In Aggieland, a Shortcoming

During the holidays we were offered suggestion which, although not new to us, served to again remind us of one of A&M shortcomings. We refer to the need for a course of remedial reading.

We realize there is a constant demand for additions to the curriculum. Many of these demands are reasonable and will, in time, be fulfilled. It takes time, we know, to institute new courses. But a course in remedial reading is badly needed here now.

We at A&M probably show less enhusiasm for English, history, education, and similar subjects than is usually shown at other colleges. This is natural since the emphasis here is on technical courses rather than on the humanities and associated subjects. Then, too, there is the old problem of selecting for the technical student those courses which will be of most benefit to him in his field in later years. For that reason alone, we imagine, many worthwhile subjects are not required or, in some cases, not even offered.

But, we are convinced that a course in remedial reading would not only benefit the student in later years, but would enable him to make better use of his time and comprehend more from his present courses than he now does.

Other schools have realized this need. The University of Texas, for one, now offers a course in reading improvement, and it is not unusual for a student who has completed the course to have doubled his reading speed with no appreciable loss of comprehension. The University course is elective and any student may drop it without penalty anytime he feels that it is not worth the little bit of time it requires.

However, we don't believe we should have to try to sell remedial reading to anyone student or prof-for its value is self-apparent. We do believe that such a course is long overdue at A&M. The sooner it can be instituted, the better it will be for the students, the teachers, and the

Mercy Killing; Ethics Not Strict Law . . .

Currently astir in American thinking is that age old subject of discussion and debate-mercy killing.

Aggravating this old wound is a recent wire report from Manchester, New Hampshire, concerning a young doctor indicted for mercy killing when he injected 10 cubic centimenters of air into the vein of a 59-year-old, cancer-ridden woman patient.

The woman was considered mortally ill with cancer, and pain had so possessed her that the doctor chose to put her out of her misery with the injection of air into her blood veins. Air causes bubbles which find their way to the heart or some other part of the circulatory system and stop circulation.

By the law, the doctor has willfully taken a life. Therefore, he has broken the law. He has been indicted by a grand jury and must stand trial for murder.

Whatever trials are heaped upon the doctor, their juries must assume the role of dispensers of not law, but also justice. The issue to be decided is one of morals -whether willful murder under the patient's curcumstances is justified or if there are no circumstances in human experience when one person can take the life of another or break the basic commandment, "thou shall not kill."

If the patient was in such dire physical condition, although we may or may not sympathize with the doctor's actions, we do believe that the jury should take into consideration that this case involves more than is contained in our present code of

We do not believe, however, that the laws of the land should be changed or altered to condone mercy killings. The results if such a law were passed would be that many suffering persons, who otherwise might unexpectedly be saved from death at the last minute would be killed. It would also mean that too many persons would suddenly be handed the powers of life and death. Such a situation would be dangerous.

Instead, the decision of this case and other similiar cases involving mercy killings should be based upon a more appropriate code of ethics, not upon a strict

No Oleo or State's Rights Supreme? . . .

Dixicratic Senators must have perkedup and taken notice when Iowa's Senator Gillette (Dem) claimed that the Housepassed bill repealing federal oleomargarine taxes attempts "a gold, bald, inexcusable yiolation of states' rights."

Not that the Southerners are against the bill as is Senator Gillette; the southern gentlemen are for repeal of oleo taxes because oleo is made largely from cotton-

seed, a fine southern product.

But anything that tinges of violating states' rights rouses several southern Senators to the point that they are against whatever it is. The tactics by Gillette. though seriously delivered, strikes us as being rather humorous.

It may start a fad-whatever you're against, its a violation of states' rights.

Man in Competition With Cows and Pigs . .

the American National Livestock Association were told last week that by 1956 America's cattle population may reach 90,000,000.

up 5 million this past year. The gain fear being overrun by cows and pigs.

Cattlemen at the Miami convention of in our pig population was a 12.1% increase, while the one million head increase in the cow population was an increase of

Human population increases, however, This is good, but beware. The pork are sufficient enough, we expect this population is growing by leaps and bounds year's census to assure us, that we needn't

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about 2%.

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Letters To The Editor

MIDNIGHT YELL PRACTICE Editor, The Battalion:

Ever since we have been in A&M it has been tradition to have mid-night yell practice the night before an out of town football game. Our experience has been that nothing destructive usually happens at the site of the yell practice, and, as far as we have heard, the general opinion of the people is that it is just a good display of genuine Aggie spirit which they enjoy and respect. Next year we will be Seniors and

we centainly don't want our Senior year to be the first in which mid-nite yell practices are banned As a matter of information, just who is on this Student Life Committee anyway? Do they represent the majority of the students? We have certainly expressed no desire to have our yell practices discontinued. If they are so all-powerful why don't we have a say-so or at least have the arguments presented in the open so that all might be allowed to hear them?

Why is it necessary to eliminate all the good traditions that we have at present? (The few that are left, that is.) It seems that all the traditions we have loved and cherished while here at Aggieland are being taken away from us one by

We, personally, feel that there

Official Notice

An examination for credit in C. E. 2008 will be given in the C. E. Lecture Room at I. P. M., Saturday, January 14, 1950. Only those students authorized to the Executive Committee may take the J. A. Orr, Professor Civil Engineering Dept.

All physical education majors who ore Saturday, January 7. C. W. Landiss

Physical Education Dept

Herbert Horton '51 (Editors' Note-The resolution recommending discontinuance of out-of-town midnight yell practice which was sent by the Student Life Committee to the Academic

years to follow.

Council carried with it a special notation. The notatioin specified that the votes of the student mem bers of the committee did NOT represent the opinion of the student body as a whole. (There are 21 members of the Student Life Committee. Nine are

would be more cause for distur-bance if there were many small

groups just wandering around the

towns than if all were assembled

in one group for the purpose of yelling for A&M. In the past, we

have assembled, had our yell prac-

tice, and then left for our various

ways. We feel that mid-nite yell

we intend to do all that is within

our power to see that this tradition

is continued next year and all the

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faculty members, twelve are students. Faculty members are Dr. R. W. Steen, Dan Russell, M. L. Cashion, R. G. Perryman, Joe Orr, Lt. Col. Joe Davis, Dr. F. P. Jaggi Jr., Barlow "Bones" Irvin, and F. R. Brison.

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Room Search Rumor Spiked; Car Inspection Should Go

One of the routine jobs asso-ciated with work on The Battalion is that of chasing down rumors. At least once each day somebody drifts into the office with a choice morsel in which anyone would be interested. More often than not we find, after inquiring around,

that there is little if any fact behind most of the stories. Such an incident occurred received word that many of the dorms had been searched during the holidays. As might be expected this didn't strike us

too well so we checked with the Campus Security Office, th Housing Office, and the Military Department. The report from each was that no rooms had been search-

Two dormitories had been tered by college officials after they were locked, but only to run out men who had tried to set up housekeeping there to avoid the complications of moving into Walthe dorm which remained open through Christmas.

Many rooms on the first floors had been opened by college em-

ployees before the dormitories were closed, but only to make sure that the windows were locked. Af-ter the windows had been checked the rooms were locked and were not again disturbed by anyone un til the students returned. We were glad to learn that th

Bobby Byington, C. C. Munroe Bill Billingsley,

OFFERS THANKS

Editor, The Battalion: On Thursday, December 22, 1949, I left a leather briefcase, contain ing a notebook and most of the notes I had taken this semester, at the line in front of the Church in Bryan. Saturday the mailman delivered

that brief-case to my home. If the person will get in touch with me at room 315, Dorm 3, I would like to personally thank him for the effort I know it required.

Sincerely.

L. C. Brown.



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dorms had not been searched, and we recommend that any person who believes that his possessions were tampered with should contact his company commander or housemaster.

The dorms had not been searched, and responsible student should be presented by the present that the inspection is carried out, if only for appearances sake.

But, random pokings into a student's possessions such as have occurred.

housemaster.

However, the subject of searching of private belongings brings to mind something which we have occasionally seen and which we have often heard about. We refer to the practice of inspecting a student of the practice of the practice of inspecting a student of the practice of inspecting a student of the practice of the practice of inspecting a student of the practice of inspecting a student of the practice of the practice of inspecting a student of the practice o

dent's car when the owner is not present or represented.

The regulations of the college state that "Personal belongings of students are subject to inspection by the Dean of Men or his authorized representatives at all times."

We can understand the need for such a rule. However, we do not believe that it was intended to cover promiscuous investigations of private automobiles.

Naturally, there are exceptions. For instance, if a persons is sus-pected of theft then an inspection of his property should be made. However, either the company com-mander or housemaster or other

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nditions were "generally in good hape" at the Bryan Field Annex linic. A tour of the clinic was made by Forsythe, following a complaint on conditions made by several freshmen in a "Letter to the Editor" on the Freshman Page of The

Battalion.
Only improvement needed is that ore information be given to stulents at the Annex on hours, facilities, and untimely requests of med-ical aid for minor injuries and irritations, said Forsythe.

An invitation will be extende

to the executive committee of the Academic Council to meet with the senate at the next meeting to acquaint both bodies with their mutual aims and to foster better relationships between the two groups. Joe Fuller was named to extend the invitations.

A motion made by Charles Kirkham non-corps vice-president of the Senior Class, requesting possible panel discussion by deans in the college, passed by a unanimous

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But, random pokings into a stu-dent's possessions such as have oc-curred with student owned cars should not be permitted.

As we have stated, we understand that the college must reserve the right to inspect personal property. However, with that right the college should also seek to promote the highest possible degree of personal privacy for the students. For this reason, no inspection—with the exception noted—should be made without the student concerned being afforded an opportunity to be present or represented.

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