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Look to Traditions

THE YEAR is still young and there is still time to take stock of things and decide plans and programs for the coming year. While in this reflective mood, let's take a look at the A&M traditions.

Tradition plays an extremely important part in the functioning of the student body of A&M and for this reason we should take a look at some of the customs and traditions and discard those which are archaic and, for want of a better word, those that the just plain bad.

There are times when we have an alarming tendency to regard anything which has happened more than once as a tradition and regardless of its merits to consider it good. When discussing the relative merits of traditions and their intrinsic value, we must bear in mind that unwholesome remnants as well as those that are worthwhile can be perpetuated into traditions.

Just because something has been going on for a number of years and has stood the so called test of time can mean absolutely nothing. If we allowed that type of reasoning to govern our actions, then we would have to say that crime and war are good for they have been with us for a rather long time.

A child could almost spot the fallacies in that type of reasoning yet we oftentimes apply just such reasons as those to justify a tradition. It is no longer acceptable for a reasoning and intelligent individual to make the statement that "if it was good enough for my father, then it is good enough for me."

The next time an A&M tradition comes to mind, stop a minute and think. Is this tradition being carried on because it is worthwhile or only because someone told me that they had been doing it for the past 25 years.

Too many people are thinking of security instead of opportunity. They seem more afraid of life than death.
—James F. Byrnes.

He Says

Top Student Explains His Secrets of Grade Making

(Editor's Note—This article appeared in The Dallas Morning News Sept. 30. The date makes it a little too old to consider news, but it is a good article to consider.)

New York, Sept. 29.—(AP)—Getting good college grades isn't difficult. Take it from Albert M. Weinlofer.

Albert proved it by achieving a near straight A record and coming out top man in Columbia College's class of 1951. In addition, he made Phi Beta Kappa, the Greek honorary scholastic society, and walked off with the Albert Ascher Green prize, Columbia's highest scholastic honor.

Albert, a scholarly-looking chap of 21 years, is not one of those geniuses who scoots through college without cracking a book. Neither is he a grind. He credits his good grades to his ability to read the printed page and understand what he reads.

"I'd sit down in a comfortable chair and read my class assignment without interruption," he said. "The trick is to read everything twice. No matter how difficult or simple, I'd always get more out of a second reading. Since the readings were related to the lectures in class, I didn't have to make many notes but

could concentrate on what the instructor was saying. "If you're up to date with your readings," he continued, "this shouldn't be too difficult."

Instead of cramming for examinations and trying to decipher hastily jotted down class notes, he simply re-read the material to be covered by the examination. "If you read with comprehension," says Albert, "you soon get to know the essential points in an assignment and latch on to them permanently."

Albert took great care in preparing his examination answers. He never answered a question without first taking several minutes to make an outline into which he put every relevant point he could think of.

"But knowing the points to be covered is only part of the job," he says. "The next step is to put your answer into good prose. You need good writing style and clarity of expression. I always avoided the choppy answer like the plague. Also, I made sure to include one or two detailed explanations to show the instructor that I actually had read the course material."

If you've read your material conscientiously throughout the semester, Albert says, "it's not a good idea to study for an examina-

tion the day before you take it. Instead, study for some examination later in the week.

"Take time out to rest during the examination—say about five or 10 minutes. Don't leave early. Take it easy. And oh yes, if you are taking a true or false examination, don't second-guess yourself. You either know the answer right off or you don't. If you change it, the probabilities are you'll be wrong."

Two factors helped him achieve top honors in class themes, he says. The first was a careful selection of his theme. The second was the instructor's deadline for submission.

"Don't ever miss a deadline," he says. "While most instructors are pretty lenient about granting extensions of time, failure to get a theme in when due is habit forming."

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Princess and Duke Start Canada Tour

Quebec, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Princess Elizabeth and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, were guests at a glittering state dinner last night after a busy day of sight-seeing, receptions and public appearances.

It was the first full-dress affair of the royal couple's Canadian tour, which began officially today with a 21-gun salute after they left their 10-car special train at historic Wolfe's Cove. They arrived at Dorval Airport, Montreal, yesterday after a 3,400-mile flight from London.

Even though the Princess and Duke had been in Canada only a little more than 24 hours, it already had become apparent that the tour would be a smashing success as a goodwill mission. Almost everybody agreed that both Elizabeth and Philip were very charming and likeable.

Tonight's dinner was given by the Prime Minister of Quebec, Maurice Duplessis, in the huge ballroom of the Chateau Frontenac, one of Canada's finest hotels. For the occasion, the Princess chose to wear a grey silver lace and tulle evening gown with very full skirt, a tiara and diamond necklace.

After the winner the royal couple expected to attend a concert by the Quebec Symphony Orchestra and then board their train for Ottawa. They will spend two days in the Canadian capital. They were formally welcomed here by the Quebec Prime Minister and the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec, Caspard Fautaux. Afterwards they plunged into a round of visits that included a reception at the Provincial Parliament, a visit to a Laval University, a tour of the city luncheon with the Lieutenant Governor, a visit to the Plains of Abraham, and a demonstration by 20,000 school children at the Municipal Coliseum.

For these functions, the Princess wore a crepe tulle dress described as olive green, with short sleeves and belt. Over this she wore a green velvet coat, with soft collar and shapel skirt, and her hat—a cloche—was in matching color. Her shoes, gloves and envelope purse were in brown suede.

Philip had on a full-dress naval uniform, including medals and sword.

Among the points of interest they visited, they signed guest books and chatted with officials of all types, provincial cabinet ministers, church dignitaries, professors and mothers of dead war heroes.

Senior Dairy Team Places 16th in Meet
A&M's Senior Dairy Cattle judging team returned this week from Waterloo, Iowa, where they placed 16th in a contest of 31 teams from leading colleges throughout the nation.

Bill Trimmer was the high point man for the Aggies. Other members making the trip with coach A. L. Darnell of the dairy husbandry department were Louis Solomon, Jim Lehmann, and John Christner.

Included on the two weeks trip were stops at the Oklahoma State Fair, the University of Missouri, Iowa State College, and various dairy farms in Iowa.

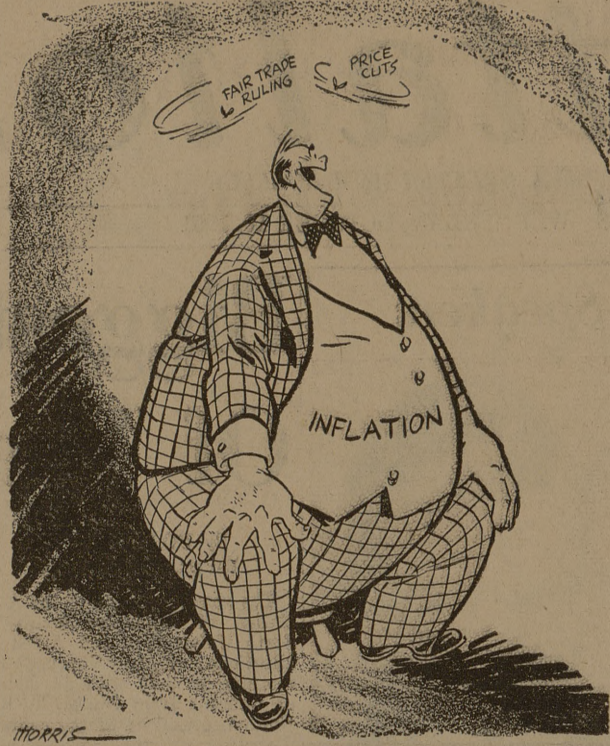
Notes From Grad School
Each year a series of eight to ten Graduate Lectures are held on the campus under the sponsorship of the Graduate School. This series of lectures is made possible by co-operation between the Graduate School, the various departments and research organizations as well as the scientific and honor societies on the campus. This plans was initiated in February of 1948 when the administration made a small fund available for assisting in bringing such lectures to the campus.

When outstanding scientists and educators are known to be coming to the southwest for other purposes, an effort is made to arrange for them to come here to stay over a day to give a lecture. All these lectures are designed to encourage a spirit of inquiry and to help staff and graduate students to become acquainted with workers in the various fields.

Cooperation of the teachers and research workers on the campus has enabled a brilliant group of speakers to come to our campus. There are already ten or more suggestions as to possible graduate lectures for the school year 1951-52. Two have already been presented in the early October.

The plan is to strive to get persons capable of presenting broad scientific and cultural messages of importance to a large number of our staff and graduate students.

EATING HIM ALIVE



American Tank Forces Rout Red Offensive

U. S. Eighth Army Headquarters, Korea, Oct. 10.—(AP) A powerful tank-led American tank force slashed eight miles through green Chinese troops in a surprise attack on the Eastern front today.

Chinese "fled in every direction," a tank officer reported. Front line dispatches said the tanks clanked up a river bed trail prepared in advance by American engineers. On the way they shot up Red bunkers on hillsides near Heartbreak Ridge. A full regiment of infantrymen—about 3,750 men and officers at full strength—advanced on the flanks of the tanks.

Other Americans were involved in heavy fighting elsewhere in the East. One U. S. Second Division unit was forced to withdraw from a ridge by a counterattack of 1,000 Reds. Other Second Division forces hacked out gains of a few hundred yards.

In the West U. S. First Division cavalrymen beat back a 1,000-man Chinese counterattack in the early morning darkness. Then they drove ahead a short distance against deeply entrenched Chinese. B-29 Superforts blasted two airfields at Pyongyang, the Korean Red capital, with 130,000 pounds of high explosives in the continuing campaign to keep Communists from basing their growing air force in Korea.

Officers Wednesday picked out a new armistice meeting place in no-man's-land. It is near Panmunjom, Red check point six air miles from Kaesong where the Communists broke off cease-fire negotiations Aug. 23. Liaison officers scheduled another meeting Thursday.

No date for resuming truce talks was announced. But the U. N. negotiating team reassembled in Korea and service troops went to Kaesong to move allied communications equipment to the new location.

The smashing armored thrust near Heartbreak Ridge was the deepest penetration of Red lines made by the allies in the month-long battle along the Eastern crags.

Interpreting The News

Iranian Demonstration Starts British Worries

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst

It was inevitable that Iran's demonstration of her ability to defy Britain would bring to a head other troubles between British interests and the rising nationalism of the middle east.

Egypt's position as she creates a new crisis is not an enviable one. Her premier has acted precipitately in what seems to be an obvious effort to make it appear to his constituents that he is forcing something, whereas he knew the British were coming up right at the moment with concessions.

His effort to abrogate a treaty unilaterally will not set well with the nations which are attempting to set up a solid front of cooperation against the threat of a new world war.

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Human's Like Humans
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LETTERS
Custom Questioned
Editor, The Battalion:
One of the many fine attributes that is always associated with the student body of A&M is loyalty to its school. This fine school spirit is nothing new for Aggies. It has been true of them for so long that it has become one of their cherished traditions.

It would be regrettable if such a noble tradition should be comprised by an unworthy means of showing our loyalty, or by our allowing a custom that is unworthy and cheap to become an unproved and accepted method of expressing it. Are we not abusing and debasing our school when, in expressing our loyalty to it we use profanity and use it to such an extent that the campus thoroughfares resound with "hell" as student passes student on the campus and anticipates the next football game?

We have one of the finest football teams in the nation and our loyalty to this team deserves worthy channels of expression. We have a college worthy of our love and honor which our team represents. Our loyalty to it is too fine a prize for us to allow it to be compromised by common and vulgar expressions.

As college men, we should not be reduced to road-gang language as the customary way of expressing our loyalty to our team and our desire for it to win. If our loyalty is as fine as our team deserves, and as our school deserves, it cannot be expressed in cheap vulgar language.

This custom year by year could grow to take its place in our traditions side by side with our Aggie Friendliness, The Aggie Taps, Silver Taps—bits it just doesn't belong. Let's lift our sights and keep our campus atmosphere on a high plane.

Committee Named For Cotton Ball
At the first meeting of the Agronomy Society this year, the committee for the Cotton Pageant and Ball and other committees for 1951-52 were chosen.

Church Elects Student Officers
Two A&M students were elected officers recently by the College Station Christian Science Society. They were Richard A. Howard, first reader, and Robert D. Gordon, second reader.

Other officers elected were Philip Goode, president, and Mrs. Edith Menefee, clerk and treasurer. Goode is a professor in the department of business administration. Mrs. Menefee is the secretary of Gibb Gilchrist chancellor for the A&M System.

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Argentine Press Leaves After Request Vetoed

Montevideo, Uruguay, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Argentine applicants for membership in the Inter-American Press Association walked out yesterday when 33 of their 44 bids for membership were turned down by the convention.

In the excitement, 76-year-old Tom Wallace, editor emeritus of the Louisville (Ky.) Times and president of the association, collapsed and was rushed to a hospital. Physicians said they were not certain whether he was suffering from a heart condition, brain hemorrhage or extreme fatigue. He was reported improved tonight.

A long-time campaigner for good will among the American Republics, Wallace had advocated admitting the Argentines on the ground that they represented legitimate publications and the association already included members from countries where press freedom is restricted.

Some members of the association, organized in New York last year to guard freedom of the press throughout the Western Hemisphere, had been alarmed at the possibility editors supporting President Juan Peron in Argentina were out to capture the organization.

The association took the Peron regime sharply to task last year for stifling press freedom and it was called a group of "gangsters" by the Peron press.

Wilfrido Lora of the Ecuadorean newspaper, Ecuatoriano, accompanied the Argentines on their walk-out, as did several Brazilians.

Five Argentine publications already were members. They were La Prensa, the independent daily whose seizure by the Peron government was a factor in the association's action; La Nacion, another large independent daily, the clandestine Intransigente of Salta, the independent Diario of Parana and Ahora.

Liaison Officer Picks New Site For Peace Talk
Munsan, Korea, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Liaison officers today picked a site near Panmunjom for resuming Korean truce talks.

The spot is six air miles southeast of Kaesong where cease-fire negotiations first began three months ago today. The talks were broken off by the Reds Aug. 23.

Another meeting of Allied and Red liaison officers at Panmunjom was scheduled for 10 a.m. tomorrow (8 p.m. Wednesday EST.).

There was no immediate announcement of when the armistice delegations would re-open their talks—or even whether the time had been set.

Preparations for a meeting of the full delegations were pressed rapidly. The United Nations truce team assembled in Korea. Allied service personnel went to Kaesong to move equipment left there to the new site.

Everything indicated the U. N. command expected a nearly resumption of full-scale efforts to end the shooting in Korea.

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