columbus, was a sprinter. Christopher was an only child, except for his four brothers and eight sisters. With his father busy all day at the auto wash and his mother constantly away at truck meets, young Columbus was left pretty much to his own devices. However, the lad did not sulk or brood. He was an avid reader and spent all his waking hours immersed in a book. Unfortunately, there was only one book in Genoa at the time—*Care of the Horse* by Aristotle—and after several years of reading *Care of the Horse*, Columbus grew restless. So when rumor reached him that there was another book in Barcelona, off he ran as fast as his fat little legs would carry him.

The rumor, alas, proved false. The only book in Barcelona was *Cuidar un Caballo* by Aristotle, which proved to be nothing more than a Spanish translation of *Care of the Horse*.

Bitterly disappointed, Columbus began to dream of going to India where, according to legend, there were thousands of books. But the only way to go to India was on horseback, and after so many years of reading *Care of the Horse*, Columbus never wanted to clap eyes on a horse again. Then a new thought struck him: perhaps it was possible to get to India by sea!

Fired with his revolutionary new idea, Columbus raced to the court of Ferdinand and Isabella on his little fat legs (Columbus was plagued with little fat legs all his life) and pleaded his case with such fervor that the rulers were persuaded.

On October 12, 1492, Columbus set foot on the New World. The following year he returned to Spain with a cargo of wonders never before seen in Europe—spices and metals and plants and flowers and—most wondrous of all—tobacco! Oh, what a sensation tobacco caused in Europe! The filter had long since been invented (by Aristotle, curiously enough) but nobody knew what to do with it. Now Columbus, the Great Discoverer, made still another great discovery: he took a filter, put tobacco in front of it, and invented the world's first filter cigarette!

Through the centuries filters have been steadily improved and so has tobacco, until today we have achieved the ultimate in the filter cigarette—Marlboro, of course! Oh, what a piece of work is Marlboro! Great tobacco, great filter, great smoke! And so, good friends, when next you enjoy a fine Marlboro Cigarette, give a thought to the plucky Genoese, Christopher Columbus, whose vision and perseverance made the whole lovely thing possible.

And thank Columbus too for Philip Morris Cigarettes, for those who want the best in non-filter smoking. Philip Morris joins Marlboro in bringing you these columns throughout the school year.

By Charles M. Schulz