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Aggie Traditions New or Old?

A QUESTION is raised upon the reading of the report of the Senior Class Tradition Committee as to just what their function is.

Out of six recommendations passed on by the Committee, three of them were of no concern to the Traditions Committee, as such, or they were the recommendation that a new tradition be formed.

First was the recommendation that seniors must have been residents of A&M for four or five semesters before they are eligible to wear senior boots.

Another new tradition for Aggies is the recommendation that passes be issued to senior members of the Corps to a senior section or bloc for out of town games and the use of the eight RDO's to enforce the "tradition".

Members of the senior class and the inhabitants of Ross Hall will be glad to know that there is no longer a need for Senior Court as the Traditions Committee also recommend that one of their members talk to the CO of Sqd. 13 about some of his freshmen taking sophomore uniform privileges during the Ft. Worth Corps trip.

You can be sure that if you laugh at your troubles you'll never run out of something to laugh at. -Gilcraft.

UN Club A Step Toward Understanding

TONIGHT the A&M United Nations Club will meet for the first time this year.

The Club is composed of foreign students on the campus as well as the regular students who are interested in just how the people of the rest of the world live.

A wonderful opportunity is offered by the UN Club to men who are interested in acquiring first hand information on strategic countries of the world and at the same time help them to get a glimpse of the hopes, dreams, and desires of those peoples, through the contact with the foreign students.

For the foreign students, the UN Club helps them to see that all of our country men aren't sitting over here with an air of sanctimonious complacency and that we are really interested in their problems and solutions to the problems.

More and more we are realizing that the oceans that have separated us for so many years are growing smaller and smaller and if communications and transportation continue to progress at the same rate that those oceans will, for practical purpose, cease to exist.

If a person really cares to work for peace for themselves and their children and find out just why our friends and relatives are dying in Korea, they can't afford not to take advantage of the opportunity to associate with these men from the countries where destiny is being made.

The Battalion

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Cheating Not Confined to Just the Other Fellow

By PASCHAL PRICE

Pardon us professor, but before you put the quiz questions on the board, this entire class would like to have just five minutes for serious thinking. You see, Sir, we have heard so much lately about lax morals that it makes us shudder. Political graft, corrupt politics, the basketball "fix," and now the West Point "incident," all induce a shocking realization that something is drastically wrong.

First, each of us in this class wants to admit that he has cheated on examinations at one time or another. Some of us in grade school, others in high school, but many of us since we enrolled here—and a few of us on the very last quiz that you gave.

You see Edward sitting there in the second chair on the first row? And Oscar in the third seat from the left in the back row? Each of them admits cheating on the last test. Oh, it wasn't much and at the time it didn't seem like cheating at all. In fact, Ed had had a

heck of a time convincing himself that it really was cheating. At first, he reasoned that surely nothing was wrong in having a few notes written inside his dictionary. After all, he was able to use only one of them to his advantage.

Oscar really had no intention of cheating but he couldn't help seeing the paper in front of him. Would not he have been stupid—after seeing the answer—if he hadn't put it down?

And how about Joe? As far as "cribbing" goes, he's no better nor worse than the rest of us. But he is better adapted to it. As you know, Joe's actually brilliant. If he weren't overloaded with the job he has to do to remain in school, he'd make straight A's.

But you just can't work eight or ten hours a day at an outside job and still pass these courses. So Joe has developed an eye-sight something like the gun that can shoot around corners. He doesn't even have to turn his head to see the paper six seats over.

Now Don and Calvin are just a little different from the rest of us and a great deal different from each other in many respects, but they both have the same attitude toward school in general and "copying" in particular. Even though Don's parents are "well to do" and Calvin's mother has to take in washings to pay his tuition, neither of them puts any value whatsoever on education. They are like the draftee in the army, they're just looking for that "piece of paper." To them, copying is the easiest way to get it.

There's Bill and Jack who went to high school together. Why they'd help each other pass a stiff quiz if it were possible—and with them, it's usually possible.

The rest of us have similar confessions to make, but time won't let us talk about them individually.

However, we do want to mention one more case. Sir, we know that you were shocked when all of us admitted cheating on tests. Of course, you must have known that some of us had and that the rest of us would—if we had the chance. Still, it was hard to believe that a fellow like Tommy would do such a thing.

It amazed us too; because, with the modern interpretation of the word honesty as it is, we all knew that Tommy was just as honest as they come. But, by his own admission, he has cheated. It was seldom necessary for him to cheat and when he did—he did so in a dignified manner.

Tommy plays it cool when it comes to getting around these quizzes. In fairness to him, we want to say if you left him alone in the room with his book, he would never crack a page. You see, Tommy worked it from another angle. His conscience would not let him copy. But he wanted to keep his excellent scholastic

rating, therefore, if he thought an "exam" was going to be too tough, he skipped the class. With his honesty and sincerity so well established, it was easy for him to alibi the "cut."

This extra day gave him time to "cram" for the test. Then too, he got an idea what the test was about from the rest of the class. Give a guy like Tommy a couple of tips and an extra day and he's bound to make A's.

Many of us can't see anything wrong in what Tommy did. Only a fellow with his fundamental values of honesty would admit that it was wrong. Tommy says he realizes that even if his high honors help him to get a better job, his real intelligence and "horse sense" are the only things that will help him to keep it.

Tommy says you just can't get real knowledge, or common sense either, by copying. And about the honors, Can honor be honor if it is obtained by dishonesty?

Now that we've admitted quizzing, what can be done about it? Of course, you can kick us out of class and the college can expell us; but, will that really solve anything? Wouldn't we then go out into life with a chip on our shoulders and have two strikes against us? If it were totally our fault, this might be a just and wise thing to do—but we refuse to take all the blame. We'll admit that some of it is our fault, maybe even most of it. But not all. If it isn't all our fault, who's to blame for the rest of it?

Let's give this some thought. Maybe some fault is to be found in our parents. Did they spend enough time with us when we were in grammar school? Did they demand higher grades from us than we were capable of making? Did they fail to stress the importance of honesty and fairness? Would they have cared much even if they had known we were cheating?

Or, isn't it a fact that they did not spend enough time with us, that they did expect too much, that most of them did not stress honesty and fairness, and that many of them didn't give a hoot even if we did cheat? Didn't some reason that since most everyone else was cheating—why not their John?

It looks as if many of them accepted cheating on quizzes as a universal fact. But does the universal acceptance of an evil make it any less evil?

And now, Sir, how much of the fault are you willing to shoulder? Yes, how about you teachers? Because you are a college instructor, do you believe when a student gets

in one of your classes that he's already so set in his ways that nothing you can do will help?

Do you think that all the blame lies on the involved person, his parents, his earlier teachers, or circumstances in general? Have you ever given a lecture explaining the evil of cheating? Have you taken firm steps to stop it in your classes. Or do you, too, accept it as a foregone fact?

Isn't it a possibility that when you were in school, you did the same thing? And now you fail to impress honesty at all, or at the most, leave us unmolested to wallow in our own corruption.

Ah, perhaps you do agree that some of the blame is yours. But, says you, now that the blame has been fixed. SO WHAT? Why all the taboo about someone's cheating on a quiz? What can such a trivial thing contain to cause such excitement? The answer might be simple—if it stopped at that.

But would the first little pebble of a great landslide cause any damage if it fell alone? Or doesn't one little rock lead to another until everything in its path is completely destroyed or permanently disfigured?

What difference does it make if you win a ball game by 12 points or 15? What's wrong with a politician making a fast buck now and then? Who cares if a hundred cadets are kicked out of West Point? Why, they're just little rocks. Nevertheless, there's one thing certain—those little pebbles have formed into a mammoth landslide and we're all in its path.

Unless we want this landslide to mangle our integrity, we'd better do something. The question is, WHAT? Some will say, crack down on the one's caught cheating? Expell them, blabball them, do anything to them to make examples out of them.

But who has a clear enough conscience to point an accusing finger at the rest of us. Can the pot call the kettle black?

We must remember that loose ethics are not restricted to the campus but in the homes, and businesses. Wouldn't it help if every one of us—student, parent, teacher, and citizen—examined himself thoroughly for flaws that lead to this universal corruption. After we get the cinders from our own eyes, perhaps we can see how to criticize and correct others.

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Letters to The Editor

Editor, The Battalion:

I am thankful to all those friends who have expressed their sympathy in one way or the other, at the tragic murder of our Premier Liaquat Ali Khan. Such expressions are a measure of our friendly relations and indicate how we feel for one another in our misfortune and hours of trial. Such an heinous act, in these days of "power blocs", is apt to be taken as an "outburst of Communism."

I am sorry to note that an average American is still hazy about the noble aim in pursuance of which he gave his life and that is "Maintenance of World Peace". I, therefore, feel essential to explain the background of this sad happening.

In Pakistan, a country of 80 million people, a vast majority is Moslem who believe in the Oneness of God, Equality of mankind, the Hereafter, the pre-eminence of Good and Evil and Resurrection after death. As opposed to material creed of communism, Islam offers a spiritual creed combined with a perfect code of life.

You cannot expect a man to exchange a sweet smelling rose for a bull-nettle. A Moslem will starve and suffer rather than accepting anything which conflicts with his religious outlook. Besides, communism is known to make an appeal to people who are prey to economic and political chaos and general unrest.

Pakistan is a surplus country with a surplus budget and a favorable trade balance. It has a stable government and a clear cut foreign policy which in a nutshell consists of promoting the cause of world peace and fighting or helping fight aggression on land or human rights whenever it occurs.

There is general discontentment in the country at present, but this is distinct from economic discontent. This unrest is caused by the continuous delay in solution of the problems affecting the princely state of Kashmir concerning its accession to India or Pakistan. This question has been hanging first with UN for over four years.

Mohammad Abdullah Khan Graduate Student

Notes From Grad School

Graduate students who entered for the first time in September of this year should now have filed with the graduate office their recommendations as to the advisory committee they prefer to have guide their programs.

A check list of forms to file and things to do has been prepared. This list appears on page 41 of the Graduate School bulletin. It lists eight points of importance to candidates for the Master's degree. Four additional points are listed for the attention of candidates for the Ph.D. degree.

The first two refer to filing of application with transcripts, letters of recommendation and so forth in time to be cleared for registration, and consultation with graduate advisor to develop a tentative course of study. For students now in school those have already passed. Each graduate student should make sure he is up to date on these various steps.

Forms are available at the Graduate School office for suggesting the names of the advisory committee.

Wanted: Will trade three non-corps senior and date set cards, (red) for three non-corps freshman seats in the end zone for the Baylor game.

Fred Hays Joe McAdams Bob Wolslegel

British Election Campaign Ends; Vote Thursday

London, Oct. 24—(AP)—Britain's election campaign ends tonight focussed on two critical issues—the country's place in a world threatened by war, and her bitterly controversial experiment in socialism.

Voters from a registered electorate of 35,000,000 cast their ballots Thursday.

Their choice lies between the Conservative party led by Winston Churchill, and the Socialists who came to power in July, 1945. The Liberals, standing about midway between these two in doctrine, have entered too few candidates to form a government. They hope only to constitute a balancing "third force" in the next House of Commons.

Both big contenders forecast victory.

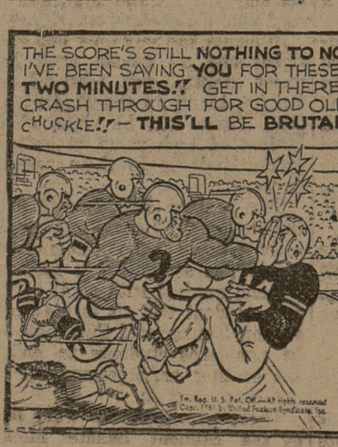
The general belief, however, is that Churchill and the Conservatives will come back to power by more than 35 parliamentary seats and possibly by 60 or more.

This belief is based to a large degree on numerous polls of public opinion, which unanimously favor the Conservatives. Newspapers which support the Socialists have conducted no surveys, or, if they did, have not reported their findings.

In addition, most independent observers expect a Conservative majority of the 2,000,000 or more Liberal votes in most of the districts where there is no Liberal candidate to be cast for Churchill's party.

Apart from these political technicalities and party maneuverings, two facts are ominously evident. They confront every voter plainly, regardless of his political sophistication or his station in life.

LIL ABNER The Eyes Have It



Congress To Settle Question On Ambassador

Washington, Oct. 24—(AP) Congress will get a chance to decide whether the United States should have a full diplomatic representative at the Vatican, church-state of Roman Catholicism in Italy.

The White House announced yesterday that President Truman is not going to offer Gen. Mark Clark a recess appointment. Press Secretary Joseph Short said "it is more satisfactory to Clark" to await Congress' action.

Mr. Truman sent to the Senate the nomination of Clark to be the first American ambassador to the Vatican last Saturday, just before Congress adjourned until Jan. 8. The Senate must approve ambassadorial appointments.

But the House would also be involved in this case. It would have to vote on a waiver for Clark, of the law forbidding military officers to accept civilian government posts. To accept an appointment while Congress is in recess, Clark would have to resign from the army.

The nomination has raised a storm of protest from many Protestant quarters, and praise from Catholics. There was no suggestion that the controversy influenced Mr. Truman's decision not to give Clark a recess appointment.

Clark is a four-star general, in command of U. S. field forces. Short said he has some work he wants to finish before taking any leave.

Meanwhile, the Vatican newspaper Osservatore Romano said the proposed appointment had no "military significance." The paper was denying Communist assertions that selection of Clark for the post indicated a military design.

Teacher Clinic Sponsored By A&M Baptists

The Aggie Sunday School department at the First Baptist Church of College Station will have an officer's and teacher's clinic at the church this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

The purpose of the clinic is to instruct the class officers in their duties and give them suggestions for improving their duties. The teachers of the classes will receive information on more effective teaching methods.

Instructors for the clinic are Mrs. R. O. Berry, teachers class; Mrs. B. H. Nelson, social chairman; Mrs. Drexel Toland, secretaries class; Frank E. McFarland, president's class; and the Rev. W. L. McDaniel, enlistment vice-presidents class.

Supper will be served at 5:30 and the classes will begin at 6. After the classes, which end at 7, a prayer meeting will be held.

Egypt Played Into Hands of English

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR. Associated Press Analyst

Egypt has played into the hands of the British by failure to preserve order during this critical period.

Where Iran was exceedingly careful to give the British no excuse for armed intervention while demanding evacuation of foreign employees of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, and where Britain was restrained by the fear force on her part would bring a counter-reaction from Russia, Egypt has overplayed her hand.

She might have known that the factors protecting Iran in her expropriation would not apply to what would have amounted to Egyptian expropriation of another vital world strategic position, the Suez Canal.

In addition, Egypt was offered what Iran was not offered—a full partnership in a regional defense arrangement—and rejected it almost without reading it.

Modern Line-Up

Now France, the United States and Turkey are all lined up with Britain's decision to defend the canal. Britain has used the excuse of violent disorders to reinforce her troops beyond the limits of the treaty which Cairo has revoked anyway, and if Egypt wants to try force the Allies are in a position to welcome such a direct method.

Continued Egyptian violence, and especially any attempt to use her armed forces to enforce her demands that the British leave, will also put England in position

to apply economic sanctions. As a member of the sterling bloc and with her economy closely tied to that of the British Empire, Egypt would be hamstrung.

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By Al Capp

