

A Word About Food . . .

While members of the Cadet Corps were at home enjoying the Easter holidays and eating that luscious home-cooked food, it seems that the Mess Hall was still operating, and charging you \$1.20 per day to do it. Duncan Hall doors were open to all who paid their mess fees throughout the holidays, and tables were neatly set and food lovingly prepared.

The strange thing about it all was that only ten or so showed up to get the benefit of their buck and twenty-cent payment. Unbelievably, practically the entire Cadet Corps was off campus.

But meanwhile, the mess hall pulled in \$1.20 per day from everyone, even though practically all were at home on official college holidays. Of course, you could have stayed here and received your money's worth. . . .

A rejoinder from mess hall authorities would be that fees are paid for entire periods, and costs allocated in the same manner. But why wasn't the mess hall closed down for the holiday season in order to effect much-needed savings?

Religious Prejudice . . .

The blinding light of Hiroshima and Bikini threw a terrifying shadow across the world. Its inescapable warning: Unite!

Or else. For this is the One World era. And every force capable of drawing men together must exert its cohesive power.

Certainly religion is one of these forces. But, as Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick states in the April Ladies Home Journal, religious differences and prejudices today set men at odds.

He continues: To have religion go on as one of the most estranging and alienating forces on earth, so that even in common speech religious prejudice is paired with racial prejudice as a major curse of mankind, will never do.

Religion, as a unifying force, is impotent today because of misplaced emphasis. Emphasis on sectarian differences that divide, instead of on the deep basic truths that unify. Emphasis on special modes of baptism, on this or that way of serving communion, on endless differences in creedal statement and ritual custom, instead of on the great truths.

Dr. Fosdick makes no plea for a universal church. But he does urge that we emphasize the universal truths, where the great religions find a large area of common ground, instead of our trivial sectarian differences. To put equal emphasis on both, he says, is to scramble values.

This is true of religion no less than of family life. Our homes, to illustrate, have local peculiarities: Our special types of houses, our methods of housekeeping, our gadgets, all the details that give our homes their regional or national flavor. But there are universals too: the bond of love and loyalty between man and woman, the parent-child love that welds the family into a unit. These are factors that know no boundaries of race or nation. These are universals.

Already leaders are working to resolve man's divisive and petty walls by stressing religion's universals values. Dr. Fosdick concludes that this endeavor is one of the most momentous movements of thought in our time.

Co-Education Needed? . . .

The stabilizing influence in our society ever since Adam's episode with the rib has been the female of the species. Man will tear his thinning locks over some petty trifle, but woman, with her cool, calm logic can see right through the problem and get down to fundamentals.

The A&M of today presents a tragic example of man's bungling. Political cloudy skies have shaded and depressed us long enough. We might as well throw in the towel and let the little women come down to straighten us out.

The answer to the pressing question of "What are we gonna do now?" is co-education.

The patter of high-heeled shoes around the campus will soothe the taut, frustrated nerves of the stronger (and often the dumber) of the sexes. Things will perk up considerably. As Tennyson (or someone) said: A well-turned ankle leads to well-turned heads.

First off, we'll have to appoint a commandantess to administer to, care for, arrange, handle, and hold the trials of the WAC ROTC. Colonelness and Lieut. Colonelness will be a welcome relief from the arrogant, blustery brass at present rampant.

Several new English courses will have to be inaugurated to purge and purify the vernacular, and certain colorful professors will have to be replaced or toned down to a point of delicacy.

A&M as a co-educational institution will be a happier place. Yell practice will assume four part harmony; dietics and home-economics majors will improve the quality of the cafeteria fare; sorority houses will mushroom up; the everlasting boredom will be dispelled; men's minds will be otherwise occupied and will care not for political diversions.

Co-education, not sleep, "knits up the ravel'd sleeve of care. . . is sore labour's bath, balm of hurt minds, great nature's second course, chief nourisher in life's feast."

Petition, petition, who's got the petition?

Newman Club Calendar of Activities

A tentative calendar of activities for the Newman Club has been announced for the remainder of the semester as follows:
April 13 2:00 p.m.—Initiation, Dance (KC Hall)
April 14 7:30 p.m.—Business Meeting
April 19 All day, Southwest Province Newman Club Convention.
April 20 All day, Southwest Province Newman Club Convention.
April 26 8:00 p.m.—Social Meeting, Dance (KC Hall)
April 27 8:30 Mass—Group Communion
May 3 8:00 p.m.—Spring Dance (The Grove)
May 12 7:30 p.m.—Business Meeting
May 18 8:30 Mass—Group Communion

All dates are subject to change in case of unforeseen conflicts with other school activities.

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Heard on WTAW

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

A.M.
5:59—Sign on
6:01—Texas Farm and Home Program
6:15—Coffee Club
6:30—Coffee Club
7:00—Martin Agronsky
7:15—Rotary Club Program
7:30—TK Tok Time
7:55—Gems for Thought
8:00—Breakfast Club
9:00—My True Story
9:25—Hymns of All Churches
9:45—The Listening Post
10:00—Breakfast in Hollywood
10:30—Sidewalk Kollege
10:45—Ted Malone
11:00—What's New
11:15—Texas School of the Air
11:30—Let's Go Shopping
P.M.
12:00—Baukhage Talking
12:15—Varner News
12:30—PH Frolics
12:45—All Star Dance Parade
1:00—Walter Kiernan
1:15—Ethel and Albert
1:30—Bride and Groom
2:00—Ladies, Be Seated
2:30—Edwin C. Hill
2:45—Church Women
3:00—Tommy Bartlett Show
3:30—Melody Merchants
3:50—Rev. Van Siskier
4:15—All Star Dance Parade
4:30—Rev. McDaniel
4:45—Dick Tracy
5:00—Terry and the Pirates
5:15—The College Speaks
5:30—Little Show
5:45—The Sportsman
6:00—Headline Edition
6:15—Elmer Davis
6:30—Sign Off

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

A.M.
6:00—Sign on
6:00—Texas Farm and Home Program
6:15—Coffee Club
7:00—Martin Agronsky
7:15—Gowboy Melodies
7:30—TK Tok Time
7:55—Gems for Thought
8:00—Breakfast Club
9:00—My True Story
9:25—Hymns of All Churches
9:45—The Listening Post
10:00—Breakfast in Hollywood
10:30—The Woman's World
10:45—Ted Malone
11:00—Hollywood Headlines
11:15—Stephen F. Austin High School Program
11:30—Let's Go Shopping
P.M.
12:00—Baukhage Talking
12:15—Gladiola News
12:30—Across the Footlights
12:45—Price Brothers Tune Up Time
1:00—Walter Kiernan
1:15—Ethel and Albert
1:30—Bride and Groom
2:00—Ladies, Be Seated
2:30—Edwin C. Hill
2:45—Safeguards for America
3:00—Tommy Bartlett Show
3:30—Parade of Melody Merchants
4:00—Introduction to the Weekend
4:30—Here's to Veterans
4:45—Dick Tracy
5:00—Terry and the Pirates
5:15—The College Speaks
5:30—Little Show
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: Letters to the Editor :

RUSSIA

Dear Editor:

I have just finished reading the letter "War Bosh!" by R. E. Scruggs in the March 27 issue of the Battalion. My first reaction was a quick glance up to the date-line to see if this was really 1947, or if it were 1939. My God, how many wars must we fight, and how many lives must we lose, before we Americans rid our political thinking of the spectre of isolationism?

I should like to refute Mr. Scruggs' letter (in a purely impersonal manner) statement by statement. In his first paragraph, he states "Short-term thinkers, editors, and alarmists have begun raving in tones reminiscent of 1939—the Soviets do not wish war—we are certain of that from on-the-spot interviews." Well, it seems to me that the "short-term thinkers" of 1939 were proven right on Dec. 7, 1941. Do we want such proof again? As for his "on-the-spot interviews," our library, I am sure, contains adequate news magazine files from which I match Mr. Scruggs' article for article—opinions to the contrary.

His second paragraph says "We don't think the Russians have the Atomic Bomb in production—Does the U. S. S. R. have forces capable of competing with the United States? Hardly!" We lost hundreds of thousands of lives in World War II—in World War III, that number will be magnified a hundred fold. When one gambles for such stakes, one doesn't "think"—one must know.

As for Russia being able to "compete" with us, Mr. Scruggs, do you remember the fall of 1941 when the Japanese navy, and their armed forces as a whole, were a national joke? Do you remember that "we could lick Japan in two weeks"? Do you remember that the peace-time draft, after the expiration of its first year, was extended in Congress by the slim margin of one vote, wasn't it? Do you remember our troops in the Louisiana Maneuvers of 1941 training with broomsticks as rifles?

In his fifth paragraph, Mr. Scruggs says "What reason have we to begrudge Russia her economic interests?" I remember Senators Borah, Taft, Vandenberg (yes, even hel), ex-president Hoover, ex-hero Charles Lindbergh, and a host of our Middle Western Isolationists; and I remember Premier Chamberlain of England, and Daladier of France, and all the rest of the misguided "Appeasement Group" all mouthing the same phrases in respect to Japanese aggression in Manchuria, German legions helping the Fascists in the Spanish Revolution, and the over-running of Ethiopia by Mussolini. How many untold lives would we have saved had we jumped in with both feet in those early days? I remember President Roosevelt on Jan. 6, 1941, sending a special message to Congress (just as President Truman did so very recently) urging all-out aid to Britain, Greece, and China—his first declaration of the famous Four Freedoms. I remember also that Congress outvoted the stubborn isolationist bloc only 60-31 on the Lend-Lease Act which was introduced following President Roosevelt's plea, but only after the isolationists had exhausted the same arguments Mr. Scruggs propounded.

In his sixth paragraph, Mr. Scruggs states "Let Russia have her economic and political union—if it should fail it is no concern of ours." Again, I ask how much blood must be shed before we realize that what happens anywhere in the world is our business? Whether it be Timbuctoo, Dogpatch, or Upper Mongolia! Any doctor can tell us that although our toes are geographically a long distance from our brain, a poisonous infection in those toes will eventually reach our brain and destroy it.

His next paragraph, "the future of the U. S. lies within itself," is the very definition of blind and unthinking isolationism.

And in his final statement, Mr. Scruggs opposes loans to anyone except on a "strictly business" basis. In my book, human lives, happiness, and freedom are things which are not to be dealt

with on a business basis. If, God forbid, the world should wake up one day to find itself destroyed by Atomic War I, I am quite sure that a good set of "strictly business" bookkeeping accounts will give very little satisfaction.

Mr. Scruggs, history says you are wrong, and all of us could learn a great deal by the close study of the events leading up to World War I and II. Let us not make the same mistakes a third time, because I feel quite sure that our civilization will find itself "out!"

Sincerely,

(Signed) MILTON BEYCHOK '44

SYSTEMS OF GRADING

Dear Editor:

A topic has always been discussed around the classroom by both teacher and student has been the system of grading by which the scholastic achievements of the student are recorded on paper. Each teacher has his own system, and the merits of the students are shown on the official records of the school by that system. Can we declare that the grades which a student will receive at A. & M. College will be representative of his knowledge of his major course?

There are apparently many systems of grading employed by the professors of this college. Some stick strictly to the numerical average, others use the traditional five letters, while there seem to be some who allow an outside influence to enter the problem of giving a student a fair grade. This bias, or it may be just an unmarked infiltration upon the mind of the professor. But regardless of the system used, can we say that a fair representative figure is always used?

We definitely seem to need a much fairer standard of grading in all schools and colleges. And regardless of the system used personal feelings and names of students should not enter into the picture. Too many grades are given according to the name on the front of the paper.

Another criterion which is sometimes used concerns the first examination of the year, that grade being used as the representative figure for the remainder of the semester. Another unfair encroachment is the problem of student graders. Many times the student grader does not have the knowledge to grasp the whole meaning of the paper. And in many instances the professor is not familiar with certain interpretations in the text and refuses to accept them.

Many other could be named, but one which the students seem to detest most of all is the attitude system. That one involves the student who is not in accord with the ideas and theories of the professor and openly expresses his own views on the subject. This open expression sometimes is responsible for an extra "legal" point or two taken off an examination. It is an open-minded professor indeed who can have his ideas contradicted and grade on a fair basis.

Regardless of the system used the grades should be according to the contents of the paper with no outside influence. This could be accomplished by having all papers go into the professor with no name on them, only some member known only to the student himself. A fairer system could also be aided by having student graders handle only objective and true-false quizzes, excluding them from all discussion examinations.

Many professors today make it very plain that if you submit a quiz for regrading or rediscussion of one particular question you stand a good chance of having the whole paper regraded on a much more stringent basis.

Of course the time element is a problem of our over-worked teaching staffs of today. Nevertheless, it seems that proper grading and evaluating of examination and quiz papers is the unquestioned duty of the professor. He owes that to the student as well as to his age-honored profession.

ARCH D. BARNES

Allis-Chalmers Employee To Interview Senior Engineers

John F. Bullock, a representative of Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, will be on the campus Tuesday, April 22, to interview senior engineering students interested in joining the Allis-Chalmers Graduate Training Course.

Bullock will be in the office of W. R. Horsley, director, Placement Office, throughout the day to discuss the 18-month program of the company's Graduate Training Course with interested engineers. Accompanying Bullock will be J. L. Pratt, manager of the Southwest Regional sales office in Dallas.

The GTC—which annually attracts graduate engineers from approximately 80 colleges and universities—offers students on-the-job-training in sales, research, production, design and service and erection. A feature of the company's training program for 43 years, the GTC today claims numerous alumni who are department manager, district office managers and vice-presidents of Allis-Chalmers.

Bullock will be prepared to explain in detail the outline of a training program designed to fit the desires of each engineering student. The program provides for a period of general training to familiarize the student with the firm as well as for a period of specific training in the field of interest of each student. Senior engineering students interested in speaking with Bullock should make arrangements with Mr. Horsley in Room 126, Administration Building as soon as possible.

Lack of Femmes For 'Kind Lady'

The production of "Kind Lady" by the Aggie Players has been cancelled, according to Director Art Angrist, English instructor and co-sponsor of the group. "Kind Lady" was originally scheduled for April 30-31-May 1. Angrist stated that a new play would have to be selected with fewer feminine roles, since there are not enough women available to produce the British play. The play that is selected will probably be presented during the first part of May.

Entomology Club To Meet Tonight

The Entomology Club will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Room 5, Science Hall. S. W. Bilsing will address members, and visitors are invited to attend. Plans will be made for the annual social event, it was also announced.

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