

Battalion EDITORIALS

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Baylorites Are Our Guest...

Tomorrow A. & M. is trying an experiment in treatment of football guests, to see if we can treat others as well as we have been treated on most campuses during the "road tour" of the team.

The program can work properly only if all Aggies are behind it. A few two-per-centers could easily spoil the impression we wish to make on visitors from other parts of the state.

There will be information booths, rest rooms and loud speakers giving out information. There will be a reception committee to meet the special Baylor train.

Above and beyond all this, there should be the hand of fellowship extended to our opponents.

The official welcoming committee, set up by the Student Senate, visited the Baylor campus earlier this week and was given a royal welcome there, by everyone from President Pat Neff to the freshmen.

The welcoming committee is headed by Ralph Rothman and includes John T. Poole, J. T. Miller, N. G. Galloway and J. T. Richardson. They have worked hard, planned carefully, and deserve success.

Unfortunately one Baylor "hot-head", no doubt annoyed by the sight of Aggies in uniform being welcomed on the Waco campus, saw fit to write a moronic letter down here. The letter was read at yell practice, and created a bad impression.

We have two-percenters, also, who love to write moronic letters, but they do not represent our student body any more than that letter writer represented the spirit of Baylor.

The Texas A. & M. team is going to fight desperately to upset favored Baylor, and prove that the game last Saturday was "just one of those things." We're all going to be in the stands, backing the team as only the Twelfth Man can. At the same time we should be able to prove ourselves good hosts, showing "Aggie hospitality" at its best.

LSU Game in Cotton Bowl?...

Would you like to see A. & M. play LSU in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas every other year, instead of having all games in Baton Rouge?

Harold Ratliff, well-informed Associated Press sports editor, said in yesterday's Battalion that he believes the TU-Oklahoma games are a thing of the past, due both to the riot this year and the fact that Oklahoma has never yet won there. Therefore Ratliff suggests that Texas schedule be changed to date Indiana or LSU for that State Fair football event.

Why not bring A. & M. in on the deal? There are plenty of Aggie exes in Dallas, and there is no doubt that we could fill the Cotton Bowl, playing LSU there in the years that SMU plays us at College Station. There has been some talk of moving the LSU game to the Sugar Bowl stadium in New Orleans. Why not make an arrangement for having the LSU-A&M game alternate between the Sugar and Cotton Bowls?

Even though we have been on the short end of the score in the last few tilts with LSU, all the games have been worth seeing. Whenever the Aggie Band appears at them, and we hope that in future years it will be possible to provide official transportation for the musicians, there is presented a spectacle that gives as much color as at any college game in the nation.

There has been a financial reason for the past practice, as admittedly there are more paying customers at a Baton Rouge game than could be persuaded to attend a tilt here.

But that argument is not valid against a Dallas date.

Circumstances keep changing, and it would be well for the athletic committee to think carefully about adopting new schedules to new conditions.

Plans are in the works to enlarge the Cotton Bowl, making it one of the larger stadiums of the nation; to complete Rice stadium, making it larger than the present Cotton Bowl; not to mention our own plans to add more seats and provide lights for night games at Kyle Field.

If the Rice enlargement is carried through, there will be heavy pressure on us to play one of our games there every year—in other words, to date an intersectional clash at Houston in the years when Rice plays us at College Station. Perhaps Oklahoma or a substitute could be booked alternate years for Houston. We are not against any such proposal, provided the schedule is reformed so that we have more games nearer home.

At present San Antonio sees the A&M team every year, in the battle against Tech. If the Dallas and Houston deals should be completed, then those two cities would also see the Aggies once every year. And if any reasonable balance is to be maintained, we must play half our SWC dates here at home.

The two games played on an "always-away" basis, against LSU and Oklahoma, long have been a source of irritation to students. We believe a new alignment should be seriously considered.

Regional Negro University...

A new possibility for solving the problem of better Negro education was brought up at the Conference of Southern Governors—regional Negro colleges.

The Conference voted to immediately investigate the possibility of establishing regional colleges in which to teach Negro students of all the Southern States medicine, dentistry, law, nursing and other professions.

The conference also voted to appoint a committee to explore the possibilities of making use of the facilities of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., to provide for the education of all Negroes in the South interested in medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy and allied technical subjects.

Action of the conference came after Gov. Jim N. McCorde of Tennessee Monday proposed regional colleges as the solution of the "most acute problem confronting Southern States—that of providing equal educational facilities for Negroes and whites."

Governor McCorde pointed out many of the states were financially unable to each establish the large number of colleges which would be required to comply with the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Gaines case. In it, the court ruled the State of Missouri must provide equal law school facilities for the Negro within the state or admit him to the University of Missouri.

Governor McCorde pointed to compact between states on water control and expressed

the belief that a compact between the Southern States for regional colleges would be constitutional and would be ratified by the Congress.

If the governors mean just what they say, this idea of a regional university for professional study is an excellent idea. The problem is shown by the current litigation over the Sweatt case, and the small number of Negroes enrolled in the new law school at Austin. Admittedly, the number is so small that it will be difficult to operate it as a "first class" professional school.

One centrally located school, of the first class, would provide far better training for Negro doctors, lawyers, etc., than would individual state schools with few pupils and inadequate appropriations.

Four-year colleges are another matter, as shown by the large enrollment in the new Texas State University for Negroes and at Prairie View A. & M.

Of course, those whose real wish is to break down segregation will be against the regional proposal. But we believe that the real issue is: shall Negroes be given full opportunity for equal education? If that demand is met, we believe the demand for breaking down segregation will diminish or even vanish.

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: Letters to the Editor :

PAGANISM

Dear Editor:

The editorial, "Are College Students Pagan?" was intended to refute the charge of paganism leveled at college students by Dr. E. Fay Campbell of Philadelphia. But, in denial of the charge, the reasons advanced in the editorial noticeably limped on artificial legs.

Calling students drunks because they are encircled with beer taverns is no more absurd than calling them christians because their campus is "ringed" with churches.

To be qualified a pagan, a person need do nothing more than live as if there were no God.

Rather than have any particular religion monopolize the public school system, we have endorsed the principle of separation of church and state and excluded all religions from the classroom. That is a rather pagan procedure.

Thomas Jefferson and the founders of our country never would have subscribed to such a principle had they realized that God was to be banned from the classroom. It must be remembered that at the founding of our country all our schools were sectarian and public schools, as we know them today, were non-existent. Our founding fathers were products of these schools and the Declaration of Independence together with our Constitution is a sample of the fruits produced.

Education alone will not produce the ideals and aspirations engendered in our constitution. It must be education founded on religion. Education alone will not insure preservation of these ideals and aspirations. It must be education based on religion.

Our founding fathers were well aware of the important roll education would play in conserving our nation but they qualified education to mean that which was grounded on religion. Unfortunately they believed that the sectarian system of education would prevail throughout the life of the republic.

To persist in denying God a hearing in the classroom is not only downright pagan but, if perpetuated too long a time, will make itself manifest in our attitude toward our government—whose roots are deeply implanted in religion.

A country too long educated in paganism will sooner or later become intolerant of a government too solidly rocked on religion.

We, as students, are pagans because we are victims of a principle our founding fathers never meant to be applied to education. In the field of politics, separation of church and state is an ideal to be relentlessly pursued. But in the field of education, this same principle is a shibboleth which benefits no one and will, if nothing prevent intervenes, be the cause of our own undoing.

Sincerely,
Herman J. Blubaugh

(Ed. Note — Thanks for a thoughtful letter. But we differ slightly on what the founding fathers were thinking about when they banished creed—not religion, but creed—from the school room. In the editors' opinion, the founding fathers expected religion to be inculcated and taught in the home, as was the case in the early days of the republic.

Those who live "as if there were no God" must either have been brought up in a home where faith was not evident, or have suffered

Hollywood Roundup...

'B' Movies Now Proving Place For New Talent

By BOB THOMAS
HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 23 — (AP)—Film studios are finding out they can't do without B pictures. First of the big studios to reinstate the lower budget pictures is Warner Brothers, which will get them under way in December. Warners will call the keeper of the B's "proving ground production unit," and it will comprise selected actors, writers and directors. It is described as being similar to the farm system of major league baseball.

Donald O'Connor's career is booming these days after a slow postwar start. He starts "Are You With It" soon and then in quick succession will do "One Touch of Venus," "White House Girl" and "Traditionally Yours." I saw him doing his first tap dancing in six years and having a dickens of a time. In the army he danced in regular G. I. Shows.

Dick Haymes is another starter in "One Touch of Venus." With all this search for a venue going on, why don't they pick Mary Martin, who did the stage role? or is that too obvious?

Jimmy Roosevelt surprised the "Prelude to Night" cast by visiting the set. They were more surprised to learn that he is one of the backers of the film. The new DeMille picture is touted as costing \$4,000,000. Insiders believe that about half that amount would be more accurate.

More MGM stars are being sent out to meet the public. Van Johnson, Lana Turner and Esther Williams are hitting the road and now Jane Powell will play an engagement at the New York Capitol. Also, Richard Hart heads east to revive "Dark of the Moon," which brought him a Hollywood break.

Hollywood is getting more commercial every day, as witness the Red Skelton film unblushingly "Fuller Brush Man." Now I hear a musical is being planned around a couple of Coughdrop brothers. It is designed for Broadway and eventually Hollywood.

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