

Battalion Policy Guidelines Outlined For Coming Year

Last spring The Battalion printed a statement of editorial policy when the 1966-67 staff was appointed. As a new school year begins we feel compelled to reaffirm our policy guidelines for the year.

Our basic criteria will be simple — fairness, truthfulness and accuracy. We will strive always to report the news as fairly and impartially as we are able, without concession to any particular organization or student faction.

Our endeavors will be aimed at the betterment of the university as a whole and its diverse elements, although we will realize often times many will strongly feel the opposite is the case. But it is only through questioning and at times opposing that we can ever hope to achieve the purposes we intend and the responsibility we bear.

Our editorial stands will be oriented toward what we believe is right at all times, not what the administration or the students want for us to say is right. Our stands will not always be popular, but that's part of the game. We do not particularly care to be endeared to all, but rather only to be read by all. Only through the presentation and appraisal of lively and controversial subjects can we provoke thoughtful discussion that in the end may cause our university to be a better place for all concerned.

Editorials will always reflect the beliefs of the editor, but the editorial page itself will provide an open forum for Battalion columnists to freely express their opinions. Opinions of the columnists will not necessarily coincide with the views of the editor but will nevertheless be printed.

Students who desire to write articles or columns about subjects of particular interest are encouraged to submit them to the editor. Letters to the editor are a stimulating

and integral part of any newspaper, and reader's comments are especially invited.

Since we will sometimes object and criticize in our editorials, we expect some readers to likewise criticize our stands. Letters critical of The Battalion are as welcome as those of praise and will always find a place on our editorial page.

Since we are the official newspaper of the City of College Station as well as a university newspaper, we will include news of interest to the city community in addition to regular campus coverage.

In short, The Battalion editors and writers will attempt to bring to its readers the liveliest, most informative package we can produce.

It's not quite that easy, though.

No newspaper, be it metropolitan daily or country weekly, can hope to turn out an acceptable product without the support and help of its readers. The Battalion is no exception.

We ask that university administrators and department heads cooperate with our staff members when seeking information. So often we are denied even the most routine information by these people and told to go elsewhere. This becomes frustrating and time consuming and ultimately the news item we are attempting to prepare never sees print.

We hope students will continue to help us cover the campus by giving us timely news tips and advance notice of upcoming events to supplement our own news sources.

With the help of administrators, faculty, students and other readers, we think The Battalion can have a successful year and provide a professional newspaper for the university and community.



"Keep this quiet, but I'm through with mops, brooms and trash cans! At th' next registration I'm gonna have an umbrella concession!"

Sound Off

Editor, The Battalion:

After reading the article in the September 8 Battalion concerning Aggie exes in the College Station-Bryan area giving more money than ever this year, I was impelled to write this letter. We received two or three letters

pleading for a donation to the Aggie Ex Development Fund as did several of my husband's classmates. Yes, my husband is still in school, therefore the Ex statistics are not correct. We are being counted as exes and we aren't, yet.

A Vet Wife

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