

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Job To Be Done

Men of Texas A&M, known world-wide for their contributions to the cause of American defense and democracy, once again are answering their country's call to duty.

Dean of Students James P. Hannigan said Tuesday A&M students will without a doubt be included in the National Guard and Reserve units which will begin training next month at Fort Polk, La.

The manner the bad news has been accepted by these students and the college is a credit that lives up to the traditions of A&M.

The turn of events has disrupted plans. But these men seem to have taken this turn of events as it should be taken—a job must be done.

The school has also responded admirably. Hannigan announced that each student will be entitled to refunds of semester fees.

It is hoped these men will experience relatively short tours of duty and will return to A&M to complete their education. They will certainly be welcome back—they are doing a great deed for a great cause.

An Illusion

The entire concept is infeasible.

That great marching machine, the Texas Aggie Band, must defy every law of nature, common sense and probability each time they take the field. No group of two-hundred plus individuals from nearly as many hometowns and environments can possibly march onto a football field after not much more than a week of school and perform like the Aggie Band did Saturday night in Kyle Field.

But there they were.

Another witness to their first performance of the year theorized that the band was not actually doing all the intricate movements it seemed to be—"it's just an illusion," he said.

If so, it was a wonderful illusion and made every Aggie present stand just a little taller the second half.

The band, and those who lead the band, certainly deserve a pat on the back.

Bulletin Board

Hometown Clubs

Laredo Hometown Club will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 127 of the Academic Building.

Brush Country Hometown Club will hold a meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the YMCA Reading Room.

Amarillo Hometown Club will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 126 of the Academic Building.

Odessa Hometown Club will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2-D of the Memorial Student Center.

Wichita Falls Hometown Club will hold a meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 107 of the Biology Building.

Hill County Hometown Club will hold a meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the YMCA.

Waco Hometown Club will hold

a meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the YMCA Gay Room.

Bell County Hometown Club will hold a meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

Ellis County Hometown Club will hold a meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of the YMCA.

Women's Clubs

Dairy Science Wives Club will hold a meeting Monday at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. A. M. Meekma, 728 Mary Lake Dr., Bryan. Officers are to be elected.

Aggie Wives Circle of the First Baptist Church, College Station, will hold a "Get Acquainted Party" for all Aggie wives Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the church lounge.

Professional Clubs

All local Civil Air Patrol units will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Military Shack "C."

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"... They're letting us fish have longer hair this year, but yours may be longer than regulation permits!"

Aggie Humor Lives In New Slouch Book

In 1953 an improbable looking Aggie senior named Cadet Slouch began wandering through the dorms and classroom buildings of A&M looking for a degree.

Fortunately for the rest of the student body, he never found it and is still here, along with a whole string of buddies, who like Slouch, may never graduate.

Slouch, the Aggies' Aggie, now has found refuge in a book called, appropriately enough, "Slouch—The Aggies' Aggie. Author is Jim Earle, the luckless senior's creator, (who, by-the-way, graduated from A&M in 1954, then returned to teach in the Department of Engineering Graphics).

The book is a collection of some of the more hilarious cartoons which have appeared in The Battalion since 1953, all arranged in

a sequence to show a typical school year at A&M.

In his foreword, Earle says: "Probably more humorous situations exist at Texas A&M than at any other college or university. No one enjoys this humor more than the Aggie, who are all blessed with an avid sense of humor. Whether the joke is on the prof, the teasp, their roommate or even themselves, the Aggies enjoy a good laugh."

And few people enjoy it better than Slouch and his readers.

—Bob Sloan
("Slouch—The Aggies' Aggie," by Jim Earle. Copyright 1961 by Jim Earle. At the Memorial Student Center Gift Shop or mail order copies from Slouch Enterprises, Box 412, College Station.)

Sound Off

Editor, The Battalion:

I should like to sound off on Aggie manners along with Mrs. Anderson (Battalion, Sept. 22). As a secretary on the campus, my pet peeve is being run down at sidewalk crossings by these so-called Aggie gentlemen.

Fellows, I believe the procedure on most campuses (or elsewhere) is not to run a race in order to flatten a member of the fair sex. By the way it is even more in-

furiating when this rudeness is accompanied by that pseudo-chivalrous "Howdy, Ma'am." If that unrecognized element, the coed, were allowed to enroll here you would have an opportunity to polish your manners to match other college men.

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The band was formed in 1852, when the community was only 12 years old. And the present director is a grandson of John Connin, the band's founder.

CORPS FRESHMAN YEARBOOK PORTRAIT SCHEDULE

FRESHMEN in the Corps will have their portrait made for the "AGGIELAND" according to the following schedule. Portraits will be made at the AGGIELAND STUDIO, one block north of the intersection at North Gate, between the hours of 8 AM and 5 PM on the days scheduled.

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	10-11	- Squadrons 6-7
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	12-13	- Squadrons 11-13
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(The studio will have no Band Brass. Band Members are requested to bring OWN BLOUSE WITH BRASS.)

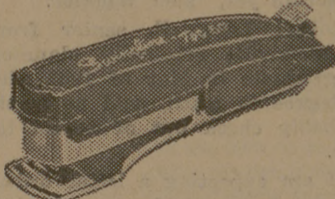
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