

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

Closer Look

There is a lack of knowledge on the part of both the students and the faculty of Texas A&M on the provisions of excused and unexcused absences. And the program is growing.

Official absences from classes must be obtained from the Executive Committee or entail sickness or death in the immediate family. All others are unofficial.

According to the College Regulations (Section I, paragraph 17), the only absences excusable are "for athletic trips or other activities specifically approved by the Executive Committee; and for hospitalization in the College Hospital, or for illness at home when verified by a statement from the family physician... it shall be the responsibility of the student to call the attention of the instructor to his absence and the inclusion of his name on the official absentee list that opportunity will be provided for making up missed work."

The chief offenders of the phase of the regulations referring to the "athletic trips or other activities" are off-campus church groups and the bowling team, according to Dean of Students James P. Hannigan.

Official absences do not involve such activities since they are not College-sanctioned. However, the College will send memorandums to the proper factions on the campus, denoting these students are on worthwhile activities and leave permission for the absence to the discretion instructor.

Another section of the Regulations verifies this truth by stating, "In the case of absences other than the type mentioned above, the instructor may judge whether the absence and the work of the student warrant his cooperation in providing opportunity to make up all required work missed."

Class attendance is an important phase of education here at Texas A&M and the standards can be better met if all concerned have a thorough knowledge of the standards put forth by the College.

Passing Glance

A passing glance at the participation of Texas A&M students in the recent spring elections shows very vividly a lack of civic interests.

In the initial election March 31, just 1,391 votes were counted for the offices of the sophomore, junior and senior classes this fall. And in the ensuing runoffs, the results were even more appalling as a lesser number frequented the polls. Only 1,243 votes were submitted.

Elections at Texas A&M are similar to those city, state or national polls with voting machines being set up and an entire day—from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.—allotted for voting.

Nonetheless, slightly over 1,000 were the only students who had enough interest to go to the polls and make their respective choices. This figure arises from a college with an enrollment in the vicinity of 7,000. Less than 15 per cent of the students participated in the elections.

Conceivably, the will of the students resulted from the elections, but if all the campus had taken part, the total votes actually submitted would not have composed the majority.

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CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle Navy Wants First-Line Job



"... not bad, ... not bad at all, but it just doesn't give me th' Easter spirit!"

Babcock Contest Deadline Changed; Now April 25

The deadline for submitting entries in the C. L. Babcock Essay Contest has been moved up to April 25 in order to give anyone interested in winning the \$250 first prize a chance to work on his essay over the Easter holidays.

The original deadline was set for April 15, but it was believed that more Aggies would be able to enter the contest if the closing date were set for after Spring Recess.

Second Contest
This is the second annual contest sponsored by Babcock, '20, a Beaumont insurance man. The topic for this year's theme is "The Advantages I Find at Texas A&M."

In addition to the \$250 first prize, 10 runners-up will receive certificates. Both the first prize award and the certificates will be presented at the annual Student Publications Awards Banquet May 13.

Essays submitted in the contest will first be screened by members of The Battalion staff. Final judging will be done by a committee

to be named by President Earl Rudder.

Criteria used in judging the entries, as set by Babcock, are "Is it the truth?", "Is it fair?", "Will it build good will?" and "Will it be beneficial?"

All entries should be prepared in regular manuscript form. They should be typed, double spaced, with an original and two carbon copies. Entries are to be turned in to The Battalion office on the ground floor of the YMCA Building. They must be submitted on or before April 20.

The manuscripts should be no less than 250 or more than 1,000 words in length.

Any full time student currently enrolled at A&M, with the exception of members of The Battalion staff, are eligible to submit an essay.

Constructive Information
In announcing the contest, Babcock said, "I believe the papers prepared by students will contain constructive and useful informa-

tion for publication, especially in pamphlet form."

Tommy Keith, '59, won last year's \$250 prize with his essay on "Texas A&M—What It Means to Me."

Keith's essay was entered in the Congressional Record as well as being reprinted in several Texas newspapers. The Association of Former Students also distributed the essay to interested parties.

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