

**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 Safe Return**

For the fourth straight year Aggies evaded the annual holiday death call and returned safely to the campus with happy memories gathered over the two-week period.

Another traditional Silver Taps will have to wait and we, as Aggies, should be thankful for this delay. A number of citizens in Texas, as a result of the many accidents during the deadly period will not enjoy the new year of 1960. Latest count had Texas second in traffic deaths in the nation over the holidays.

One of the many killed on the highways in Texas during the period could have easily been a student here at A&M. Not an Aggie was killed and this is something that should not be taken for granted—we should be thankful.

Although credit is due to traffic officials throughout the state, most of the credit no doubt goes to Aggies themselves. Again they proved that they are gentlemen on the highways as well as in any other activity of life. Their courtesy and respect for others on the highways during the holiday period has surely influenced others in Texas and across the nation and thereby has resulted in another move in the right direction toward building respect for Texas A&M, something for which every Aggie should be striving.

Just because we escaped the most dangerous period of the year does not mean the race is over. Death does not believe in holidays; it works every day of every year. We should continue to be safety conscious and very much aware of our actions.

The odds were even more deadly this year and for the fourth straight year our safety record is clean for the holiday period. The picture could have been a different one.

Take a look at your roommate, Aggie. You could have been living alone now.

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**Time Is Short**

The holiday is over and Aggies are filled with happy memories of domestic happenings—happenings that are no doubt harmful to studying.

But now is no time to let up on studying. If anything it is the most important time to get serious about it. Time is running out on another semester and soon some Aggies will inevitably find themselves wondering where the time went when the end of the semester rolls around.

The semester is far from over. There is still a lot of work to be done and a lot of tests to be taken. It is not too late to gather grade points and get closer to that glorious day of graduation.

Soon the semester will be over and we will have a short recess before another semester begins. Do your best, Aggie, return home proud of what you have done here. These years here at Texas A&M are of most importance. Take advantage of your right of education—study and study now before it is too late.

Yes, time is short and time waits on no one. Now is the time to apply the best of study habits. Take good notes, listen closely in class, read widely and concentrate fully on your work.

Above all do your best—nothing more can be asked of a person. When you know you have done your best possible work in your academic studies, you should have nothing to worry about. The rest will take care of itself.

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**CADET SLOUCH**

by Jim Earle



"... Great! 'An' How Were Your Holidays?"

**On Other Campuses**

By Alan Payne

**SMU**  
 An editorial in the SMU Campus reports that there is a great deal of complaining concerning the ROTC programs at various colleges and universities. A freshman at the University of California

recently went on a hunger strike protesting compulsory ROTC. He even secured over one thousand signatures to a formal petition protesting the existence of such a program.

Upperclassmen at Norwich College in Vermont recently revolted because they felt things were too "military" at the New England school. The last review at Dartmouth was even picketed by students who opposed the existence of the ROTC program there.

On top of all that complaining, the SMU "cheerleaders" are complaining because they had to buy tickets to get in the gate for the SMU-A&M game Nov. 7. One was even quoted as saying, "I grant that ya'll are pretty cheap down here, but we still ought to get into the game free."

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Those "loyal" teasippers were having quite a problem right before leaving for Dallas and the Cotton Bowl game. It seems the ex-students had chartered a bus to make the trip. With a chance to see the Longhorns play the top team in the nation, there were still 24 vacancies on the bus when school was dismissed for the holidays.

Baylor

The writer of an editorial in the Baylor Lariat, who is undoubtedly quite an authority on the subject, feels women live longer because they have more self-respect and common sense than men. He even tries to explain his reasons for taking such a stand, but actually says a lot of nothing.

IN AND OUT

**McALESTER, Okla. (AP)**—Police officer Leon Palmarchuck probably was on the McAlester department's payroll the shortest time of any man. He was policeman only eight hours. He was dismissed when it was learned he hadn't been a McAlester resident for one year.

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**5th Yr. Architects**

**Portrait Dates Set**

5th year architects will have their portrait made for The Aggie Land '60 at the Aggie Land Studio between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. according to the following schedule.

Coats and ties should be worn.

5th Year Architects)	
Jan. 6-7	A-D
Jan. 11-12	E-K
Jan. 13-14	L-R
Jan. 18-19	S-Z

**Local Men Present Agriculture Papers**

Ernest T. Smerdon, J. W. Sorenson, Jr. and Nat K. Pearson of College Station have presented papers in Chicago before the Winter Meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers in the Palmer House, Dec. 17 and 18.

Smerdon is an associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Engineering. His subject was "Critical Tractive Forces in Cohesive Soils." Sorenson and Pearson's subject was "Pneumatic Handling of Grain."

More than 1300 agricultural engineers from throughout the United States, Canada, and several European countries attended the meeting. Multiple sessions, running concurrently, will embrace four major divisions—power and machinery, electric power and processing, farm structures, and soil and water.

Thomas E. Clague, chairman of the Chicago section of the society, announced that the 130 papers read at the sessions covered up-to-date developments in the many improvements engineering has brought to agriculture over the 52-year history of the society. The sessions also provided a look into the near future with reports on such innovations as an electric tractor, an "Aeromobile" for air transport of heavy loads a few

inches above ground or water, air-conditioned helmets and cabs for farm machinery operators, solar heat for crop drying, and many others.

Other subjects included chemical treatment of farm water supplies, cooling of animal housing structures by evaporation, plastic films for livestock shelters, mechanical harvesting of tomatoes and cucumbers, effects of chemical crop and weed spraying, new developments in the pelleting and wafing of hay, and high speed photography as an engineering tool.

**Wee Aggies**

We Aggies like to read about Wee Aggies. When a wee one arrives, call VI 6-4910 and ask for the Wee Aggie Editor.

A 5 lb. 8 oz. future Battalion Sports Editor was born Sunday afternoon at 5:50 to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Weekley, '60, of D-3-Z, College View, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan. Weekley is sports editor of The Battalion. The boy was named Michael David.

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**On Campus** with Max Schulman  
 (Author of "I Was a Teen-age Dwarf" "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis", etc.)

**"LITTLE STORIES WITH BIG MORALS"**  
 First Little Story

Once upon a time a German exchange student from old Heidelberg came to an American university. He lived in the men's dormitory of the great American university. He was a fine, decent young man and all the other young men in the dormitory of the great American university tried very hard to make friends with him, but, unfortunately, he was so shy that he refused all their invitations to join their bull sessions. After a while his dormitory mates got tired of asking him and so the poor German exchange student, alas, spent every evening alone in his room.

One night while sitting all alone in his room, he smelled the most delicious aroma coming from the room next door. Conquering his shyness, he walked to the room next door and there he saw a bunch of his dormitory mates sitting around and discussing literature, art, culture, and like that. They were all smoking Marlboro cigarettes, which accounts for the delicious aroma smelled by the German exchange student.



"...he smelled the most delicious aroma..."

Timidly, he entered the room. "Excuse me," he said, "but what is that marvelous smell I smell?"

"It's our good Marlboro cigarettes," cried the men, who were named Fun-loving Ned, Happy Harry, Jolly Jim, and Tol'able David.

So the German exchange student took a Marlboro and enjoyed those better makin's, that finer filter, that smooth, hearty flavor, and soon he was comfortable and easy and lost his shyness.

From that night forward, whenever he smelled the good smell of Marlboro cigarettes, he always went next door and joined the bull session.

**MORAL: WHERE THERE'S SMOKE, THERE'S MEYER**

**Second Little Story**

Once upon a time there was an Indian brave named Walter T. Muskrat who had a squaw named Margaret Giggling Water. Margaret was sort of a mess but she sure could make beaded moccasins. Every day she whipped up a brand-new pair of beaded moccasins for Walter, which were so gorgeous that all the Indian maids on the reservation grew giddy with admiration.

Well, sir, Margaret got pretty tense about all the girls making eyes at Walter and one night they had a terrible quarrel. Walter flew into a rage and slapped her on the wrist, whereupon she started crying like all get-out and went home to her mother and never came back.

"Good riddance!" said Walter, but alas, he soon found out how wrong he was, for the Indian maids were not really interested in him, only in his moccasins, and when he stopped showing up with a new pair every day they quickly gave him the yo-heave-ho. Today he is a broken man, sitting all alone in his tepee and muttering ancient Ute curses.

**MORAL: DON'T FIGHT THE HAND THAT BEATS YOU**

**Third Little Story**

Once there was a lion which was a very quiet lion. In fact, the only time it ever made a sound was when it had a toothache.

**MORAL: WHEN IT PAINS, IT ROARS**

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 CATCH THE SNOWFLAKES ON YOUR TONGUE, LUCY!

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 IT'S TOO EARLY... I NEVER EAT JANUARY SNOWFLAKES... I ALWAYS WAIT UNTIL FEBRUARY...

**PEANUTS**  
 THEY SURE LOOK RIPE TO ME!

By Charles M. Schulz