

BATTALION EDITORIALS

A New Chapter

With this issue a new editor assumes his duties and a new chapter in the history of The Battalion begins to take form.

The "new" editorial staff of The Battalion is not really new. Most of the Battmen have put in at least one year's work on the paper and several have been around two and even three years. The staff is smaller with the loss of 1960-61 Editor Bill Hicklin, and 1960-61 Sports editor Joe Callicoate.

The only things really new about the "new" staff are the new titles, new duties and new responsibilities.

As is the custom, the new editor plans to make some changes in The Battalion. Some will be minor and may not even be notices; some will be quite evident. We hope all will improve the overall quality of your newspaper.

A few mistakes will be made at first. But, we trust, there will be only a few and The Battalion will be the quality representative of Texas A&M journalism it should be.

The staff has pledged itself to provide the students and faculty of Texas A&M and the people of College Station with complete, accurate, honest coverage of the news. The editors will endeavor to insure that all the facts of any story are known before it appears in print.

The editor has pledged himself to an editorial policy in keeping with the growth and advancement of Texas A&M. The following months will be important months to the college. Major decisions are to be made affecting Texas A&M students—present, past and future. The Battalion will be there when the decisions are made, reporting and interpreting them.

Sports, next year, will play an important role in the activities of the college. The sports staff is ready to bring all the action of these events to life in the pages of The Battalion.

The entire staff is eager. They are ready and willing to bring to Texas A&M a newspaper everyone connected with the college can be justly proud.

'Thanks Bill' 'Thanks Joe'

Closing out his team of service in true newsman's style, Bill Hicklin edited his last story on The Battalion Wednesday night and turned over the reins to a new regime.

As editor, Hicklin faced many of the greatest issues ever to arise on the A&M Campus, bringing in letters and comments, hostility and praise, "Operation Abolition," the name-change—just to mention a few.

His sound judgement, clear thinking and natural knack for fairness led The Battalion to experience an action-packed year of honor and service. The newspaper's staff flourished under his leadership, and because of it feels capable of taking the task in stride for another year.

Bill Hicklin is no longer editor, but his influence will be felt on the staff of The Battalion with each new issue.

After a year and a half as sports editor, Joe Callicoate is giving away to the new administration.

Joe has been noted for his sparkling editorials and columns during his stay on The Battalion.

A man with a tremendous personality and sharp sense of humor, Joe is probably one of the most popular men on the campus because of his interest in sporting events.

Callicoate has been on the spot and up to date on all of the sports that the Aggies have entered. He was on the spot when the Cadets lost a hard-fought basketball game with SMU at Dallas and his editorial on this particular game rocked Texas A&M.

Callicoate's exit from the student newspaper will be felt on the staff, and we hope we can live up to his outstanding standards.

CADET SLOUCH



... of course you'll lose your friends, you won't have time to sleep, th' hours are long, you'll never catch up, people won't speak to you and you'll get ulcers, but aside from that, it's a pretty nice job!"

A&M Journalist Hits At Critics Of Newspapers

By The Associated Press
NEW YORK—A Texas editor hit at critics of the newspaper industry Thursday and advised publishers to take the offensive. "We don't need defenders in this business," said Felix R. McKnight, vice president and executive editor of the Dallas Times Herald and president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors. McKnight is a graduate of A&M.

A&M's Stand On Political Clubs Known

Political clubs, such as the Young Democrats and Young Republicans, are permitted on the A&M campus, however they must hold their activities off campus. Dean of Students James P. Hannigan made A&M's position on campus political clubs known in a letter to the Dean of Men at Arlington State College.

"We do permit the forming on campus of such political clubs as the Young Democrats and Young Republicans. We do not permit college buildings or land to be used for political campaign meetings, public rallies, nor to promote any individual for political office," he said.

"This requires that the student political clubs restrict their activities, to meetings and discussions among the students and that where they desire to actively participate in political activities they do so off campus only.

"We believe that the arrangements which we have made permit the students to gain experience and knowledge which will be valuable to them after graduation and will at the same time comply in both the spirit and the letter with the Texas State laws and of the administrative orders of the A&M College System.

by Jim Earle Ring Dance Sale Set

Tickets to the Senior Ring Dance and Banquet go on sale Monday, May 1, at the Cashier's Window in the Memorial Student Center.

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