

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Launching College Career Will Be An Important Stop

The old adage says, "A Journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." You and about 2,000 other young men are about to take a similar step in entering college.

Starting out in college involves much more than simply continuing or streamlining your education. For most of you it will mean the first real separation from home. With this will come the first real responsibility for many of you.

Some of you will be spending your own or your parents' money—or both. Others will be using money given or loaned to them by various clubs and agencies. Regardless of whose money it is, doesn't it behoove you to make sure none of it goes to waste?

Many old sayings can never really become trite because they are unquestionably true and broadly applicable. Take for instance, "You will get out of something exactly what you put into it." This advice could never be more useful than to you beginning freshmen. A&M, or any college for that matter, is not an institution designed to take a few thousand of your dollars and four years of your life in return for making you a polished man.

The job is yours.

Your parents and others have already helped most of you in many ways. Here at A&M there will be classmates, faculty and staff members who will continue this assistance. You'll find that most will do much more than is expected of them in aiding individual students. Nevertheless, all they can do is help. The job is yours.

And it's not an easy one.

Nor is it impossible. Many may disagree with this but we are convinced that there is at least one field in which each of you can do acceptable work at A&M—if you apply yourself.

There are many who will tell you college is no problem once you get the knack of it. It is a big and somewhat frightening change but after adjustment it's not so bad. A number of young men spent semester after semester here searching for the secret. Some never find it because it is so simple.

It's plain, old-fashioned work. Study, pay attention, don't get behind and don't give up. After you've been here awhile, and have found a better way to get something out of college, drop by and let us know—you'll be the first in history.

In conjunction with hard work, proper budgeting of time will be vital in making your stay here worthwhile. This means sacrifice. It means deciding when you can afford to slack off and when you can't. The bitter truth is that there seldom are opportunities to slack off in college. It gets mighty hard to keep up the pace at times.

But if you do keep up the pace it pays off in big dividends.

A&M will represent only one of many experiences contributing to your development as a useful citizen. Your stay here will represent one of the most important phases of your life. You can make the most of it, or you can waste it.

The job, and the choice, are yours.

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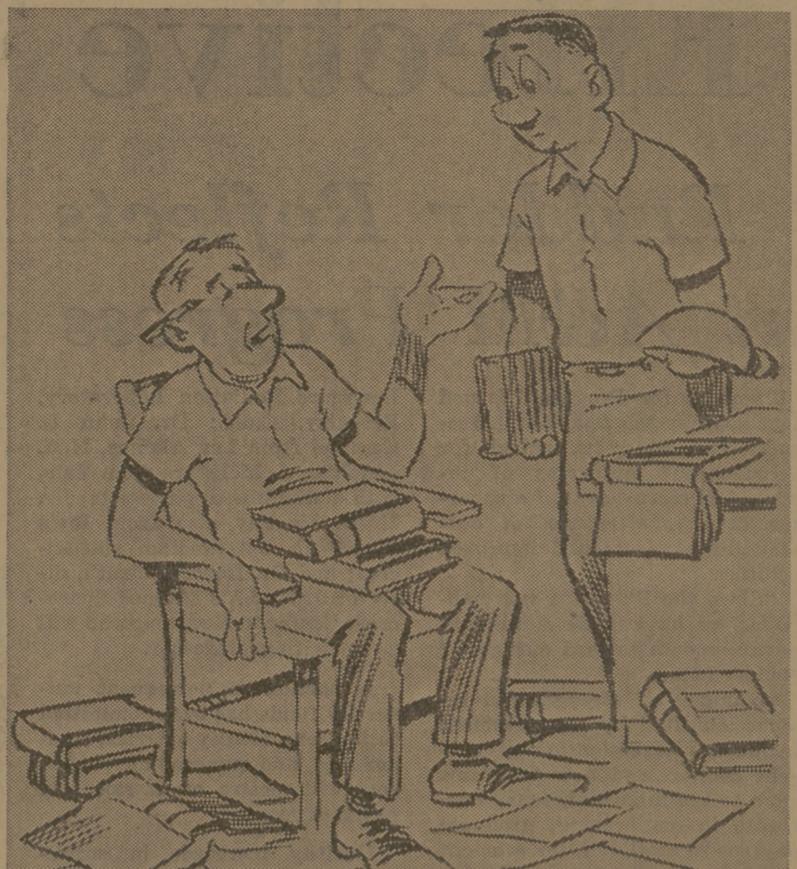
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CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"If I don't find a system pretty soon, I'm gonna hafta resort to studyin' for my exams!"

'Spirit' Change Announced

Aggies can scratch one line from the school song, "The Spirit of Aggieland," and pencil in another.

A change has been made to match the new name of the 87-year-old institution—Texas A&M University—which becomes effective tomorrow.

The new wording was approved by the song's author, Marvin H.

Mimms of Banquete, a 1926 graduate.

Last line of the song previously read, "The Aggies Are We, We Are From Texas AMC."

The new lyrics are "The Aggies So True, We Are From Texas AMU."

The change was announced by Robert L. Boone, music coordinator.

Typical Day In Life Of Fish Filled With Activity, Stud

Many things have been said about the life of a freshman at A&M, but one thing has never been said, that it is dull and uneventful.

The Aggie week day starts at 6:30 in the morning, breakfast at 6:50. This 20 minutes is devoted to, first of all getting out of bed. If an individual has trouble waking up and getting up at the same time, he will overcome his difficulty here.

It is advisable to leave the room dusted and swept, and the bed made, before going to formation. This, added to the fact one has to dress and shave, makes those first 20 minutes very well spent. At 6:50 you will fall out and march to breakfast.

After breakfast there are classes, which begin at 8 a.m. and are conducted until the lunch formation at 12 noon. Classes begin promptly at 1 p.m. in the afternoon and are conducted until 5 p.m.

Then comes the time to play. A&M sponsors one of the finest intramural programs in the Southwest. The variety of sports offered is numerous. To mention a few, there are football, softball, wrestling, basketball, handball, horseshoes, rifle, gymnastics, golf and soccer. Equipment may be checked out for any of these sports at any time of the day, also there are ample facilities for each.

Next on the agenda is the evening meal at 6 p.m. after which one is free until Call to Quarters. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., the dormitory is quieted, and so

begins C. Q. or study time. The freshmen and sophomores are required to be in their rooms, at their desks, studying. An individual may be excused from C. Q. only by a valid reason for his absence.

The "typical day" just described did not mean every day. One does not attend classes eight

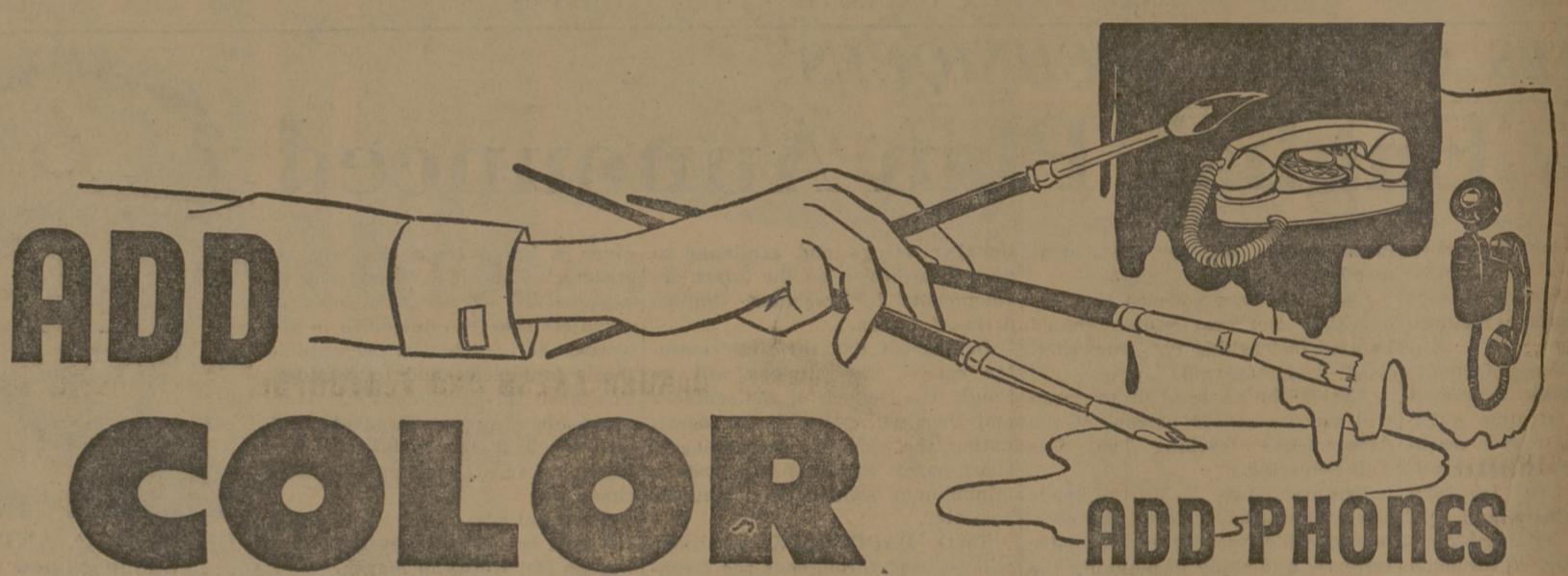
hours every day, the average about five hours per day. An individual has no choice in his own and he may do as he wishes.

Aggieland is not a place of work and no play. During football season the Corps Cadets takes two corps in. These consist of going to an

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