

Crisis In Education . . .

American education is in a critical dilemma. No, we're not speaking specifically about situations in our own back yard. Nor are we speaking about the "civil war" over at Texas U., where an irresistible force has been hammering against an immovable object for several years.

What has happened? Simply this: some of the ideas on which American education was founded were valid for limited time only, but they have been carried over into a world where those ideas no longer fit.

Two world wars have made great changes in America. But no changes in our educational system were made. We simply enlarged the original model, or "pilot plant" to a size so huge that it no longer works the way it should.

Now, therefore, it is necessary to create a new educational pattern for America. But changes in educational technique and purpose are not made as easily as changes in manufacturing.

There is one illustration from manufacturing that is pertinent. One of the largest cotton mills in the country was headed by a man who believed in long underwear for women. When abbreviated undergarments became popular, he vowed and declared that his plant would never make such clothing.

Perhaps the parallel doesn't seem close, because students are flocking to college in unprecedented numbers. But are we getting long-handed education?

What are the reasons for our being in college? Some are seeking simply a technological background with which to earn an above-average income in the future.

Some seek, along with that first purpose, to learn why the world is in a mess, and how it got that way. Certainly an intelligent citizen needs to learn what he can, though there is no simple answer to such a huge question.

Some students are in college simply because it's the thing to do, and because a diploma gives prestige. All over the country, it is probably these students who give rise to the biggest problems. Paradoxically, these students give least "trouble" because they don't care whether they learn anything or not, so long as they get a sheepskin.

Perhaps, in the next ten years, it will be necessary for American colleges, treating the problem on the basis of present needs, to split themselves into many different types of schools, with courses ranging from two to six years, depending on what type of education is needed by and required for different student groups.

A. & M. Reconverts . . .

The war is over, so far as A. & M. College is concerned. As of Monday morning, the college returned to its peacetime schedule—substantially modified by the presence of thousands of World War II veterans on the campus.

The speed-up is finished. Not many months ago there was at this college a Navy course which reviewed trigonometry in one hour, and if a student sneezed, he missed calculus. Those days are gone—even if subjects do seem to shoot by rapidly in these short summer terms.

Many traditions at A. & M. have been dropped or slighted during the war years. Some of them have been revived during the past year. Now is the time for us to review the entire body of A. & M. traditions, actively encourage those which have value, and quietly drop any which do not come up to our standard.

Surprising . . .

It seems unusual, to say the least, that so much talk of a Legislative investigation into the University should be heard right now. It seems unusual since this is election time and Legislators aren't ordinarily concerned with anything other than politics—and, of course, it would be injudicious to construe a Legislative investigation of the University at this time as "politics."

What makes the current talk even more surprising is the great contrast with 1944. Compared to the turmoil at the University in that year any recent disturbance has been nothing more than a dull match of tic-tac-toe. A president was fired, a third of the Board of Regents resigned, five thousand students marched twice on the capitol, ex-student associations split across the state, and state officials—high and low—were embroiled in the controversy.

It is doubtful that any situation now is more urgent—or even equally as pressing—than the situation which existed during 1944. This is not to say that no good could come of an investigation by the Legislature. A real, honest, unemotional survey of the University situation could conceivably assist in restoring balance and harmony to the functioning of the institution.

Vets' Wives Elect Tonight



Life In the Brazos Bottoms Is Brightened by Lady Vets

Another summer rolls around, the last year truly hopes to see in the "Brazos Bottoms" . . . four ought to be enough! The students of fairer sex are back with us after some 3 years absence.

The lady students ought to relieve the stress strain curves developed when the vets' wives started calling Walton, Hart Halls and the "Co-ops" "home". If any of you ladies are veterans, and I'm told there are some 3 or 4, drop around at the next vets' meeting.

A recent issue of Life magazine carried quite a detailed story as to just how your Saturday night spirit is made. Keep a close eye on the junk pile outside Leggett Hall or take another look in your closet if you live in Milner.

Think back and see if you can recall a retreat ceremony. It shouldn't be too difficult to do so. Remember in the Basic Manual, the Officers Guide if you were of that side of the "caste", or if you ever got close enough to see the inside of the Army Regulations . . . each carried detailed information as to the proper care of the United States flag, the way it should be guarded, raised, lowered, folded and then carried to its resting place for the site. Dropping in Goodwin Hall one evening last week and again this week I chanced to see "Old Glory", wadded up and thrown on a table, waiting for the next day's duty.

Scientists at Emory University in Atlanta will be looking for a so-called radio active wave expected to drift over the United States after the Binkini Atoll Atom Bomb Test . . . Operations Crossroad . . . If you see it, let us know and we'll warn them. They expect it to be 60,000 feet up and moving in a hurry . . . Back in school after a "hitch" in the army, Bill McKenzie, '44, ex-yell leader and gum-shoe. Bill is now house mom of Dorm 17. I know quite a few fellows that would like that job.

According to a late issue of the Army-Navy Journal, 2,000 officers are required by the ground forces and some 4,400 such volunteers are desired for the air forces. Anyone tired of this cruel civilian life and ready for a rest? The journal also carried the news that President Truman has been named Honorary President of the Field Artillery Association.

General F. L. Anderson, the Assistant Chief of Staff for Personnel, of the Army Air Forces, will be present on the campus next week. He will meet Tuesday in Guion Hall at 7:30 p.m. with all former air force officers in regard to a flying program here at College Station similar to ones which have been formed in other cities of the United States.

Extension Refresher Training Course Now Running Here

The first Extension Refresher Training Course for county home demonstration agents will be conducted June 1-29 at A. and M., according to an announcement by Maurine Hearn, vice director for women and state home demonstration agent for the A. and M. College Extension Service.

The three-fold purpose of the course includes orientation training for relatively inexperienced county home demonstration agents or for those interested in becoming home demonstration agents.

The course is under the direct supervision of Miss Hearn and a committee consisting of Jennie Camp, acting assistant home demonstration agent; Helen Swift, sociologist—rural women's organizations; Beulah Blackwell, district agent; and Florence Low, specialist in home management. Members of the Texas A. and M. College faculty, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, the Texas Forest Service, and the Extension Service while a few people from outside fields will cooperate in teaching the course.

DOROTHY MCGUIRE • ROBERT YOUNG HERBERT MARSHALL The Enchanted Cottage

WED. - THURS. - FRI. - SAT. Rita Hayworth

"GILDA"

PREVIEW SAT. NIGHT SUN. - MON. - TUES. June Allyson

"TWO SISTERS FROM BOSTON"

Lost On the Campus? Here's a Guide for You New Students

New students, do you get lost on the campus? No wonder: we have 8,000 acres of ground here at College Station. Here is a guide to help you find your way around.

The campus is divided roughly into four sections: the old campus, the new campus, the North Gate area and the New Area.

Starting at the center of things, the old campus is marked by the dome of the Academic Building and the main flag pole, from which the Star Spangled Banner flies. Among other buildings in this central area are the Civil and Electrical Engineering Buildings, Ross Hall, (commandant), the Y. M. C. A., the Assembly Hall, Goodwin Hall (dean of men) Guion Hall, and the buildings of the Experiment Station and Extension Service.

The new campus lies behind the Academic Building, and runs from the Library to the Administration Building. Among the buildings included are all the agricultural buildings, the Chemical, Petroleum and Aero Engineering buildings.

The North Gate area centers around Sbis Mess Hall (which also houses the veterans lounge), and includes, besides a number of dormitories, the main post office and a shopping district.

The New Area includes in a single development twelve dormitories and Duncan mess hall. There is also a branch Y and a postal sub-station.

Military walk, the main artery of the college, runs from Sbis mess hall to Guion Hall, through

Platter-Chatter New and Oldies Feature Recent Record Releases

By Ferd English Columbia's popular young band-leader, Les Brown has come up with another one of those fine arrangements that have skyrocketed him to fame. "I GOT THE SUN IN THE MORNING" from "Annie Get Your Gun" is a very swiny little ditty that is put over most eloquently by Miss Dorris Day.

Charlie Spivak has made a cutting of a couple that probably won't make the hit parade, but are fine numbers for those who like theirs slow and easy. "SPRING MAGIC" is very well done in a smooth rhythm style. "ALONG WITH ME" from the all ex-G. I. show "Call Me Mister" is a little bit more peppy than the spring song, but nevertheless, good listening music.

A duo from "Annie Get Your Gun", "THEY SAY IT'S WONDERFUL" and "THE GIRL THAT I MARRY", are really worked up in fine style by Frankie Sinatra. Both songs are soft, sweet, and slow, with very good background music.

Freddie Martin has made a wonderful dance tempo album of the NUTCRACKER SUITE by Tschai-kowsky. The suite has always been popular, but with this arrangement of it, it should become much more so. Latest song pun: Pull up your Cement Mixer and rest your Putti Putti.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HOW MANY VETERANS KNOW ABOUT VOTING?

To Editor of Battalion: This time I am not picking a bone with the newspaper, but pointing out an item of interest.

There are quite a few citizens of voting age here on the campus that have just been released from the armed services or who have been here since their release and they are on a whole ignorant of the policy of the State of Texas as to the requirement for casting ballots in the coming primaries and other state elections.

Some one around here that has access to legal council should investigate and publish the requirements and deadlines for registrations of their intention of voting.

The services have to a large extent made their former members a bit too dependent upon others for instructions, but vets and other young qualified voters should be stimulated in the direction of taking a keen interest in their government. It takes such a short time to express ones wished.

Robert L. Manly. (The Batt is checking and will have a story next week.)

ROOM RESERVATION NOTICE DRAWS SQUAWK

Editor Battalion: Could you tell me why the Office of the Dean of Men is often half a day late in publishing notices about reservations for ladies coming to dances over the week-end? The outstanding example of tardiness in entering notices occurred the week end of the Cotton Ball when the notice was placed in the Battalion that appeared thirty hours after the time that the reservations began being made.

James W. Wells, '47.

Campus AIR-CONDITIONED Open 1:00 P.M. — 4-1181

THURSDAY — LAST DAY

GARY COOPER MERLE OBERON The Cowboy and the Lady

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

2 Super Features No. 1

"GREENWICH VILLAGE"

In Technicolor — with — Carmen Miranda Vivian Blaine William Bendix

No. 2

"MEN IN HER DIARY"

— starring — Louise Allbritton Jon Hall

And! Donald Duck

SUNDAY and MONDAY

Vibrant with Suspense!

DOROTHY MCGUIRE GEORGE BRENT ETHEL BARRYMORE The Spiral Staircase

Disney Cartoon — News

TUES. - WED. - THURS.

"BUFFALO BILL"

— with — Joel McCrea Maureen O'Hara In Technicolor

AIR-CONDITIONED

GUION HALL THEATER

BOX OFFICE OPEN 1:00; CLOSE 8:30

THURSDAY ONLY Bargain Day

DOROTHY MCGUIRE • ROBERT YOUNG HERBERT MARSHALL The Enchanted Cottage

FRIDAY and SATURDAY Double Feature

ZANE GREY'S NEVADA

plus Bobby Watson - Joe Devlin

"That Nazy Nuisance"

SUNDAY and MONDAY

DAVID O. SELZNICK presents His first production since "Gone With The Wind" and "Rebecca"

Claudette COLBERT Jennifer JONES Joseph COTTEN Shirley TEMPLE Monty WOOLLEY

"Since You Went Away"

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY BARGAIN DAY

ROBERT LARAME YOUNG • DAY These Endearing Young Charmers ANN HARDING

THURSDAY ONLY Bargain Day

"DARK WATERS" — with — Merle Oberon Franchot Tone Thomas Mitchell

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