

Listen Up *the batt forum*

Editor, The Battalion:
Please express my thanks to the student body for the Christmas card I received. Your collective thoughtfulness is just another reason why I am so proud to be an Aggie-Ex.

Best of luck to each of you.
Maj. James P. Westbrook '60
Adv. Tm. 45
APO San Francisco

Editor, The Battalion:
In this age of hippies and protests, I have now found something to protest about. Texas A&M University is an institution built on tradition and one of the most popular of these has now been done away with. The fish haircut has been banned. Not only does the new ruling break the tradition, but it also destroys one of the most important distinguishing factors between fish and sophomores.

A recent issue of *The Battalion* stated that 47 per cent of the fish were in favor of having long hair. As yet, I have not found one fish that wants to keep his hair. And I do not believe the fish that wants to be a true Aggie is in favor of long hair.

The retention factor was given by Corps Staff as the main reason for doing away with the fish haircut. Yes, it might help increase the enrollment in the Corps, but what type of people will contribute to this increase? There are many sacrifices demanded of and Aggie that are more important than sacrificing his hair.

I know that I speak for the

fish in my outfit, and I hope for the rest of the true Aggie fish on campus.

D. L. McQueen '72
Company C-1

Editor, The Battalion:
In regard to the decision made by the Executive Committee of the University concerning the issue on whether or not to hold finals before the Christmas holidays, we as students would like to express our opinion. We contend that having finals before Christmas would be beneficial not only to the students but also to the profs. As it stands the Committee has voted to continue with the present system.

However, we as part of the student body believe that we have a right to exert our influence in formulating such policies. Some views on the subject are as follows:

1. A greater appreciation for the holidays by eliminating worry over finals.
2. Elimination of the sudden strain and readjustment after the holidays to prepare for finals.
3. A 4 or 5 week holiday which would require only to begin the fall semester one or two weeks earlier and to include the semester break in with the holiday. An extended holiday would also provide an excellent opportunity for those who need jobs.

We feel this would be a progressive measure in educational policy here at A&M and hope that

the new system is adopted as is being done in other Universities and Colleges in Texas.

Company B-1 Vets '71

Although Vice-President Dr. Horace Byers has indicated he favors such a change, the committee postponed changing the calendar until the fall 1970 semester because members felt the problems involved could not be worked out before then. See story, page 1.

Editor, The Battalion:
Beginning last September an experimental program was initiated in Walton Hall to provide a center of unity for the civilian student. The success of the pilot program can be measured by the strong participation and leadership of our hall in many activities on campus.

Internally, we have organized an elected council to direct the hall, an activities committee to plan an active social calendar, a judicial committee to supervise the behavior of our members, a Walton Newsletter published weekly, a game-night held weekly in Walton Lounge, and a formal Christmas Banquet held at the Ramada Inn. Our organization has provided leadership in yell practice attendance, a Spirit Car-Bash-In, co-sponsoring an all-campus dance, the Campus-Chest drive, all areas of bonfire activities, and the Bryan Jaycees Christmas Toy Drive. We take great pride in present activities and future plans of our organization.

Our greatest need for next semester is more student members. Our activities will include anything the members of Walton are willing to work to accomplish. There is a place in our hall for any student looking for an active student organization, an open social calendar, and a unified fellowship of college men. We challenge any other hall to provide a better organized and constructively productive program than ours in Walton.

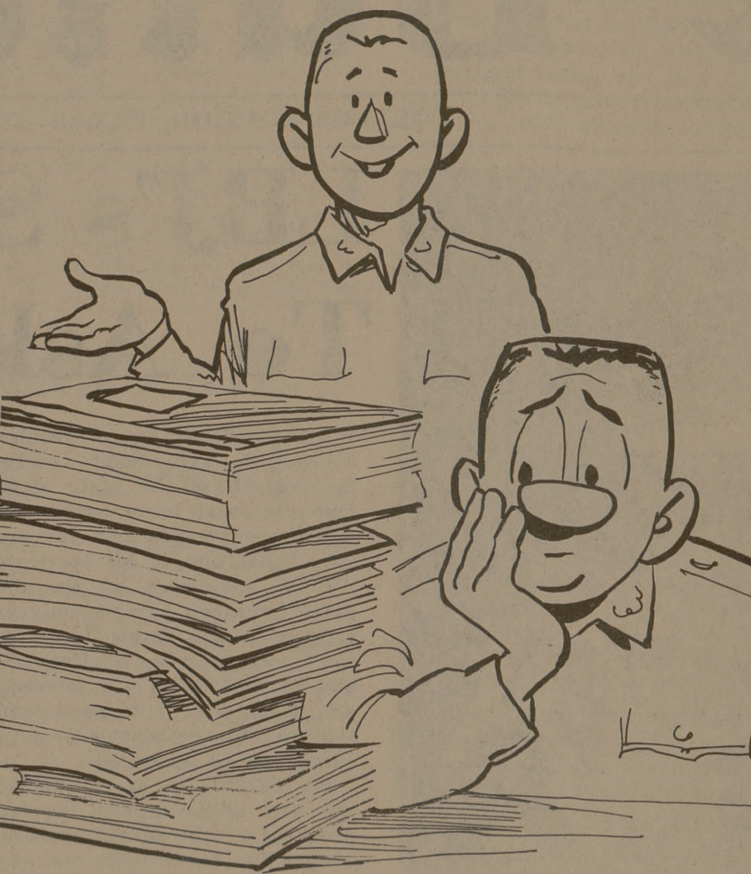
This letter is an open invitation to all students who are interested in providing leadership in unifying and building the A&M student body. To those who are dissatisfied with the apathy apparent on campus, Walton Hall has the potential to utilize your talents. Anyone interested in joining our organization should contact our office (5-1979).

Andy Scott, President
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The Brazos Valley Art Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Texas Room of Bryan Building & Loan to hear Mrs. Cornelius Van Bavel discuss design and production of modern jewelry. A short business meeting will follow.
Engineer Staff will meet at 5 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Highway Research Center.

WEDNESDAY
Aggie Wives Bridge Club will hold a tournament at 7:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Memorial Student Center, with admission \$1. For reservations call Mrs. Bonnie Schwausch before Wednesday at 846-4974.

THURSDAY
Galveston Hometown Club meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Room of the MSC. Last meeting of the year.

Tau Beta Pi will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 145 of the Physics Building.

Tonight On KBT

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6:30	Lancer
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