

School Year Nears Close

Final Review 17 Days Away; Aggies Anticipate Last Event

By BILL HICKLIN
 Battalion News Editor

It won't be long now. Only 17 days remain until Final Review. And Aggies in the Corps of Cadets are anticipating making their final appearance in respective classes before donning the uniforms for the last time around, which marks an advancement and the conclusion of another year. Or for graduating seniors, it is the final appearance which terminates four years of work here at A&M.

Anticipation is so high in some instances that the time remaining until the final event has been reduced to hours and even minutes. Beginning with the freshmen and on into the graduating seniors, expectations of the long-awaited affair have been expressed.

"We are looking forward to wearing the uniform which makes

us upperclassmen," said Dan Deupree, president of the Class of '62. "We think the sophomores should wear serge and the juniors wear the boots at Final Review," he concluded.

Clint Murphy, president of the Class of '61, stated, "We have been waiting two years to make this advancement. I definitely want to wear serge the final time around."

"This is a part of A&M," declared Randy Curtis, deputy Corps commander. "It ranks along with Muster, Silver Taps, the 12th Man and all other things that make A&M great."

"There may have been some things in the past that we have done to cheapen it by being un-military in formations and such, but it is still one of the good things left here at A&M," he said.

Preparations for one of the

outstanding highlights of the year for Aggies are underway. Freshmen have begun work on curved brass which stamps them as sophomores, while sophomores have procured serge—a patent of the junior class.

Juniors have obtained the boots, establishing them as the graduating class of Aggieland. Also, Final Review completes four years of effort for graduating seniors.

Final Review has long been a featured event for Ags. This year should prove to be the same.

Parents' Day Programs Available

Students who have not received a program of events for Parents' Day weekend may pick them up at any of the following four locations, according to W. L. Penberthy, director of the Department of Student Activities.

Programs may be picked up at the Memorial Student Center, offices of the deans of the various schools, the Commandant's office, or the office of Student Activities.

A&M MENS SHOP
 103 MAIN — NORTH GATE
AGGIE OWNED

BATTALION EDITORIALS

... Journalism Which Succeeds Best —and Best Deserves Success— Fears God and Honors Man; Is Stoutly Independent, Unmoved by Pride of Opinion or Creed of Power ... Walter Williams

The Realization of a Goal

Final Review has many meanings to the Men of Aggieland. To some it is the culmination of four years study and work, to others it is the donning of the long-awaited boots, to sophomores it means an end to being an underclassman and to freshmen it signifies full-recognition by upperclassmen.

Like some other traditions here at Aggieland it has been abused and not been carried out in full military manner. But throughout all this it has survived to be the goal of Aggies from when they first enter the gates of Aggieland until their last final review when they become former students of Texas A&M.

Final Review is more than just a couple of marches around the drill field. It means more than the end of the school year. It is the beginning of another year or of a future as a college graduate.

A large part of its true meaning is attached to the changing of uniforms that has accompanied it in the past. Freshmen gain their curved brass, military creases and all the other uniform privileges of sophomores.

To sophomores it is the day when they first don the serge that they have worked two years to earn the right to wear.

Juniors gain the privilege of wearing the symbol of Aggieland—boots.

And to seniors it is their last honor from the Corps of Cadets and to most their last contact with the men of their outfit.

These are the things that make Final Review so important to Aggies—from the most inconspicuous freshman to the highest-ranking senior.

Any change in the procedure of the rite would only serve to cheapen it and lessen its meaning and impact—a fate which has befallen many Aggie traditions that have been tampered with by outsiders.

Will it happen to Final Review?

Symbol of Ag Brotherhood

Traditions are one of the things that help make a man proud to be an Aggie and one of the most beautiful of these traditions is Silver Taps.

A man gains new faith in himself and his fellow man when he can be a part of a Silver Taps. It means a lot to know that more than 6,000 students pause in their studies and gather to honor a departed Aggie.

Aggies talk of their comradeship a great deal, but the Silver Taps ceremony is the living testimony to how Aggies feel about their buddies.

Not even the turning on of lights in one of the Academic Building classrooms or in several dorms adjacent to the site of the ceremony as the last strains of the buglers' notes were fading away could serve to lessen the feeling left by Silver Taps.

As long as there are true Men of Aggieland to carry on such a tradition as Silver Taps, the future of Texas A&M holds only bright happenings and an optimistic outlook.

LETTERS

Editor, The Battalion:

We surely appreciate the cooperation you gave us in connection with our recent Secretaries Week program; your publishing the article relative to our various activities helped very materially in publicizing this event.

Mrs. Florence Hall, President Bryan-College Station Chapter The National Secretaries Assn.

PITCHING TO PREACHING

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Ben W. Render switched his newspaper bag for a pulpit.

Render started his paper route 13 years ago. He retired recently when he was ordained a Baptist minister.

Render, 26, paid his way through high school, the University of Louisville and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with his paper-carrying earnings. He broke only one window in his 13 years as a carrier, and that belonged to a longtime customer who gladly paid to have it replaced.

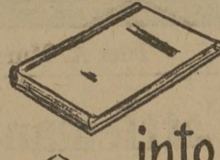

Smith Leads Trip To Study Brazos

Fred Smith of the Department of Geology and Geophysics conducted a geological field trip Saturday to the lower tertiary and upper cretaceous of the Brazos River valley.

Members of the Houston Geological Society and the Gulf Coast section of the Society of Economic Paleontology and Mineralogy and professors and students from schools in Texas and Louisiana made the trip.

This field trip was a continuation of the study of the Brazos River section, the upper portion of which was covered by the December, 1958, field trip of the Gulf Coast section of SEPM and the Houston Geological Society.

The chief aim of the trip was to give Gulf Coast geologists an opportunity to become acquainted with good exposures of lower tertiary and upper cretaceous formations, to understand their sedimentary history and thus "be able to better correlate despite facies changes," Smith said.

Students!
 turn your  into 

Shaffer's Book Store
 North Gate Open 6 days a week
 8 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

It's so much faster to FLY!



EL PASO DALLAS



Call your Travel Agent, or Continental at VI 6-4789.

Gifts that win Graduation honors

Give a gift that will be remembered . . .

- Elgin
- Bulova
- Hamilton

\$19⁹⁵ AND UP

WATCHES

Culpepper Jewelry

Townshire Shopping Center TA 2-3119

The GREAT MARCO
 MAGICIAN-HYPNOTIST
 240 Rivington Street
 New York

CIRCLE
 TONIGHT
 "THE FLY"
 Also
 "THE GIRL MOST LIKELY"
 Jane Powell

CAMPUS
 TODAY THRU TUESDAY

LANA TURNER • JOHN GAVIN
 SANDRA DEE • DAN O'HERILY

Imitation of Life
 A UNIVERSAL INTERNATIONAL PICTURE

SKYWAY DIVE IN THEATRE
 TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY
 Brigitte Bardot in
 "AND GOD CREATED WOMAN"
 Plus
 Stewart Granger in
 "THE WHOLE TRUTH"

Queen Hall THEATRE
 TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

M-G-M presents
 A SOL C. SIEGEL Production
 starring
DANNY KAYE
 in
MERRY ANDREW
 co-starring PIER ANGELI
 in Technicolor and METROCOLOR

START RESERVING YOUR FORMAL WEAR NOW

for the RING DANCE



RENT A FORMAL
A&M Men's Shop

Memorial Student Center Gift Shop

offers an unusual selection of gifts for

Mothers Day

Sun., May 10th

Come in early and let us help you find the perfect gift for YOUR Mother.

Free gift and mail wrapping!

THE BATTALION

Opinions expressed in The Battalion are those of the student writers only. The Battalion is a non-tax-supported, non-profit, self-supporting educational enterprise edited and operated by students as a community newspaper and is under the supervision of the director of Student Publications at Texas A&M College.

Members of the Student Publications Board are L. A. Duenwall, director of Student Publications, chairman; J. W. Amyx, School of Engineering; Harry Lee Kidd, School of Arts and Sciences; Otto R. Kunze, School of Agriculture; and Dr. E. D. McMurry, School of Veterinary Medicine.

The Battalion, a student newspaper at Texas A&M, is published in College Station, Texas, daily except Saturday, Sunday, and holiday periods, September through May, and once a week during summer school.

Entered as second-class matter at the Post Office in College Station, Texas, under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

MEMBER: The Associated Press Texas Press Ass'n.

Represented nationally by National Advertising Services, Inc., New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

Mail subscriptions are \$3.50 per semester, \$6 per school year, \$6.50 per full year. Advertising rate furnished on request. Address: The Battalion, Room 4, YMCA, College Station, Texas.


The Associated Press is entitled exclusively to the use for republication of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited in the paper and local news of spontaneous origin published herein. Rights of republication of all other matter herein are also reserved.

News contributions may be made by telephoning VI 6-8618 or VI 6-4910 or at the editorial office, Room 4, YMCA. For advertising or delivery call VI 6-4418.

JOHNNY JOHNSON Editor
David Stoker Managing Editor
Bob Weekley Sports Editor
Bill Hicklin, Robbie Godwin News Editors
Ken Coppage, Jack Hartsfield, Joe Callicoate, Bob Saile, Sam Spence, Jim Odom, Bob Roberts, Jack Cooper, Bill Broussard, Tommy Holbein, Ben Trail, Bobby Dodson, Joe Chambers, Jay Collins Staff Writers
Dave Mueller, Laney McMath, Voris Riley Photographers
Ray Hudson Circulation Manager

By Charles M. Schulz

PEANUTS



AW, C'MON, YOU CAN'T BLAME EVERYTHING ON THE RACQUET!

DID YOU EVER CONSIDER THAT IT MIGHT BE THE MAN BEHIND THE RACQUET?

STOP THINKING OF SO MANY EXCUSES!

I STILL THINK IT'S THE RACQUET!

JUST THINK CHARLIE BROWN SOMEDAY SOME POOR GIRL WILL MARRY YOU...

THEN SHE'LL BE STUCK WITH YOU FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE! TRAPPED! DOOMED!!

OH, IF THERE WERE ONLY SOME WAY TO WARN HER...

BEWARE! BEWARE!