

Prexy Calls Their Hand...

A&M OFFICIALS took a firm stand on over-published "Stiteler Story" last week. And we were glad to see Dr. M. T. Harrington, college president, and D. W. Williams, Athletic Council chairman, tell the Houston Press to produce its implied "true facts" or politely shut up.

ident Harrington demanded of the Press. We wholeheartedly agree with the president, and extend to him a editorial handshake for taking such a firm stand.

In its Friday and Saturday editions, the Press failed to print its "facts," but remained relatively quiet. Whether or not the Houston daily intends to drop the story, we don't know and we doubt if they do, either.

There are many ways in which people try to have their cake and eat it, too.

Our Divorce Laws, A National Disgrace

RULE OF THUMB for the 1951 newspaper editor—any time you have some extra space and need a funny filler, just run the details of any new California divorce case. People always get a kick out of the old favorite California game: "I-have-a-sillier-reason-for-a-divorce-than-you-do!"

Coach Harry Stiteler took a mauling in Houston, came to College Station, told college officials the same story he told newsmen, and probably tried to forget the matter.

But the Press wouldn't let Harry or A&M or its readers forget it. With several banner headlines, they intimated that Stiteler was telling a little black lie, that A&M might fire him, and that the college was withholding information on the case.

Look what was in the paper last Thursday—R. J. Bemrose testified that his house went to the dogs. He explained that his wife closed her pet shop and brought fifteen Shihuahuas home to live. He said that constituted cruelty. He got the divorce.

Ain't that a scream! Laugh—and admit your inperception and stupidity.

We believe each man has a certain amount of rights to his personal affairs, regardless of his position—U. S. president, movie star, or A&M grid coach. When his personal affairs are snatched up by a newspaper, however, spread over the front page, and generally publicized, they become harmful to both him and to his employer—in this case, the A&M College of Texas.

Yes, stupidity. How else can you describe a nation that laughs at such national hypocrisy? For the past 25 years we've been laughing—and doing nothing about a problem that daily brings untold mental grief to hundreds of people.

Editor George Carmack of the Press told us Friday that his paper had no quarrel with Dr. Harrington or with A&M. Perhaps we should have asked if the Press had it "in for" Stiteler or if someone in Houston did.

We like to say that the United States is a Christian nation. Yeah, Christian. Is it Christian to attempt to force our people to live under laws handed down from the dark ages and implemented by Victorian hypocrisy?

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In New York state, the only permissible reason for divorce is proven adultery. Its biggest contribution—a new business for women. They pose with men, in the proper setting, so a photographer can snap a shutter to provide the necessary "proof."

That, to us, seems the only logical explanation for the Press' continuous campaign smearing the coach.

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The World in Words

'Same Old Communists Propaganda'

BASED ON AP REPORTS

WHAT PEOPLE are saying: Joe Stalin, Russian kingpin who is up for "re-election"—A third world war is not inevitable at this time.
Sen. Hickenlooper (R-Iowa), on Stalin's assertion that Russia is demobilized—"Just the same old Communist malarkey and propaganda."

Herbert Hoover, former U. S. president, in refusing to appear before a joint hearing of Senate committees on the "troops-to-Europe" debate—"before I can be of help to the committees, some further action by them is necessary."

Premier Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, speaking to his elite guard troops—"We will not seek arms from the West until an attack is made (by Russia)."

Harold Stassen, president of the University of Pennsylvania, in backing Eisenhower's proposed European policy—"a timid retreat- ing attitude toward Western Europe would abdicate world leadership." The world must have leadership, he said, "either from America or the ruthless Communist Kremlin."

Tommy Manville, eight-time bridegroom in his 57 years, speaking of his most recent separation—"I am exhausted. I am tired. Five years has been a long time." He and British-born Georgina Campbell Manville, 32, have been married five years.

Larry Atkins, 18-year-old freshman college student, upon being sentenced to four and one-half years in prison for violating the Selective Service Act—"If all the people who oppose war, who hate war,

would refuse to fight, then there would be no war."

Sam Rayburn, now claimant to the title of House Speaker longer than any other man in history, to the American Retail Federation concerning costs of defense—"It's going to cost some people a lot of money, but I believe they are willing to pay."

Jimmy Demaret, ace golfer who, with others, is in hot water with the PGA for playing the Mexican National Open—"I'll sue the PGA for everything they've got" if he and other U. S. players are suspended "It's a pity this PGA squabble is imperiling the friendly relations between Mexican and U. S. golfers."

President Harry Truman, upon seeing the Army's finest weapons at work at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland—"We are putting forth all these efforts for peace and not with any idea of destroying any other nation or any other government."

Sen. John W. Bricker, (R-Ohio), 1944 vice-presidential nominee who is a frequent administration critic, in Albuquerque, N. M.—"Instead of subsidizing and promoting socialism and planned economics, the State Department should be teaching the virtues of capitalism and free enterprise."

Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, while appearing before a Senate committee investigating "troops for Europe"—"It might mean suicide for all of us" if the U. S. held back troop support until after an attack on Europe."

Mrs. Dorothy Stevens, believed to be the first person to survive a body temperature of 64 degrees and who caused quite a stir in medical circles last week—"I want to go to some nice, small town—where it's warm."

Vivian Carter, 29-year-old pretty blonde manicurist whose sight has just been restored by a delicate operation—"I'm so terribly grateful. Everything is so new, so intriguing." She has been virtually blind since she was a child.

In the Xavier Cugat divorce case, singer Abbie Lane's lawyer says it's wrong to call her a co-respondent—"She's at best a competitor," said the attorney, S. S. Hahn. "We are not sure Mrs. Cugat was legally married to Mr. Cugat."

FACE TO FACE



You Cheat Yourself

Students Neglect MSC 'Education'

By DAVE COSLETT

Ever see more stupid animals than sheep or chickens? Take, for example, eating habits of the two creatures. Throw grain or scraps to chickens and watch them run all over themselves trying to get at it.

Or spread feed for a flock of sheep. They'll crowd around you and follow you as you empty your sacks or truck. In the process they trample half of the feed and each other, too.

And then notice the occasional sheep or chicken who stands on the outskirts to watch, then nonchalantly moves over to devour some of the by-past grain or feed. These few thoughtful ones are usually the healthy ones—but their number is always small.

Have you ever seen human beings follow a similar behavior pattern? Doubtless you have. You can find examples all around you.

As a specific example, though, look at our own Memorial Student Center. Check the people whom it benefits and then decide who gets the most benefits. Here, too, the best goes to the thoughtful ones who hold back from the greedy rush.

By that I mean that the magnificent two-million structure offers more to each of us than we can see while rushing blindly for a "free-hand-out."

How many complaints have you heard that the MSC shows favoritism to certain groups? The complainers would be rudely awakened if they cared to check and find out how "certain groups" rated special considerations.

These groups have earned what they received by bothering to find out what the Center has to offer and how to get the most from it. They didn't rush up to beat down the doors and asked that they be given special consideration.

That leads us to an appalling realization—the realization of just how few people actually know what the MSC has to offer.

Almost every student can quote the external benefits, can point to such things as the Craft Shop or the Starlite Terrace. But what about this "social-educational" business?

We would have a superficial structure, indeed, if it did not offer more than a place for relaxation.

That's what a student-wife was pointing to when she complained to me the other day that the MSC was the biggest waste of money she had ever seen. She sneered at the beautifully upholstered furniture and asked, "What good is something like that when the extra money could have gone for better classroom facilities?"

My answer was that the beautiful furniture and the rest of the luxurious building potentially offered more than any class-room on this campus.

But you might ask, "More what? More relaxation and amusement?" No. The building potentially offers more education—and a more valuable kind of education than can be found in any class-room.

You'll notice I say "potentially." The true value of the MSC is a hard concept to explain. It embodies such intangibles as a "spirit" and an "education for living." These deeper and truer values are of the kind that can't be doled out to every student.

These intangibles are the benefits for which each student must work. The more students that recognize and seek them, the more of them that will become available.

A specific example of one of these intangibles is to be found in such a little-known thing as the MSC House Committee. Few students know what the organization is. Apparently, few care what it is. Briefly, the House Committee is a group which serves as a planning committee for receptions, parties, and other social functions.

If the local tennis team, for instance, should want to hold a reception in the MSC for a visiting team, they need only contact the House Committee. The members of (See EDUCATIONAL, Page 4)

No Refrigeration Causes Loss

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ing and before dark?" Mrs. Sweney, from Pennsylvania, said they had power-failures up north, but they "never lasted this long." She said it would take her at least a month to catch up on her work.

Everywhere milk and eggs and bacon and baby bottles sat in the kitchen windows or in the hall-

ways. One wife complained that her kitchen screen was unlocked and she ended up with a dozen eggs and two quarts of milk scrambled on the ice outside. Another said she bought her week's supply of meats on Wednesday, threw everything away on Friday.

Four Boys—No Washing
Mrs. F. W. (Louise) Welch who has four sons, Ray Wayne, 10; Jimmy, 7; Ronnie, 5; and Robbie, 2 months, and who in addition had week-end company when we called Saturday, had figured out a unique way to preserve her food.

Her husband had nailed a big box outside the kitchen window and the sub-freezing weather had done the rest. Mrs. Welch's big headache was not being able to wash.

Mrs. Earle (Merle) Horn was having washing troubles, too. "See those," she said pointing to a line in the house. I washed them Monday and they froze. I took the hammer and beat the ice off. Then they were nearly dry and it started raining. Now, five days later, they're still wet!"

Classes—As Usual
Most students said their professors got right on giving quizzes and assigning written work. Some went to the library to study and a few went to the MSC. One student said he would have gone to school to study, but his wife was afraid to stay by herself in the dark.

Those who could find them studied by kerosene light or lantern, but by Friday most of the stores were out of these items. Most of them were out of candles, too.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Fulton found study problems the worst. On Friday night he sat up until 12 o'clock working on a theme by lamplight. They had borrowed the lamp from one of his instructors.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cary were about to leave for Houston when the lights came on Saturday so that he could get some work done. John is an architecture student and said: "You just don't do drafting by candlelight."

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lester said they hadn't suffered too much except that they got tallow on all their furniture from burning candles. They were one of the few couples who said they had parties. They played cards two nights by candlelight, and went out to the show the other night of the Black-out. Jimmy said his schoolwork didn't suffer because his classes weren't held. "I had classes in the sheds and these were without lights and heat," he said.

One girl said "I'll feel inclined to murder the next person who tells me it's romantic to eat by candlelight. And believe me, it's no fun to cook by candlelight."

One student had a unique grip. He had been in bed with a cold for two days, claimed the cold had settled in his eyes because he tried to study by flashlight.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wahrmond believe they are the only students in College View with a striped burgundy and white bathroom. They had just moved into their apartment and were painting when the lights went out. Bill finished the job by candlelight.

Baby Must Eat
Probably the most hit were parents with new babies, for tiny tots are no respecters of modern inventions.

Mrs. Charles (Frances) McMullen said she had to get up with three-weeks old Suzanne several times every night and feed the baby by candlelight. She also pointed to a stack of dirty diapers. One night that the electricity was off she typed and her husband studied by candlelight.

Mrs. Ray (Lena) Smart was concerned over her candle shortage on Saturday. She has a six-weeks old son who also demands night attention.

Mrs. Larry (Rose) Goats apologized for her house. She is the mother of five months old twins and said that she cares for them in the daytime and does her housework at night. "With the electricity off, no housework got done," she said.

No Candle Power
College Station and Bryan stores reported a run on candles, flashlights, batteries, lamps and lanterns. At Madely's Pharmacy the candle stocks were depleted by noon Thursday. At Black's an order was placed for additional candles as soon as the electric power failed. The original supply, and all the extras were sold, and a spokesman there said: "We could have sold many, many more."

The MSC gift shop, which ordinarily does not stock candles, had a supply which were intended for decoration purposes brought up from the stockroom. This supply was depleted, too.

In Bryan, several stores reported their stocks of kerosene lamps and lanterns depleted.

None of the college authorities were available Monday morning for comment on the power failure.

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THEN, WHY DON'T YOU STOP WASTIN' TIME— AN' GIN STARTED?
AH, WILL!!

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