

Battalion Editorials

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Water Coloring?

OVER THE weekend water coloring classes seem to have begun in the Southwest Conference.

The letters "TCU" were water-colored on the sidewalk in front of the South Station Post Office in the MSC.

No immediate harm was done because the paint was of the water base variety. But further developments may prove different.

It can never be said "students from Texas Christian" are responsible for the action, for no one was seen. And since no one was seen painting "TCU" on the sidewalk, it can easily be questioned whether or not anyone in a conference school is responsible.

Past history shows us that if any students go to Fort Worth, or to any other place for that matter, with retaliation in mind it is apt to become a *feaux faux*. The case of the Baylor leaflets is the best illustration of this.

The best thing the A&M students can do, is to forget the incident. Already, however, "Trips to Fort Worth" prior to Friday seem to be buzzing around the dorm areas.

This is, undoubtedly something which should definitely be discouraged.

Since we are favored over our coming opponents, it seems useless to try and stir up trouble on their campus—again going back to a Baylor incident—this has proven itself unprofitable.

As we have said, the best thing A&M students can do about the incident is to forget and when Saturday comes, be a better and more spirited 12th Man. Let the eleven on the gridiron do the fighting for A&M.

Agreement makes us soft and complacent; disagreement brings out our strength. Our real enemies are the people who make us feel so good that we are slowly, but inexorably, pulled down into the quicksand of smugness and self-satisfaction.

—Sydney Harris.

Needed Course Now Offered

A COURSE in parliamentary procedure is being inaugurated by Student Activities to help any and all who interested in furthering their knowledge and improving what leadership ability they may possess.

An excerpt from the information sheet reads, "The purpose of parliamentary procedure is to keep order in meetings, determine the will of the majority, protect the rights of the minority, and speed business. The larger the group and the sharper its conflict of interests, the stricter the rules must be applied."

The course, seems made to order for those who are taking office for the first time, and perhaps are not familiar with the rules and ramifications that are necessary to accomplish anything constructive in a heterogeneous group.

Newly elected student senators and student life committee men should find the course extremely beneficial. With such a course being offered, it can no longer suffice when one is out of order to plead ignorance of the rules of order.

"As the industrial and political leaders of tomorrow, college-trained men are obligated to know the rules well enough to take part in civic and professional organizations which do business by parliamentary procedure."

Probably the most important thing to be offered in the course is the axiom that, "The majority's will must prevail, though the minority's rights must be preserved."

We have never been able to believe that public speakers, as a group, believe all that they tell other people.

The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions
"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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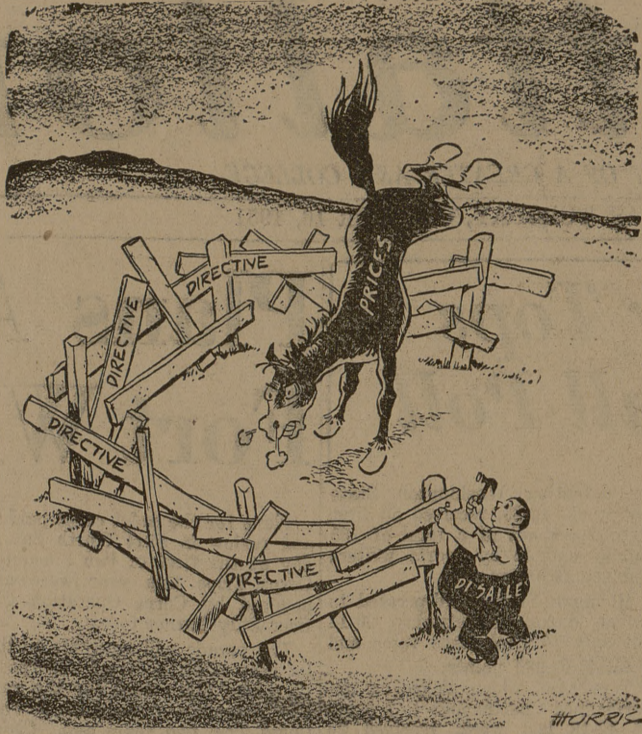
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DO YOU THINK IT'S EASY?



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Editorial Goes A Little Too Far'

Editor, The Battalion:

I read your editorial about the Sportsmanship Trophy with disgust last night (Thursday). I think I represent the seniors of the Aggie Band in saying that you have gone a little too far.

I go to yell practices religiously, and have seen more games than you have, I am a member of the "Ole Corps" and "beat the hell out of everyone" as you say, except this week because the senior class said not to.

I am not a two-percenter, and resent being called a "punk" by an editor of The Battalion.

If you'll get your head out and look around, I think you'll find that the man you want to "mark" is the one who is completely devoid of Aggie Spirit. He is the "punk" who says "I don't care if

we win the sportsmanship trophy or not."

He is the one who goes around painting up campuses and starting fights.

You have stepped on the wrong man's toes again, Mr. Editor.

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(As we explained in yesterday's paper, we are admittedly wrong. Repeating from yesterday's explanation of the Oct. 11 editorial, we think the basic error in the editorial "Watch Him Well" was an error in expression, rather than an error in thinking.

(We agree wholeheartedly with you that the "punk" is the one who says "I don't care if we win the Sportsmanship Trophy or not", and goes around painting up campuses and starting fights.

(As for your last paragraph, although we have "stepped on the wrong man's toes", we are glad to see that the "right" man is known.—The Editor.)

Need A Reason?

Editor, The Battalion:
Just a note to compliment you on your editorial "Dollar a Day." I am sure that the Fiscal Office has a valid reason for not setting a definite date on when the students are to be paid. What ever the reason may be, I'd like to hear it.

Your Turn "Fiscal Department."
Bob Wolslegel '51
(Editor's Note—Nuf Sed!)

Others Have Agreed

He might have gone on to say that the United States and all the other countries already have agreed on the proper system for atomic control. Only Russia has held out for her own proposal, one which would be binding on nations of good will, but which would mean nothing to a nation on banditry.

The President did not speak as one who hoped that his words would mean anything, any more than he attached any sincerity to the recent Stalin statement, which he did not mention directly.

"So long as one country has the power and the forces to overwhelm others, and so long as that country has aggressive intentions, real peace is unattainable."

When the power of such a country has been balanced, said the President, then something may be possible.

Committee Appointed

After President Truman's proposal a year ago, the U. N. appointed a committee to study the feasibility of consolidating the atomic and conventional arms control committees to see if a new approach could be arrived at by lumping all limitations under one plane. The sub-committee worked out a plan which will come before the general assembly during its approaching Paris session.

No practical observer expects anything to come of it.

As observers see it now, Russia is not going to agree to give any international authority control over anything she does, much less her war preparedness program. She intends to catch up with the United States in the atomic field if that is possible.

As a corollary, she may entertain some hope that America might be led by her interest in peace to do what she did in 1921, when she agreed to settle some ships, while other nations scuttled some blueprints, in an effort to avoid a naval race.

It would seem that Russia would by now have seen enough of American determination to realize the futility of such a hope. But the Kremlin seems strangely obtuse at times.

K of C's Present Awards for Themes

Emil Richers, A&M senior and Grand Knight of the College Station Council of the Knights of Columbus, presented Sacred Heart medals to Sam Urso, eighth grade, Dickie Newland, seventh grade, and Patricia Ann Friel, sixth grade, of St. Joseph's School, Bryan, for writing the best themes in the annual K of C Columbus Day contest.

The awards were made yesterday afternoon in the office of Sister Rita, Mother Superior of St. Joseph's.

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Committee Members' Duties, Objectives

SWC Sportsmanship Code

(During the past week, we have received various comments concerning the Sportsmanship Trophy, and the committee behind this award. In our amazement, we found many students did not know what the committee was, who was on it, or the purpose behind it. In the following, we have tried to explain this.—The Editor.)

Adopted by the seven Southwest Conference schools when the Sportsmanship committee was formed, were the "Characteristics of Good Sportsmanship" which are caused by the voting members in determining the award winner.

The "Characteristics of Good Sportsmanship" are:

● Athletic teams shall be allowed to play the game to the best of their natural ability unhampered by distracting influences from off the field of play.

● Athletic officials shall be treated with respect and courtesy, and their decisions will be accepted in good spirit.

● Students of opposing schools will maintain friendly relationships at all times and will not in any manner mar or deface the property or grounds of any school.

● Host schools will make every effort to welcome visitors on their campus and to make their stay enjoyable.

● Outstanding performances or plays by any team or athlete will be applauded.

● Victory or defeat will be accepted in a gracious manner.

Athletes shall play the game to the best of their ability, abiding by fair and proper means of conduct as determined by the rules of the game.

SWC Sportsmanship Code

Also approved at the second meeting of the Committee in 1948, was the SWC Sportsmanship Code, which is as follows:

PREAMBLE: The purpose of the Sportsmanship Code is to further good relations between Southwest Conference schools.

I. Team

A. Each member of the team shall: Participate in the contest to the best of his ability abiding by the fair and proper means of conduct as determined by the rules of the contest.

Treat contest officials with due respect and courtesy and shall accept the official's decision in good spirit.

Accept victory or defeat in a gracious manner.

II. Student Body

A. Pre-game courtesy

1. The host school shall: Write a letter to the visiting school and team prior to the game. This letter should be publicized during the week prior to game in the visiting school's paper. Letter should list the activities of weekend, i. e. banquets, dances, and receptions.

Provide receptions and directions for visiting students and team.

Provide a means of information—booths or ushers to provide information about tickets, sections, seating, etc.

B. Game Courtesy

1. There shall be cooperation between yell leaders, band, other student organizations, and student bodies; i. e. yell leaders' cheers will not coincide, and student bodies will not yell while teams are in huddle or calling signals.

2. The student bodies shall avoid misconduct such as fighting and overt demonstrations, use of intoxicating drinks, disrespect and discourtesy toward teams and officials, and general discourtesies during the half-time period.

C. Post-game courtesy

1. Each student body shall demonstrate:

Respect to both teams after game.

Respect to each other and to spectators.

Mutual respect for school songs whenever they are played.

Members of Committee

Included on the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Committee and each having votes are:

The President of the student government or student body.

Editor of each school paper.

Head yell leader.

A representative from varsity athletic teams who may either be elected by the athletes or appointed by the student government president.

Executive-Secretary of the alumni or representative of the former students of each school.

Executive-Secretary of the Southwest Conference.

Athletic Director of each conference school.

Dean of Students in each conference school.

Seven sports writers (each school designates one to vote.)

SWC officials given eight votes for each the fall and spring seasons of conference sports.

Also included on the committee, but not having a vote, is an executive secretary who shall always be from A&M.

For each voting member, a delegate can be appointed to represent him at the meetings which will now be held three times during the year and his vote will be counted.

Method of Selection

The method of selection employed is as follows:

● Each person will select three schools from among the seven conference members who, in his opinion, best displayed the characteristics of true sportsmanship.

● He will rate these schools according to their relative merit in first, second, and third positions with points to be given in the following manner: five points for first place, three points for second place, and two points for third place.

● The school that receives the largest total number of votes will be selected as the winner of the sportsmanship award.

Be Happy- GO LUCKY!



In catalog and reference work Librarians alike Have cross-indexed Tobacco, fine: See under Lucky Strike.

Mary Edna Poole
Columbia University

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Molly Cammack Abel
Barnard College '51

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Ned Falkenstein
Miami University '51

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Journey Into Fear

By Al Capp

