Good Bull Story of the Week

Texas A&M University has a long-standing history of a remarkably active student body. Engaged in all aspects from academic affairs, student services, community service, and more, Texas A&M students continuously seek to further the great name of our university. Last week’s article highlighted a newly founded tradition called BUILD; but this week we turn our attention to recognize an organization that has left its mark on Texas A&M University for the past 120 years!—The Battalion.

Last week The Battalion celebrated its 120th anniversary as our student newspaper. Behind each article is a passionate student seeking to deliver the buzz of all that happens on our campus. Rarely, however, do we find the opportunity to recognize the hard-working students that work so diligently to deliver us this service. So with that being said, we’d like to turn our focus to this year’s editor of The Battalion, Jake Walker, as our Good Bull Story of the Week.

Having attended Aggie football games since kindergarten, Jake Walker has been a die-hard and passionate Aggie for many years now. Inspired by his parent’s and family’s zealosity for our great University, Jake grew up learning the many rich and sacred traditions of Texas A&M—from keeping off the MSC grass, to watching the Corps of Cadets step off before a football game. It was out of this inherent love for Texas A&M University that Jake came to Aggieland. He quickly found his home working for The Battalion, and is most currently serving in the role of Editor for the 2013-2014 academic year.

The Battalion has been the independent voice of Texas A&M University since 1893. “We are the only people, probably in the world, who report news of this school from a student’s perspective. Nobody else can do that and that’s why we’ve been around for 120 years,” said Jake. In his role, he has the opportunity to interact with some of the most notable students and staff of our University, such as Dr. Loftin and General Weber, and constantly learn all that Texas A&M University has to offer. When asked what the most rewarding part of working at The Battalion has been, Jake replied, “I get to learn something new every day. That’s the best--every day there’s something new going on.”

It should be very comforting that the core value that resonates most with Jake Walker is integrity—after all, he’s delivering the news. Growing up, Jake noted that his parents always instilled the value of honesty and never telling a lie. “Character means everything to me,” Jake said. “I’m not anywhere close to perfect, and never will be, but I try my best to work at it.” Undoubtedly, The Battalion has left a remarkable impact on the Texas A&M Student Body and continues to further the values of our university, while highlighting the plethora of initiatives that occur around campus every day. For the past 120 years of service to our campus, we’d like to say congratulations to the Battalion! Furthermore, we’d like to thank the students like Jake Walker that help continue the integrity of this long-standing tradition. Until next week, Thanks & Gig ‘Em, Ags!