

Freedom of College Press...

In one of the first statements of its kind ever issued on a college campus, President Everett Case of Colgate University recently guaranteed freedom of the press for Colgate student editors of the post-war period so long as they continued to be faithful to the principles of responsible journalism. Faculty supervision for student publications is still traditional on most college campuses.

The Battalion has for some time enjoyed the same type of freedom as that granted at Colgate. The editors are free to publish whatever they see fit to print, but it is their personal responsibility to see that nothing appears in print that is untrue, obscene, libelous, defamatory, or inciting to riot. That is a sobering responsibility, but one which we are willing to take.

Emphasizing that every editor—the college editor included—carries a heavier responsibility today than at any hour in American history, Mr. Case's three-page statement was issued as Colgate University observed the one-hundredth anniversary of journalism on its campus.

One hundred years ago, Colgate's first editor was expelled for "contumacy and rebellion" even before he printed an editorial he had told the faculty he felt duty-bound to publish.

"In college journalism, as in the professional field," Mr. Case asserted, "responsibility can best be met, we hold, if the editor has free access to the facts and liberty to express his opinions once these facts have been obtained and thoughtfully examined."

"Only free journalism can be responsible, as in the long run only responsible journalism can be free."

Declaring that Colgate asks only that its student editors be faithful to the tenets of responsible journalism, Mr. Case went on to say:

"We have a right to expect of student journalists scrupulous adherence in all of their writing, news and editorials to the canons of accuracy, truth, good taste and fair play which are accepted everywhere as a part of the journalists' code."

"We have a right to expect too that college publications faithfully reflect the characteristic concerns and activities of the institution as a whole—the intellectual, the scholarly, the cultural as well as the athletic, the social, and the extra-curricular."

Mr. Case said that the college needs intelligent self-criticism and student publications would fall short of their full responsibilities if they failed to provide it.

"Colgate administrators and faculty members would not be human," he said, "if they did not at times wish for more gentle treatment than is sometimes accorded them in student publications. But we at Colgate do not, and will not demand it."

"If our publications are articulate, and at the same time dependable, accurate and honest, we in the administration and faculty will try to regard their opinions, not as thorns in the side, but as nudges in the ribs, good natured though possibly vigorous shoves in the right direction students honestly think things should go."

The Forgotten Man...

When the squabble about the athletic situation began growing in intensity, it was discovered that student representation on the all-important Athletic Council was entirely lacking. The students, who constitute the largest single bloc of Aggie team supporters, were absolutely without any say concerning athletic policies, while the Former Students Association had two representatives on the council.

An inspection of the handbook of college rules and regulations reveals that membership of the Athletic Council is to consist of "three members of the Academic Council,—the Business Manager of Athletics, two members of the Former Students Association,—and one member of the senior class elected by said class."

C. W. Crawford, chairman of the council, explained upon questioning that he had only discovered this provision within the last two weeks. The habit of not including an elected member of the senior class on the council was so strong that the provision for student representation had merely been overlooked.

An opportunity to receive the opinions of the student body should not be carelessly overlooked by the council, unless they consider such opinions of no value. Surely the students should be consulted on matters of hiring and firing of coaches.

The senior class, at its next meeting, should elect a representative to serve on the Athletic Council. The possibilities of having more than just one representative should be thoroughly investigated—after all, don't the present students rate as much representation as former students and faculty?

BRIGHT IDEAS

Publicity Agents Jump at Novelties in Advertising

"Anything for publicity," say newspaper editors and advertising agencies. Whether the novelties in the journalism field be in the form of a contest, or whether they be editorials, newspaper men jump at all ways and means to attract attention.

A CALENDAR for 2003 has been distributed by the Irving Davis Company, New York advertising agency which sent out a 1901 calendar last year. The reason for last year's calendar was because 1901 was identical with 1946. Some clients ribbed the agency for being "behind the times," so Mr. Davis made this year's presentation futuristic—2003 being the same as 1947!

THE SCRANTON, PENNA. TRIBUNE'S campaign to get work for disabled veterans has resulted in placements for more than 100 and praise from the Veterans' Administration.

INSTEAD of editorials, the Shreveport Times ran half a page of Christmas Psalms in its December 25 issue.

ON Christmas Day, the Dallas Morning News ran a box on Page One as a greeting to the carrier boy to his subscribers: "I won't waken you from your early morning nap," the message said, "so I must be content to greet you in this fashion."

THE Chicago Daily News is going to pick the batboy for White Sox, letting youths write brief essays on "Why I'd Like to Be Batboy for the White Sox." Boys from 8 to 15 are eligible to apply.

George L. Wilson, a city district manager with the O'Priland, Oregon Journal circulation department used his ability as a cartoonist to

A&M Can 'Shine' in Astronomy, Monnig Tells Star Gazers Club

By Vick Lindley
Texas A. & M. can play an important part in developing the science of astronomy in Texas, according to Oscar E. Monnig, noted amateur astronomer of Ft. Worth. Mr. Monnig was the chief speaker at the first annual banquet of the college Astronomy Club Monday night.

At the banquet Prof. E. E. Vezey of the Physics Department unveiled a three-foot model of an eighteen-foot telescope dome proposed for erection on the Physics Building here. Mr. Monnig explained what could be done with such a structure, and the 24-inch reflecting telescope which Prof. Vezey is grinding for use in the dome.

If this telescope and its observation dome are completed A. & M. will have the second largest telescope in Texas, Mr. Monnig reported. The largest is the 81-inch telescope of the University of Texas, at the MacDonald Observatory in the Davis Mountains. Other telescopes now in use in Texas are considerably smaller than the one under consideration for A. & M., according to Mr. Monnig.

It is important not only to build and install a fine telescope, but also to keep it in consistent, but all Mr. Monnig said. If proper periodic observations are made, the amateurs of the club can observe and report variable stars, time occultation of stars when eclipsed by the moon, observe faint comets, watch for meteors, photograph stars and take star-spectra (determining the chemical composition of the heavenly bodies.) Because there are so many stars, the big observatories such as Mt. Wilson, Yerkes, etc., depend on smaller observatories to study many phenomena of the skies, Mr. Monnig pointed out.

In addition to such serious work, the telescope could be used for classes, and for "open nights" when the public would peep through the eyepiece and hear short lectures. At present, said

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Mr. Monnig, too many people cannot distinguish properly between astronomers, the scientists of the skies, and astrologers, who tell fortunes (or at least claim to) by the stars.

Dick Bolin, president of the club, was toastmaster at the banquet. In addition to student members, many faculty and staff guests were present.

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PENNY'S SERENADE

W. L. Penberthy

As a student I can remember there were three times during the year when I made resolutions. They were New Years, and the beginning of each of the two school semesters. The resolutions at the beginning of the semesters were motivated by the fact that I had been through a hectic week of examinations and didn't want to repeat the experience. I am sure many of my readers have been through the same experience.

I feel that this is just one of the many parallels between sports and life. In the sports field a great deal of study, time, effort and emphasis is placed on practice. During the practice periods much time is spent on the drills with the idea of establishing the habit of flawless performance in the execution of the game skills under near-game conditions. This provides the best insurance of effective play when the "Chips are down." A team or individual that does not perform well in practice is not likely to look well in a scheduled contest. Practice is graded so that the coach works his men from the simple to the difficult. Day by day, a good team is built, and if the team is good, the players must all be there every day and each day's schedule of drills must be mastered. When this is done the contest that has been prepared for is taken in stride, and the team plays well and looks good even though it may not win.

If we follow this same plan in our every-day life, whether we be a student or engaged in an occupation, we can expect pretty much the same results. The individual who goes along day by day doing his every assignment well, be it large or small, need never worry about an examination or any other test to which he may be put. This recipe made many heroes during the recent war.

In our athletic dressing room is a sign that reads "Its the way you show up at the show down that counts." I know no better way to be sure we will show up well at the show down than to show up well in the things we do every day.

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BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS...

Something to Think About: Here's Fifteen of the Greatest

By WILNORA BARTON
Reader's Adviser

Atkins, Elizabeth. EDNA ST. VINCENT AND HER TIMES. University of Chicago Press, 1946.

Readers of Edna Millay's poetry will hail this biography of scholarly acumen with ardent enthusiasm. Here is revealed the living spirit and mind back of her art—a talent which has grown and matured to echo the vibrations of our times. Millay is to twentieth century America what Tennyson was to Victorian England, or what Byron was to the period of Romanticism.

"She is the only living poet who is casually quoted in philosophical treatises and in moving-picture magazines in churches and in night clubs, in the rural schools of Oregon and in the Sorbonne of Paris."

Miss Atkins traces the development of this fine and sensitive talent from her first poem of significance, *Renascence to Wine From These Grapes*. Evident throughout her poetry are the books the child read, the life of the young girl in Greenwich Village, and the thought of the mature mind of the poet.

The author is a professor of English at a University and knows the poets and poetry of all times, yet Miss Atkins believes that Millay will live on as one of the great poets long after our times.

Tratner, Ernest R. THE STORY OF THE WORLD'S GREAT THINKERS. 1946.

This book is a collection of short sketches about the lives of fifteen of the greatest thinkers in the history of humanity. These fifteen men lived at widely different times and under very different circumstances, yet they are kin because they were all seekers of truth. The theories which they formulated vitally concerned the path of civilization and are basic to all aspects of present day living.

The author says of these men, "In the entire history of mankind there have not been more than two dozen first-rate theorists, men endowed with the intuition of unknown things and the imagination that creates new worlds. Perhaps there is no achievement that demands such exceptional mental power, physiological endurance and immense intellectual effort as the ability to formulate a scientific theory."

The author treats each theorist who is a true pioneer in his field of endeavor with a view to giving the reader a wide and interesting background. The stories are filled with curious facts and lively anecdotes. From Copernicus to Einstein, this book tells the story of how we acquired our present conception of the universe and man's place therein.

Joint Monthly Meeting At Church January 20

At the A. & M. Methodist Church on Monday, January 20, The Aggie Wives Circle of the church and the other circles of the Women's Society of Christian Service, will meet jointly, at 7:30 p. m., for their regular monthly business session.

All members are urged to attend, as officers will be installed and pledges made for the year.

Hinton, Harold B. CORDELL HULL: a biography. Doubleday, 1946.

Going from the literary world to the philosophic, and now to the political, we have a third and very timely biography. This is the story of one of the world's foremost statesmen—one of the most ardent champions of democracy in this or any time. This is not only the story of a statesman, it is also the story of a childhood and a young manhood spent in the upper Cumberlandlands of Tennessee. From an early interest in law and government, young Hull's ability led him in a career of international importance. In the illumination of his forthright personality we see more clearly the formulation of modern American foreign policy and a great deal of recent American Domestic policy.

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Sleep Outside to Combat Housing

An estimated 2,500 members of the American Veterans' Committee slept on the ground January 10 in Los Angeles' downtown MacArthur Park in a demonstration which one of their leaders said was to "focus attention on the plight of the homeless veteran."

"This is just twenty-four-hour demonstration," said the chairman of the Los Angeles area council of the AVC. He said it was a nationwide campaign by the AVC to attract public attention to the housing shortage as it affects veterans.

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Temporary Gym Heating Started

W. H. Badgett of the College Construction Program has announced temporary heating for DeWare Field House by the beginning of next week.

No longer will the spectators freeze when they see the basketball games. Gas-fired heaters will be installed and ready for the next game. They will be put in mainly for the players. The heaters will not be adequate for severe cold weather, but will satisfy the conditions until permanent ones can be put in.

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