

Ramblings...

by Robbie Godwin

After the last final is over, many Aggies will be boarding their cars for the trip home, going hundreds—even thousands—of miles to get there.

Before leaving, take a look over the past year and think about it a while. One Aggie and an Aggie date have been killed, and a few others injured.

June is the beginning of the vacation season, and many more Americans besides Aggies will be on the highways. They will be coming from every part of the country and will be going in every direction. Let's not end the year like it began.

This summer Johnny Johnson will again take the reins for the Batt. This will be the third time he has had the honor, having already served as editor for one summer term and a full school year.

This year has been among the lowest in recent history in student dropouts. The total dropout has been less than half of last year's. Congratulations to the Corps of Cadets leaders and students all over the campus have come from Dean of Students James P. Hannigan and other campus leaders.

The decline of dropouts can be attributed to many things, including the dorm counselors' great work, the improvement of study conditions and the type of men who come to A&M.

The Batt adds its congratulations for good work.

Parking lots received a new face this year and A&M can be justly proud of them, as well as the many new buildings that are springing up. The Petroleum Engineering Building is in its last stages, the Nuclear Reactor Center is under way, and the Data Processing Center has been in operation several months.

Those of us returning to the Academic Building next year will be met at the door with a rush of cool air from the new air conditioning system being installed.

We are progressing.

Final week this year was hot, but at least the seniors went out in style and the classes jumped one place with the usual honors after last year's final review being rained out. For this we can be thankful.

The Battalion even saw a change this year, going to eight columns with the new regime taking over.

This year saw the beginning of a new organization on the campus which may prove very beneficial to the college if it continues its good work. The Student Chamber of Commerce has in sight several goals which will help enrollment and campus conditions if they are attained.

The newest coed ruling by the Waco Court of Civil Appeals upheld last year's decision barring girls from A&M, but this time a loophole was left in the judge's opinion. It will be interesting to see the results of the latest move by women to enter the school.

Jim Earle continued his fine job of supplying the Battalion's 'little character,' Cadet Slouch, and all his friends. Slouch's outlook on the campus scenes are unique, but very true, in many cases.

One welcome change in the Aggie uniform this year was the addition of short sleeve shirts to summer wear. Then for the wet and cold weather, the Ags were issued combat boots for the first time this year.

Another spring sport entered the winner's column this year as the Aggie golfers proved to be the best on the links this year. Al Jones, captain of the team, shot a 66 to help the Ags to the championship.

We can look forward to going to school next year under a new group of national officers, and we can all man the television sets this summer for the national conventions.

The Aggie Keglers enjoyed a good season this year, losing only one game in their new league. The league was named the Texas Intercollegiate Travel League, and travel they did. Each team went to each school once during the year. But the Aggies' ramblings paid off.

Married students returning to the campus next year will also be able to enjoy the new Hensel Apartments, the newest addition to the college-owned apartment system.

As we all head home, weary with studying and with the other activities of life at A&M, The Battalion wishes all of you a good summer. Hope to see you again next year.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"... I'm afraid I can't sell you my text this semester. Maybe after next semester?"

Five Area High Schoolers Place In Industrial Program

Sammy Fling, a student at Stephen F. Austin high school in Bryan, was presented a trophy for exhibiting the "Overall Outstanding Project" at the first annual Texas Industrial Arts Awards Program.

Fling's project was a 6-foot-high, solid mahogany, glass-fronted gun cabinet.

Another Bryan winner was Luther Price, who entered the second place woodworking project for ninth and tenth grades. Carl Livesay is the teacher for both boys.

Winners from A&M Consolidated were Albert Surovik, who had the first place entry in the open division for upholstered chairs. Second place went to Sid Loveless and third to Richard Powell. Jack Chaney teaches the students.

The program was sponsored by the Department of Industrial Education and the Texas Industrial Arts Assn.

Dr. Leslie Hawkins, professor of Industrial Education, said the top winners will compete in the Ford national contest to be held this summer at Detroit, Mich. Cash awards will be made.

The event was dominated by Snyder High School students, who won nine of 12 divisions.

Approximately 250 students and their teachers attended the program. Dr. Frank W. R. Hubert, Dean, School of Arts and Sciences, delivered the principal address during the awards banquet.

Three Ag Students Win Scholarships

James A. Dotson of Hearne, Travis L. Wegenhoft of Columbus and William R. Millsaps Jr. of Nolanville have been named scholarship and award winners.

The students, all agricultural education majors, were selected on the basis of their outstanding academic achievement and leadership abilities.

William H. Danforth Scholarships went to Dotson, a sophomore, and Wegenhoft, a senior for the summer of 1960. Millsaps, a junior, received the Ray E. Dickson Award for the year 1960-61.



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The National Rifle Assn. headquarters have notified M.Sgt. William H. Gard, pistol team coach, that the two four-man teams entered in the National Match Shoulder-to-Shoulder Competition for 1960 have placed in 4th and 8th positions out of the 17 teams entered.

Bronze medals go to Henry Gill, team captain, Dallas; James Williams, Pasadena; Shields Ragan, Ranger and Charles Bollfrass, Houston, of the fourth place team with a total team score of 1101. Team No. 2 which placed 8th will also receive Bronze medals for being the high ROTC team.

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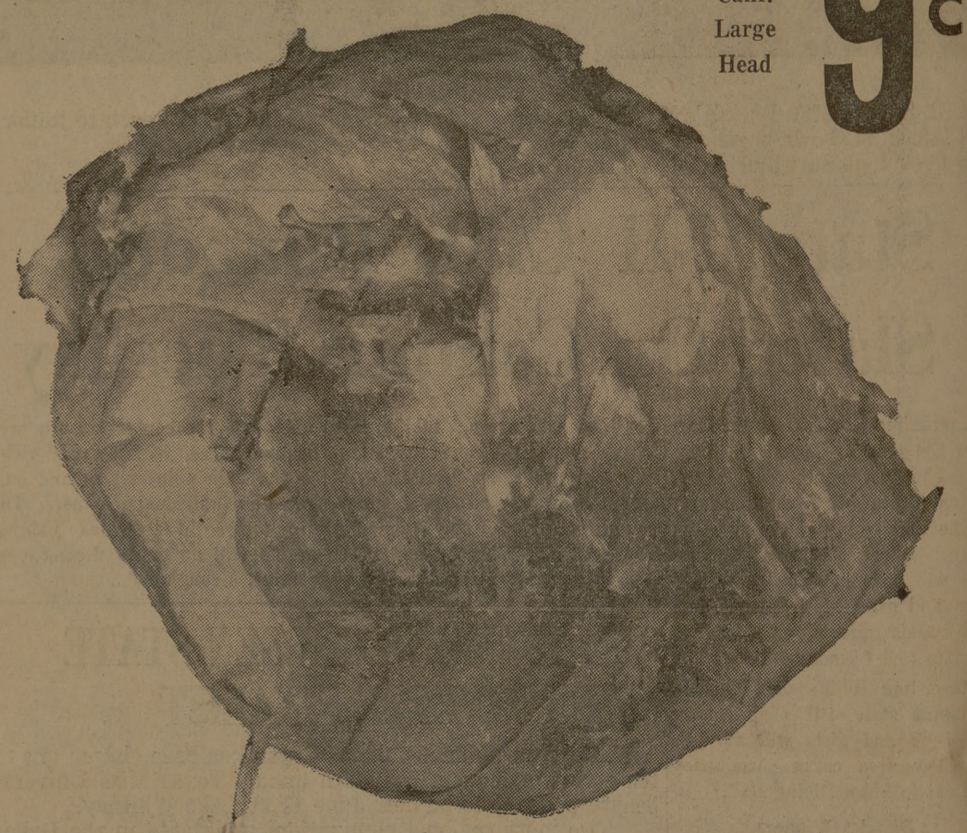
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I led my opponent in 5 of the six boxes in the Precinct a total of 248 votes. I sincerely appreciate your confidence in the past and ask you to give careful consideration to my past record of hard work and accomplishments for the people of Precinct No. 1 and see fit to vote for me in the run off election on June 4th. Again my gratitude and thanks!

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