

# Battalion EDITORIALS

Page 2 MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1947

## Are College Students Pagan? . . .

The University of Texas has been called many things in the past few years, but a new epithet has been added. Dr. E. Fay Campbell of Philadelphia, secretary of the division of higher education of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, told the Presbyterian Synod of Texas that the state university at Austin is a "pagan institution."

The first vision that flashed into our mind, as we thought over Dr. Campbell's statement, was more picturesque than a movie. We had visions of Druids dressed in orange, sacrificing a freshman co-ed with the Littlefield fountain, the waters of which ran red with blood, serving as an altar. That's the sort of thing that we think of in connection with the word "pagan."

But it seems we misunderstood Dr. Campbell's meaning. The former secretary of the Yale University Christian Association and graduate of Yale Divinity School, declared, with specific reference to TU, Yale and Harvard:

"It is high time for the Protestant churches to regain the leadership of colleges and universities from intellectual pagans. Everybody knows that the

most pagan areas of our country are in the universities and colleges."

How much truth is there in these charges? We believe Dr. Campbell has mistaken a healthy youthful skepticism for moral disintegration.

Like A. & M., TU is ringed about with denominational churches. We know the churches exercise considerable influence at College Station, and we have reason to believe that the same is true at Austin. Naturally, church activities do not play the same part they do at denominational schools, but we have never been able to detect any greater "wholesomeness" at the church schools. We find neither more nor less Christian idealism at those schools than on our own campus.

One hundred and fifty years ago, Thomas Jefferson was looked upon as a pagan and an atheist. Today we regard him as a finer Christian than most of the clergy of his period. It may be that a century from now historians will conclude that our "pagan" state schools have done more than any other institutions to keep fresh the Christian traditions.

## President Truman on the Spot . . .

President Harry Truman's popularity, which goes up and down as often as a football coach's, is skidding again. Badly.

The "war-against-hunger" by its very nature was certain to cause resentment against the administration. Although we Americans like to pride ourselves on our altruism, we hate to sacrifice ourselves and won't do it unless we have been built up to a point of emotional excitement. We aren't emotional about saving the people of Europe. We're tired of sacrifices. And it is hard for many of us to admit that a sacrifice now might mean avoiding greater sacrifices in the future.

The food conservation program has hit many rough bumps for several reasons. For one, the whole program sounded as though it had been improvised overnight, when it became apparent that we would have to do something. Therefore, it wasn't thought through carefully.

For another, many Americans are bitter against all Europeans, blaming them indiscriminately for the two world wars, and asking if feeding Europe now isn't just a matter of building up a new generation of soldiers against whom we will fight in the future. That is not an attractive picture, and there is just enough truth in it to keep many Americans from whole-hearted cooperation in the Truman food program.

President Truman told a news conference there is a tremendous amount of gambling on commodity markets that has pushed up prices of wheat and said Attorney General Clark is making an investigation of the trading in both grain and fibers.

Mr. Truman said that his citizens' food committee will consider any necessary alterations in the voluntary food saving program to raise 100,000,000 bushels of grain for Europe's hungry.

But he made plain, however, that he does not want to return to the consumer rationing and price control that he said was necessary in wartime.

Such methods, he said in response to questions, are the methods of a police state. In response to another query, he enlarged this definition to include any control enforced by the state.

Does that mean rent control, too? A reporter asked.

Yes, Mr. Truman said, it meant rent controls.

Mr. Truman, who has been accused by Senator Taft (R-Ohio) of lifting remaining price controls "too soon" after Congress extended limited OPA powers, reminded his news conference there had been congressional statements that prices would not go up if controls came off.

He was told very vociferously, the President said, that this was a free country and we wouldn't suffer from the things we are

suffering from if the controls came off immediately.

Asked if exports of food and other commodities contribute to high prices, Mr. Truman said this was a piece of misinformation. He said that exports pushed prices only slightly higher, adding that the nation always exports about one third of its grain crop in normal times.

Mr. Truman said an extra session of Congress to provide emergency assistance for Europe is still a possibility, but he is still trying to find funds from existing sources to provide stop-gap aid.

Can President Truman get sufficient cooperation to make his food plan work? Is the plan workable even with cooperation? There are indications that it may not be, and that, willing or otherwise, the president will have to ask for a restoration of rationing and controls.

This much is true: people who are now trying to cooperate with the voluntary plan would not object to new rationing. The people who are refusing to cooperate would fight bitterly against a revival of rationing or control, and hope to end what little political control the Democratic administration still has.

But a courageous president should be willing to risk loss of office for himself and the whole party, in the name of honest action.

## Recipe for Peace . . .

LOS ANGELES. —(AP)—Lt. Gen. Ira Eaker, who says Russia might feel strong enough to attack the United States in 10 years, has this recipe for peace:

Keep the Atomic Bomb Carrier, the Air Force, intact and up to strength. Produce enough atomic bombs to destroy the 50 or 60 vital targets of a country which would attack us. Invest enough funds in scientific research, obtain the best weapons 10 years hence, probably including guided missiles carrying atomic warheads with range of 3,000 to 10,000 miles. Teach a solid brand of patriotism.

Gen. Eaker, retiring Deputy Chief of the Army Air Forces, said that Russia is the only potential enemy in the world today powerful enough to "cause us trouble."

The Martins Ferry (O.) Times Leader received this letter recently:

"Gentlemen: Have been working your crossword puzzles for the last 10 years and have yet to consult a dictionary. I like them, but can find only 10 or 12 minutes relaxation in their solution. Is it possible for you to consolidate with a syndicate that offers a little more strenuous mental exercise? (Signed) J. J. J., Puzzle Fan."

From the Weather Report in the Peoria (Ill.) Journal: High tomorrow 59-61-23-67-8."



TROY C. SMITH, junior from Mansfield, is shown here receiving an all-expense check for the National Convention of Future Farmers of America at Kansas City, October 20-23. The check, which covers railroad fare, hotel bills, and meals, was presented to SMITH Wednesday afternoon by ESTLIN C. WHIPPLE, agricultural agent for the Santa Fe Railroad. DEAN OF AGRICULTURE CHARLES N. SHEPARDSON watches WHIPPLE make the presentation.

## Showing Movie in Lighted Room Perfected by 3 Engineer Profs

By TRUMAN G. MARTIN

D. W. Fleming, R. M. Wingren, and V. M. Faires, professors in the mechanical engineering and management department, combined their efforts to build and perfect an improved method of movie projection which allows the film to be shown in a room which is fully lighted.

Projection takes place in a room in front of the audience. The film is projected onto a mirror and, in turn, reflected onto the back of a finely-ground glass screen.

Wingren and Faires first conceived the idea and drew the plans in 1929. A model was made in the mechanical engineering shops by August Bilger and Sterling Florentin, mechanical engineering students who worked at student labor for D. W. Fleming.

This first model was used by the mechanical engineering department for several years to show strip film and silent movies. The model was portable and could be moved from one room to another rather easily.

Fleming set to work in 1945 to improve the projection set-up. He first made it on a larger scale and set it up permanently in the pattern shop. He also added a speaking system which allows the instructor to use sound film on records with strip film.

These latter improvements were largely based upon the system of projection used by the armed forces during World War II. The armed forces used this system of

projection in their visual education programs, but they used a more modern set-up than that used by the mechanical engineering department prior to 1945.

Since the lights are allowed to remain on while the film is being shown, the students can take notes on the film as they would on a lecture. These notes further improve the efficiency of visual education. Fleming says that he can teach the boys more in ten minutes with the projector and film than he could teach in one hour of lecture.

Shop safety, manufacturing processes, and a host of other subjects are taught by use of this new method of film projection.

## UNO CONSIDERING MARSHALL PLAN

LAKE SUCCESS, Oct. 20 (AP)—The United Nations Assembly's political committee Saturday tossed Secretary of State Marshall's plan for a year-around sitting of the Assembly to a subcommittee but the Russian group announced it would boycott the whole proposal.

## GUION HALL

TODAY AND TOMORROW

TUES. — WED. — THURS.

## POLAND HONORS AMERICAN WAR DEAD

WARSAW, Oct. 20 —(AP)—High Polish Army officers and government officials paid tribute to American war dead Saturday at a special mass preceding the first shipment of bodies from Poland to the United States, by way of Antwerp.

The bodies, recovered by the graves registration mission, all are of American airmen shot down over Poland during the war.

## Dahlberg to Judge Swine At Louisiana State Fair

F. I. Dahlberg, professor of animal husbandry, will judge the swine division at the Louisiana State Fair at Shreveport, La., October 20-21.

Professor Dahlberg has recently returned from the State Fair at Dallas where he judged the swine show.

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE FOR THE . . .

## BRYAN ARTISTS' SERIES

George's Confectionery Applied Pharmacy Y.M.C.A.—College

Mr. Hilliard's desk at Edith Appland Are Maxwell in the Howell Apartments, Bryan

Tickets for Students or Student Wives . . .

\$3.00

There are no conflicting dates with the Veen Hall series at the College.

## OFFERING

NOV. 3—Toll Booth—Two Piano . . .

DEC. 2—Miss Arnold—Speaker

DEC. 16—Beth Bryan Owen Sub. Lecturer

JAN. 6—Dallas Symphony Orchestra

FEB. (Unannounced)—Stephen F. Austin Acappella Choir

MAR. 19—Virginia State—Character sketches of Americans

Presented in auditorium of

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL at 8:00 o'clock

## PALACE

TUES. — WED. — THURS. FRI. — SAT.

## QUEEN

MON. — TUES. — WED.

## CAMPUS

OPENS 1:00 P. M. 4-1181

LAST DAY

Merrie Melodies Cartoon Paramount News

Features Start 1:10 - 3:20 - 5:30 - 7:40 - 9:20

TOMORROW

Also—Wed. — Thurs.



## As Featured in Charm

DOUBLE-TAKE . . . first you see it as a bolero suit—then look again, and you see Justin McCarty's trim little pin check dress. The tailored dress is fine Milliken rayon with a front pleat, shirt-cuffed sleeves, and a detachable white over-collar. The bolero is dark rayon cut out in the front to show off the double breasted design of the dress. In black or brown. 9 to 15.

19.95

Lester's Smart Shop

107 N. Main

Bryan

## The Battalion

The Battalion, official newspaper of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and the City of College Station, Texas, is published five times a week and circulated every Monday through Friday afternoon, except during holidays and examination periods. During the summer The Battalion is published semi-weekly. Subscription rate \$4 per school year. Advertising rates furnished on request.

News contributions may be made by telephone (4-5444) or at the editorial office, Room 201, Goodwin Hall. Classified ads may be placed by telephone (4-5324) or at the Student Activities Office, Room 209, Goodwin Hall.

Member of the Associated Press

The Associated Press is entitled exclusively to the use for republication of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited in the paper and local news of spontaneous origin published herein. Rights of republication of all other matter herein are also reserved.

Entered as second-class matter at Post Office at College Station, Texas, under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.	Associated Collegiate Press Member	Represented nationally by National Advertising Service, Inc., at New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.
CHARLIE MURRAY, JIMMIE NELSON	Co-Editors	
Vick Lindley	Wire Editor	Paul Martin
Farris Albee, Duke Hobbs, J. T. Miller,		Don Burdick, Arthur Howard, Larry Goodwyn, Andy Nichols, Ezra Hammond, Herbyl Shady
David Bellman	Managing Editors	Sam Lanford, W. E. Oulville, L. O'NEAL
Mark T. Nolen	Feature Editor	Maurice Howell
Don Moran, Kenneth Bond	Feature Writers	D. W. Switzer
A. D. Harvey, J. Howard Sawyer	Columnists	William R. Burchinal, Jr.
		Religious Editor