

Some Egotism Is Good Thing

EGOTISM IS a nice thing to have if it doesn't go too far. But take the case of something that came up in a recent edition of The Daily Texan.

On the editorial page of that newspaper there was a story on the TISA meeting in El Paso. The author of the article summed up the effect of the meeting as it pertained to the university students.

He said:

Evaluation of what the University is getting out of the TISA takes this form.

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It doesn't appear that the university is up on some of its own history. If the history we get in this neck of the Brazos is correct in the 40's the University has quite a lot of trouble with the Greek letter groups running the student elections.

However, it isn't fair for us to cast too many stones about elections since we are far from perfect now.

But it does seem a little impertinent for a like bunch of College people to consider themselves superior to some other group or groups.

The illusion that times that were are better than those that are, has probably pervaded all ages—Greeley.

Truman's Withdrawal Puzzles California Democratic Heads

Sacramento, Calif., March 19 — (AP)—President Truman's sudden withdrawal from the California presidential primary left state Democratic leaders puzzling today over which way to turn.

Should they put up a favorite son candidate to protect California's 68 convention votes for the pro-Truman faction? Switch allegiance to Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee or some other name Democrat? Or not do anything—and in effect concede the big delegation to Kefauver.

The Truman campaign committee has been summoned here to try to answer those questions. Meantime, members declined to even guess what will happen.

KEFAUVER supporters were elated. He is the only Democratic candidate in California's June 3 primary.

The state's Democratic high command, almost solidly behind Truman, was left with a state of delegates and campaign forces organized—but no candidate. It had gone ahead without any word as to whether the President would seek reelection.



BACKWARD GLANCES

15 Years Ago Today A&M's polo team defeated the Lampassas Riders, 6-2.

10 Years Ago Today "A cigar and a kiss your baby" were the only two political moves not being made on the campus in 1942 during student elections. Files show "the students were covering the campus with politician smiles, hand shakes, and vote for me's."

5 Years Ago Today Three agronomy students found an elephant's tusk down along the Brazos River. Scientists claimed the animal had died in North Texas, and its remains were brought to this area by the ancestral river of the Brazos.

On Other Campuses

Reports On TISA Vary At Texas

Different Southwest schools wrote the usual reports about the past TISA meeting held in El Paso, except, perhaps, Rice and Texas University.

Rice added to the regular reports on the convention that they "were pleased" the 1952 meeting would be held on the Houston campus.

At Texas, The Daily Texan, brought forth "the evaluation the University was getting from the TISA:

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Concerning student government and elections, both the Rice Institute Thresher and the Texas Christian Skiff began readying for spring elections.

THE THRESHER reported concerning its own National primary held the same time as the New Hampshire election: "The young Republicans are

expected to rally to the polls in great number... their vote may be expected to split between Taft and Eisenhower. But reliable sources feel Ike has the lead...

"The 'shocking lack' of organization of Democrats and Dixiecrats is being deplored... feeling runs strong that such organizations would be beneficial in balancing the vote in the primary."

TSCW was also holding student elections last week. The Daily Lass-O printed the "views on functions of the College Government Association" of each candidate. The winner for the president's office boasted this program "I believe that our CGA should strive to uphold and further the ideals and traditions of TSCW."

Texas Christian University's Skiff seems to have discovered corruption in their own election system.

IT SEEMS, as The Skiff pictured editorially, "... the poor creature who's never been elected... though a senior. Perhaps, there may yet be a way... stuff the ballot boxes. ... a poor display of sportsmanship... were the results of flagrant dishonesty at the polls. Candidates... shamelessly went about their work gathering stacks of ballots, stolen, begged or borrowed; coercing votes, and general

electioneering. The election system definitely must be revised or we might as well toss the ideas... in the nearest garbage can."

At Waco, Baylorites heard Carl Sandburg, an American poet, speak on movies, television and radio. His views, however, were not favorable.

THE DAILY LARIET said, "Movies are a waste of time, he (Sandburg) said. They don't produce 12 good movies a year... (radio) commentators are calicious (old village gossips)... TV, where commercials last for 15 minutes and if you turn the dial as you would on a radio you then would have to fool with the snow..."

Sandburg was in favor of "... solitude. The most difficult thing in the world is to sit in a quiet room alone." And "Little people and people with still something of a child's heart."

THE SMU CAMPUS of Southern Methodist has seen a need for "a rest week... designed to lighten somewhat the tremendous load of student activities which piles up in the spring... it is a useful step in emphasizing academic work and cutting down on the often

Advertisement for 'Tune in - BOGART BACALL' and 'BOLD VENTURE' featuring a woman's image and text about a Monday 8:00 P.M. American Laundry & Dry Cleaners.

Advertisement for 'AGGIES! For Saturday's DANCE... She'll Be Expecting FLOWERS From the...'

Advertisement for 'STUDENT FLORAL CONCESSION (Across Street from Exchange Store) Or See Your Dorm Representative'

Mrs. Martin Gets Civil Defense Job

Mrs. Grace Martin, assistant district agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, has been appointed assistant to the Advisory Committee on Women in the Services by Anna Rosenberg, assistant secretary of defense.

Mrs. Martin will aid the Texas Federation of Women's Club in recruiting the registering women for all civil defense jobs, including armed forces.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Martin was appointed associate director of the Extension Service in Puerto Rico where she was assigned 16 native Puerto Rican women to train as home demonstration agents.

New Telephone Directories Out

Telephone directories for Bryan-College Station are being distributed with a complete listing of all new subscribers and changes of old numbers through the middle of February.

G. M. Brennan, division manager, said distribution will continue until all subscribers have received a new copy of the directory. The 7,000 directories contain 39 pages of listed phone numbers and a 64-page classified section.

This is the first publication of a directory since March last year, Brennan said.

LETTERS 'We Done It'

Editor, The Battalion: Just as not for a few exes who would like to know if maybe the Class of '52 might not be willing to change something that's been as it is since '76 in order to be able to put on record that "we done it."

I'm referring to this Aggeland business. I'll admit it would have been nice 76 years ago but who are they to change it now.

Everybody I've talked to liked College Station damn well. Perhaps this a wide streak of "New Army" they've been blowing their own tops so much about that they are all for just to immortalize themselves.

Maybe they would like to put Carlson's statue in place of Sully. Also congratulations to the joker who declared in The Batt that he came to A&M to inflate his ego instead of doing any "silly reasoning."

I wonder how high his ego will be when they pin his little bars on and some first sergeant has to do all the reasoning for him.

J. V. Drummond '42

Agronomy Study Gets \$500 Grant

The Experiment Station has received a \$500 grant to be used in the department of agronomy for research to facilitate the study of pre-emergence control by chemicals of weeds and grass in cotton, R. D. Lewis, director, announced recently.

D. E. D. Witman of Pittsburgh, Pa., acting for the Columbia-Southern Chemical Corporation, made the grant, Lewis said.

The ZARAPE RESTAURANT

(Formerly the Flamingo) Lounge 4 Blocks East of Main Gro. Will Be Open Week Days From 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. 5 p.m. till 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. till 11 p.m. Closed Mondays - Serving - MEXICAN DISHES SHRIMP - STEAKS FRIED CHICKEN Owned and Operated by MR. & MRS. LUPE ESQUIVEL College Station

Comic strip 'POGO' by Walt Kelly. Panel 1: 'IS YOU SERIOUS WHEN YOU SAYS YOU WANTS TO LOCK UP THE CLOCK TO SAFEGUARD SOMETHIN' IN THERE AN' THE SOMETHIN' IN THERE IS THE KEY?' Panel 2: 'YEP AN' I CAN'T FIND IT... IT'S VERY UNEAPPASSING.' Panel 3: 'I GOT A VERY CLEVER SUGGESTION. TAKE OFF YO' HAT WHEN YOU ADDRESS A LADY.' Panel 4: 'I AINT NO HAT.' Panel 5: 'WE IS EVEN UP. I ISN'T NO LADY.' Panel 6: 'WHY NOT SET FIRE TO THE CLOCK AN' SIFT THE ASHES AN' FIND THE KEY EASY?' Panel 7: 'GREAT! THEN WE CAN FIND TH' LOCK.' Panel 8: 'AN' LOCK IN THE KEY ALL SAFE!' Panel 9: 'LET'S GO OVER TO MY HOUSE AN' HAVE MILK AN' COOKIES AN' FEERT THESE PANES.'

Comic strip 'LUL' ABNER' by Al Capp. Panel 1: 'I FACE STARVATION!! ALL UNMARRIED DETECTIVES WILL BE DISMISSED FROM THE FORCE!! - THAT'S THE NEW ECONOMY ORDER!!' Panel 2: 'GIGGLE!! THERE IS A WAY TO KEEP YOUR JOB, MR. FOSDICK, DEAR!!' Panel 3: 'YOU MEAN - ASK THEM TO CHANGE THE ORDER?' Panel 4: 'OH, NO!! GIGGLE!! CHORTLE!! TITTER!! OBEY THE ORDER!!' Panel 5: 'EGAD!! - YOU MEAN - MARRY Y---???' Panel 6: 'SIMPER!! - GIGGLE!!' Panel 7: '(-SHE IS AN UGLY BEAST!!- IT NEVER BOTHERED ME WHEN I MERELY COURTED HER IN A DIM LIGHT, IT DIDN'T MATTER!! BUT THE PROSPECT OF--OH, NO--IT'S GASTLY!! - I CAN'T!!)' Panel 8: 'GIGGLE!! A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS!! FEARLESS, DEAR!!'

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

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SQUADRON 8 MEETS TODAY

Members of the 1951 Squadron 8 cadet unit are requested to meet at 5 p. m. today in the YMCA, Doyle R. Griffin announced last night.