

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

A Job for All

The report released by Registrar H. L. Heaton regarding the percentage of freshmen who return as sophomores shows very clearly one fact—the changes instituted in the Corps last year brought some noticeable results.

These results mean a lot in regard to how much Texas A&M receives from appropriations from the Texas Legislature.

Texas A&M was last in the list of state-supported schools receiving increases in appropriations by the Legislature during the last session that voted operating money for the next two years.

Had the Class of '61 returned as many sophomores as did the Class of '62, on a percentage basis, almost half of the approximate 400 drop in enrollment in 1958-59 would have been wiped out.

With this addition, appropriations for Texas A&M would have increased more than they did.

These figures point up the need to continue and put added emphasis on retaining freshmen students.

The facts show that the few changes made toward the end of the 1958-59 school year must have had some good results. But these weren't the only things that helped increase the percentage of returning freshmen.

A lot of the blame for the loss of members of the Class of '61 from the time they registered as freshmen until the time they registered as sophomores can go to areas other than the Corps.

Since the days of the 1957-58 school year when turmoils were as common on the campus as khaki uniforms, changes for the good have been made.

The question of compulsory or non-compulsory Corps has been settled by the Board of Directors. A football coach has been hired. The U. S. Supreme Court settled the question of whether or not Texas A&M would become a coeducational institution. All of the important offices in the administration of the college are filled with competent, dedicated men. Faculty members have responded to the needs for cooperation between the faculty and the Corps through the unit faculty adviser program.

Overall, things were much calmer last year than they had been in quite a number of years. It appears now that things are going to be even calmer this year.

All of this calmness contributes to the welfare of not only freshmen, but all students—both Corps members and civilians. The faculty and administration have more time to devote to the needs of students and the college. Their time is not occupied with worries about matters not directly related to the primary purpose of Texas A&M—giving a man the best possible education.

From all indications, the downward plunge of returning freshmen has been halted temporarily.

Now begins the long, hard task of working to see that it rises to new records—records in enrollment, retention of freshmen, returning of freshmen as sophomores and most important, new heights in academic progress and standards.

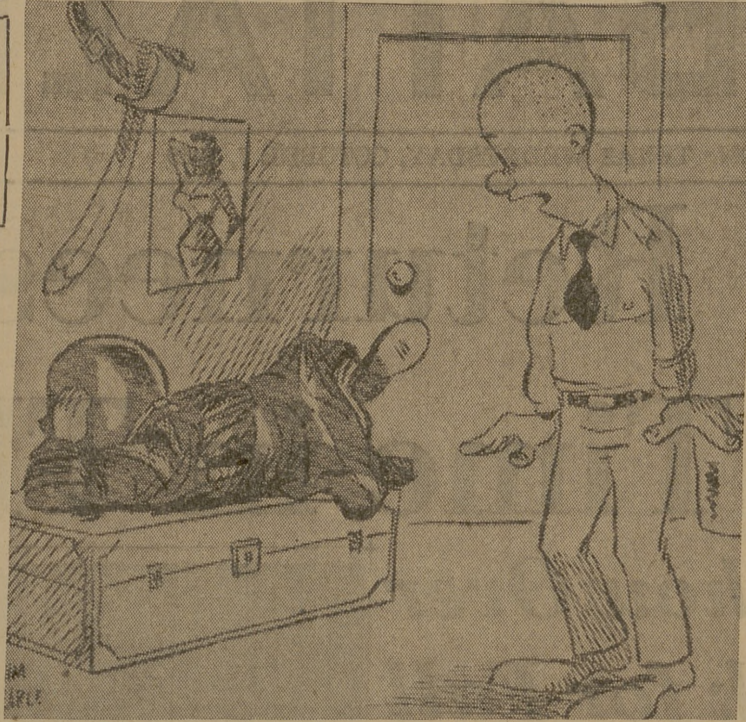
Each of us plays an important part in this fight. Each of us gains from the results, for our future is linked directly with the past, present and future of Texas A&M.

A better Texas A&M means a brighter and better future for each of us. In order to secure our future, we must insure the future of Texas A&M.

We all have our jobs cut out for us. Now all that remains for us to do is to fulfill our obligations to the college, to our fellow Aggies—and to ourselves.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle Ag-TWU Date Bureau Active



"Fish Squirt, are you always gonna' wear that helmet and raincoat? We've been roommates for four weeks and I don't know what you look like yet!"

Among the Faculty and Staff

Hays Well Known As English Prof

BY DAVID STOKER Battalion Managing Editor

One of the most well-liked, well-known and sought after professors on the A&M campus is Dr. John Q. Hays 28-year veteran of the Department of English.

For the past several years every freshman at A&M has experienced a touch of Hays in that he is the co-editor of "Readings for Thought and Expression", the freshman English text book.

An interesting person to talk with, Hays is always ready and willing to talk with students on any subject dealing with the literary world.

Hays was born 53 years ago on June 29, 1906, in Van Buren, Ark. He received his B. A. degree from the University of Missouri in 1929, his M. A. degree from Chicago in 1932 and his doctor's degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1942.

Specializing in the teaching of Mark Twain, William Shakespeare and freshman English, Hays is the author of various articles including "Abstracts of Papers on Mark Twain", and short articles on the certification

of English teachers.

He is a member of the American Assn. of University Professors, the Texas Assn. of College Teachers, the Conference of College Teachers of English in Texas and the Modern Language Assn. and the South-Central Modern Language Assn.

Hays is currently doing research of the latter day writings of Mark Twain.

Schneider, Yauger Handling Applications for TWU Dates

BY BOB SLOANE Battalion Staff Writer

Are there any Aggies who would like a date with a TWU co-ed for the Corps Trip Dance at TWU on Oct. 16 or for the game against TCU at Fort Worth on Oct. 17?

If so the Aggie Date Bureau is receiving about 20 letters a day from interested lasses.

Applications for a date with a Tessie can be made either by contacting Doug Yauger, social secretary of the Class of '61, or Wayne Schneider, social secretary of the Class of '60. Or an application form may be picked up from the cashier in the lower level of the Memorial Student Center. Yauger lives in Dorm 10-219 and Schneider lives in Dorm

14-202.

The application blank should be filled out in full and returned to Schneider or Yauger or to the Office of Student Activities in the MSC. A picture and a personal letter may also be enclosed if desired.

Letters from TWU are sent to the Office of Student Activities and then forwarded to Yauger or Schneider.

The date is not exactly blind as both parties know a little about the other from the application blank.

The bureau now has on hand about 30 letters with more coming in every day, according to Yauger.

Here are samples from some of the letters:

Jo Ann Heath, a blue-eyed blonde home economics education major, wrote the Date Bureau that "ever since I was small, I always adored Aggies."

Patricia Ann Taylor, a freshman biology major from Abilene whose interests include dancing, swimming and music, would like a date for the pre-Corps Dance.

Five foot-four inch Barbie Sue Palmer wrote that she loves to watch football games better than any other sport.

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