Math Clinics: To Help Students Learn . . .

Theoretically Math Clinics are a good idea. Whether they will work at A&M must be proven.

A Math Clinic is a place (usually a classroom) where students may go anytime during afternoons to receive help in working out their assignments. On hand at the Clinic to aid students is a professor prepared to tackle any problem in courses of the department he represents.

Students may use the Clinic as a study hall to work up future assignments. When they encounter a point they don't understand, or run up against a problem they can't work, the professor is there to help them.

These Clinics would best function on a departmental basis.

In such departments as the Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, and Petroleum Departments where problem courses are numerous, Math Clinics could serve students.

The advantage of the Math Clinic over the present system of contacting your professor is that a student is always assured of someone being present at the Clinic, but there is no such certainty now that an instructor will be in his office when students call for help.

Such an experiment as the Math Clinic was tried in the Mechanical Engineering Department during the final ten days in March of this year. Two instructors were assigned to two different rooms in the ME Building. They were on hand between 4 and 5 every afternoon during the time the experiment was conducted.

After ten days the ME Department abandoned the Math Clinic experiment because of lack of student interest. Why did this failure develop?

The answer could be one, or several reasons.

The Math Clinic experiment and its purposes could have been insufficiently explained to ME students. The experiment could have lacked the initial publicity which should promote interest in it.

Or perhaps the Math Clinic idea just won't work here.

Other colleges have used Math Clinics with notable success. Aggies who have attended Arlington State College will remember the excellent success both the students and the school enjoyed through the clinic conducted there by the Mathematics Department.

We feel that the Math Clinic experiment should be attempted again next fall. Explain it to students and encourage their interest in Math Clinics.

If students will participate in Math Clinics they will profit through better grades and clearer understanding of problems which previously stumped them.

After giving the Math Clinics another chance, the College can better determine if this attempt to help students learn is successful.

Wolf, Wolf, Wolf . . .

In view of the McCarthy-Lattimore case it looks as if the fable about the shepherd boy who yelled "wolf" too often may need revising and modernizing! Perhaps it might run like this:

A farmer boy observed that the pasture fence had broken down and the sheep were scattered and overrunning the farm. He shouted that a pack of 200 of them had even broken into the house; on second thought he said instead that 57 timber wolves were ransacking the pantry.

The family after excited search found only a couple of footprints in the garden that could have been those of a coyote or of the family dog. By this time the lad was insisting that one of the associates of the family dog was in fact a hyena and responsible for all the family misfortunes.

Various tame (?) hyenas were questioned as to what they knew about the ancestry and habits of the animal in question, but their accounts were conflicting, some saying they had only heard he was a hyena and others declaring they never knew him.

As this chase began to pall and some of the brothers began to ask why they should pay so much attention to junior, the boy created new excitement by yelling vigorously that there was a weasel in the chicken house, a civet cat in the parlor, and that gophers were burrowing under the porch.

At this stage the members of the family were racing frantically in and out of the house, looking under the beds, leaving the henyard gate open, and cracking heads in collisions.

Meanwhile, the granddaddy of all the wolves was sunning himself on a hill across the valley and observing these goings-on with great amusement, while some of his younger wolves sniffed expectantly at the corners of the barnyard fence.

The moral? Most recipes for rabbit stew begin with, "First catch your rabbit."

— Christian Science Moniter

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Milady, do you feel all right?

What makes your face appear so wan?
Your lips are pale, your cheek is white!
Indeed, my dear, your color's gone.
Or could it be—I think it might—
You haven't any make-up on!

Heard reports that Washington secretaries have given up wearing red nail polish. Can't be too careful, you know.

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Among the most amusing Americans are those who fear veterans will ruin the country they saved.

The Battalion

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IT GIVES HOPE

Interpreting the News . . .

London Meet Recalls Tragic Fall of Holland

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With the Anti-Communist foreign ministers of the West meeting in London in an effort to cement their cooperation, it is just as well to remember what lack of cooperation did to Western Europe ten years ago.

On May 10, 1940, the phony war in Europe was turned into blitzkrieg. The German armies swept into Holland and Belgium, and within a few weeks were to be in Paris and on the channel, looking down the throat of a Britain bereft of both armies and arms by the sudden turn of events.

No Co-operation

One reason was lack of cooperation between Holland, Belgium and the larger powers. Holland chose to stand alone in an effort to keep her record clean as a neutral, and there was indication that Belgium agreed.

The Hague probably figured that Anglo-French support would not change the outcome for Holland anyway. Whether it would have seems debatable.

But had the Germans met British or French forces in the low countries, preparations at the Maginot Line might have told a different story later on.

Generally Known

Holland knew for at least five days what the Germans were up to. The Associated Press reported it two days before the Germans struck.

It seems likely that the British and French knew, too, since Dutch information about the intentions of German forces massing in the Ruhr was extremely complete.

The damage done by the Dutch failure to invite Anglo-French support is hard to estimate, since the French were committed to their fortifications and the British line behind Belgium and Holland was very thin.

But the point is that Holland stood alone, and Holland fell with a suddenness that shocked the world.

That's something for the allied diplomats to remember now as they seek to compromise the individual problems which stand between the western nations and full cooperation.

Agronomy Group Sets Summer Tour

Three agronomy majors will make a tour of the east coast, midwest, and the southern states this summer.

Selected by the Agronomy Society on a competitive examination basis as outstanding students in agriculture, they are Leo G. Mikeska from Temple; L. E. Goerdel from Hamilton and R. M. Rabroker from Glenville. They will be accompanied by Dr. L. G. Jones of the Agronomy Department.

Funds from the recent Cotton Pageant finances the trip.

The tour is set up to give the students an insight into the agricultural conditions in other parts of the nation and Canada.

They will visit agricultural colleges, laboratories, experiment stations and the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Divorced Fisherman Says Wife Took Bait

Logansport, Ind. (AP)—Dewey C. Leasure went to Cass County Circuit Court today to lay claim to 15 minnows and a minnow tank.

Leasure complained his ex-wife Madolyn likes to fish, too, and kept the bait when they separated.

Bible Verse

For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

I Timothy 6:10

Letters

(All letters to the editor which are signed by a student or employee of the college and which do not contain obscene or libelous material will be published. Persons wishing to have their names withheld from publication may request such action and these names will not, without the consent of the writer, be divulged to any persons other than the editors.)

Editor, The Battalion:

I am using this space as the best means available of tracking down my lost portable radio. I wish to contact a freshman whose name I have unfortunately forgotten.

Last Sunday night, May 7, I left Houston about 1:15 in a DeSoto driven by a colored man named Foley. There were four Aggies in the car besides myself, and all of us except the freshman got out at the East Gate. The radio was on the floor of the back seat. I have contacted Foley and he said that the radio was not in the car when he got home and must have been removed, either by the freshman who had ridden from Houston or one of the others he had picked up at the caution light in College Station.

If anyone has any information about this radio, I would appreciate it if you would contact me.

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HST Sees Average Income Doubled in Next Ten Years

Pendleton, Ore., May 11—(AP)—President Truman said last night a real $4,000 a year income is in sight within ten years for every hard working family.

He said he was talking about doubling in terms of living standards the present average $2000 yearly earnings of one fourth of the low income bracket families, not just ballooning the amount in cheap dollars.

Production Boost

This goal can be reached, the President said, by lifting the nation's annual output of goods and services to $350,000,000,000 by 1960. This is one-third above present levels.

In the fifth major speech of a 6000-mile tour of 16 states, Mr. Truman outlined a program he said would be "for the benefit of all the people and not just for the special interests."

He called for:

Private owners of industry, with the government helping through resource development, tax policies, housing and small business aid, to meet "the urgent need for further investment and improvement" in industry plants and methods.

Asks New Markets

An expansion of purchasing power through development of new markets and raising the living standards of the poorest families.

Maintenance of a "sound balance in the programs of our government with a reduction of taxes and the balancing of the federal budget just as soon as we safely can."

Improvement of American economic relations with the world.

Mr. Truman said he wants to top red ink government spending and would like to see a tax cut. He has asked Congress to trim excise taxes but to make up for the revenue loss by closing loopholes.

The President said he won't slash government expenses at the cost of our national security or national progress.

Sets Peace Paramount

"As long as I am President," he said, "we are not going to put dollars above world peace.

"We must not be turned aside or slowed down in our efforts to help the other free nations get back on their feet" by those who would retreat into isolationism in order to save a few dollars," he said.

The use of the powers of government to achieve a higher living standard and a fair deal for all the people is not statism and it is not socialism, he asserted. Republicans have hurled both charges.

He said his program has been directed toward the humanizing of our economy and toward the humanizing of government, adding:

"We have had a government that was and is working for the people, not for special interests."

Man E Students Hear Humble Personnel Man

"Development of junior executives is the responsibility of top management. It is one of their prime responsibilities. It cannot be delegated from them," R. N. Dyer, personnel supervisor for Humble Oil Company told the Society for the Advancement of Management Tuesday night.

Dyer, in outlining the junior executive training program by Humble, emphasized the need in industry for a constant training program for junior executives. These junior executives were defined as men below the level of the board of directors and above the first echelon of supervision.

Reasons for this constant training program were these: Junior executives can fill in vacancies created by normal labor turn-over. They can go into newly created positions opened through expansion. They can "revilify old organizations and tackle old problems from new angles. They are prepared to take over some of the load carried by senior executives.

Qualities Listed

The junior executives, or any executives for that matter, Dyer said, must possess strength of character, a broad knowledge of his field, the ability to think constructively, and the qualities of leadership which enable him to get along with other people.

"Modern industry requires teamwork. The faculty of getting along with your fellow man is vital in keeping that teamwork going," he said.

He emphasized the importance of promotions from within a company. "Nothing weakens employee moral more than bringing outsiders to fill executive positions," Dyer told the group.

"College training is not necessary for executive leadership," he said. "A college degree is a badge of accomplishment, not a ticket to a free ride in industry." Poor grades, he continued, indicate "either lack of interest or lack of application, seldom lack of ability to learn."

Commenting on the necessity for men to enjoy their work, Dyer said, "People in industry spend more of their wakeful hours on the job with people on the job than all the other things they do. That is why men must be happy in their work in order to be happy in their lives."

He was accompanied by J. B. Collemin '37, also in the personnel division of Humble.

Study Club Holds Luncheon, Meeting

Tuesday was a busy day for the Campus Study Club with an executive board luncheon in the morning and a club meeting Tuesday night at the Grove.

Mrs. A. W. Melloh, president, entertained the executive board at a luncheon held on the terrace of the Aggieland Inn. Those who enjoyed the courtesy were Mesdames R. D. Lewis, vice-president, R. M. Curran, recording secretary, J. A. Orr, corresponding secretary; W. D. Scoates Jr., treasurer; H. L. Heaton, parliamentarian; James E. Poore, reporter; C. W. Crawford, auditor; and F. B. Clark, historian.

A certificate indicating that the club had won an honorable mention in the Better Community Contest recently held in Texas was presented at the luncheon.

At the club meeting Tuesday night, I. E. Montgomery, senior A&M architectural student, gave a lecture and movies of his 70 day trip through Europe last summer. He was introduced by Mrs. Lynn L. Gee, president-elect.

Mrs. Joe Bennish was chairman of the picnic which served a barbecue supper to 70 members and their families preceding the program. Also on the picnic committee were Mesdames W. T. Matzen, Allan Madeley, Robert Camp, and Lynn L. Gee.

Ministers Choose Mgebroff As Prexy

The Reverend Fred Mgebroff, pastor of the American Lutheran Church, was elected president of the College Station ministerial alliance at the regular monthly meeting last Monday. Reverend Mgebroff have previously served as the Alliance's vice President.

James F. Fowler, minister of the A&M Church of Christ, was elected vice-president and J. Gordon Gay associate secretary of the YMCA was re-elected secretary of the organization.

The main item of discussion at the meeting was the simultaneous observance of Church Week to be held soon after classes resume at the college in September.

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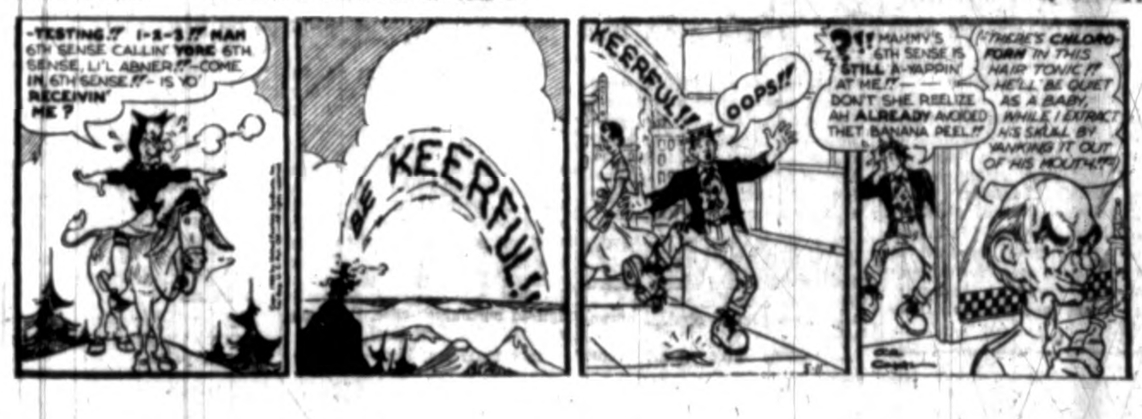
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