

Individualistic Thinking Is The Key to Success

EVERYDAY, students find that thinking is necessary to reach a logical and clear conclusion.

This thinking, however, must be motivated in an individualistic pattern or its value will be lost.

President Harold W. Dodds, of Princeton University has this to say concerning man's mind:

"The workings of the mass mind are entirely different from the operations of the democratic mind. Hitler's Germany and the countries now within the circle of the Iron Curtain are examples of the mass mind at work.

"When I denounce the mass mind, I am not thinking at all of the operation of a true democracy which follows the family traditions and processes of popular government.

Life is rather a state of embryo, a preparation for life; a man is not completely born 'til he has passed through death.—Franklin.

Brains Rate Over Good Looks?

A CALIFORNIA student newspaper recently found that intelligence was No. 1 on the rating list for the ideal mate while good looks was ranked last.

In asking 118 "well-adjusted" college men and women "How would you rate your date for a prospective mate?" it was found that 77 per cent of the men and 92 per cent of the women believed a college woman should marry a college man. And 52 per cent of the men and 66 per cent of the women think that a college man should marry a college woman.

The woman's average on marrying a college man is most easily explained by the fact that most women go to college for that specific purpose.

But this should prove interesting. Women like to date the college men because "he is more mature," or "has the better prospects for the future," or "has more knowledge of what's going on in the world."

On the other hand, the poll indicates a college male likes to date the educated female because she is "more level headed," "more intelligent," or "more pleasant."

The surprising fact which showed the intelligence of the college man was that only 1.78 per cent considered it of top importance in a future wife that she be better looking than intelligent.

How does this show the male is more intelligent?

Surely, he must have some "undisclosed" scheme for rating her intelligence with the eye and whistle checkup given when passing same.

Until we get that spouse, we'll continue with the 1.78 per cent—good looks first.

"The mass mind is not personal; it is not generous and considerate; it is selfish and self-centered. Its method is to impose its will by power, not by reason or by convincing others.

"In a true democracy the emphasis is on discussion, on holding the arena open to all ideas," on "submitting them to scrutiny and debate not of experts only but of the whole population;" and by this process to arrive at an agreed decision.

"The mass mind does not reflect; it does not examine itself to see if it is right. Its weapon is power.

"If an individual comes to think of himself only as a microscopic part of various huge organizations, as merely the product of vast forces imposed from without, and concludes that he can only realize himself as he is a member of a mass, his hope of security through his own efforts gives way to gnawing insecurity."

To examine one's own mind and trend of thinking will prevent this mass mind as explained by President Dodds.

Man owes it to himself to think and act singularly for the good of all. Think it over.

Life is a series of surprises. We do not guess today the mood, the pleasure, the power of tomorrow, when we are building up our being.—Emerson.

A&M Relives Past, Overlooks Future

A PERSON enters college to progress. As the student progresses, the college also improves. Both depend on each other to such an extent it is impossible to say which side carries the most responsibility for improvement.

Today, due to the chaotic world situation, our country is calling for men who are able to look ahead, and plan for a better way of life. Colleges throughout the country are expected to supply these men.

A&M is falling down on the job. Many students refuse to look ahead to solve their problems. Instead of progressing, they wish to move backward.

This point has been accentuated during the latest disputes between the student body and administration. Many students believe the solution to these problems lies in going back to the "old days" of A&M with the "board" as the symbol of this period.

Leaders are never made from men who try to relive the past. A man who accepts responsibility is never satisfied with the present. He accepts the past only as a bridge to the future, and A&M has a large gap in its bridge.

Not all the responsibility for this fault rests with the students. An administration must be present to control the college. Each influences the other.

Activity Ducats Now Available In SA Office

Aggie Activity Appreciation Tickets are now being issued at the Office of Student Activities, according to Spike White, Director of Student Activities. These tickets are issued to certain students who participate in extra-curricular activities, as an award for their efforts and to serve as an incentive for other students.

Each eligible student will receive 16 of these tickets. A ticket and ten cents (federal tax and service charge) will gain admittance to Guion Hall. A student may qualify for only one set of tickets regardless of the number of activities he is engaged in.

Students who may get these tickets are Athletic "T" Card Holders of Major and Minor Sports, Band Seniors, Cadet Officers whose rank is Lt. Col. and above, Class Officers—Junior and Senior Classes, Commanders of Companies, Troops, Bands, Flights, and Batteries, Drum and Bugle Corps members, Editors of Student Publications.

Freshmen numeral winners for major sports (two semesters after award), Housemasters, Intramural Managers—Junior and Senior, Singing Cadet Officers, Student Life Members, Student Senate Members, Training Room Assistants and Yell Leaders. These students are urged to get these tickets as soon as possible.

Baylor Registrar To Head TACR

Truett K. Grant, registrar of Baylor University, was elected president of the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars as the group concluded a two-day workshop conference last weekend in the MSC.

President M. T. Harrington welcomed the registrars and guests to A&M Friday morning.

The Singing Cadets entertained the Registrars at an open house in the MSC Thursday. The cadets, directed by Bill Turner, sang "This Is My Country," "So Tired, So Poor," "There Is Nothing Like A Dame" and "Dry Bones."

Rogers Ag Group To Visit Campus

A group of 25 vocational agricultural students from Rogers High School, will visit here Nov. 15. They will be in charge of J. H. Merka, A&M graduate, vocational agriculture instructor at Rogers High School.

College facilities, including buildings, swine center, and the livestock area will be inspected by the group. They will eat at a mess hall at noon.

In the afternoon they will attend the A&M-Rice football game and will be in charge of official greeter P. L. Downs Jr. during their stay.

Spence Street Repairs Delayed by Weather

Completion of Spence St. repairs is awaiting suitable weather according to the Office of Physical Plants.

The first stages of the topping have been finished and completion of the street lacks only final asphalt.

Due to the nature of the materials used in the work, the asphalt can be done only in warm weather, it was explained.



The AGGIE-Nizer

Grievance Committee Needs Students' Backing to Succeed

By JOEL AUSTIN Battalion Co-Editor

A&M's minor crisis which now is soothed from revolt stage to peaceful bargaining is getting attention throughout the state. People are looking to the students with questioning expressions concerning the grievances which a few days ago could have transformed into a mass walkout of cadet officers and other seniors.

What averted this drastic action? What will keep it from happening in weeks, months, and years to come? One word is the answer—thinking.

A little thinking can go a long way, and it is apparently something A&M students

could stand a little more of. Rather than give everything up for lost, the cadet officers appointed a committee to collect their grievances—the issues which kindled the flames—and present them in an orderly manner to college authorities.

Former students continue to ask what is going on? They remember the 1947 revolt when hundreds of cadet officers protested the college administrative set up and turned in their cadet rank and wonder if it will happen again. The reasoning then, as we have heard recently, "What can college officials do if all the officers turn in their rank? ... what kind of corps will A&M have then?"

It's more than five years later now and

Aggie Players Ready For 'All My Sons'

"All My Sons", by Arthur Miller, will be the Aggie Players' first production of the year, C. K. Esten, director, announced. The tragedy will be given by the players November 18-19 at 8:15 p.m. in the Ballroom of the MSC.

The cast for the play includes Harry Gooding in the star role of the father, Joe Keller. Iris Bulard plays the supporting role of Kate Keller, the mother. Others in the cast are Jerry McFarland as Chris Keller, Virginia Lemmon as Ann Deever, and Bill Witty as George Deever.

Richard Black portrays Dr. Jim Bayliss, Joan Brown plays the part of Sue Bayliss, Roger Melton as Frank Luby, and Jeanne McMullen as Lydia Luby.

Tickets to the production may be bought from any member of the Aggie Players or from the ticket booth in the MSC. Admission is 50 cents.

Aggies Attend BSU Meet

"Christ Must Reign" was the theme of the 33 Texas Baptist Student Convention Oct. 31-Nov. 2, at the Gaston Avenue Baptist Church in Dallas.

Twenty-four Aggies accompanied Cliff Harris, the College Station BSU director, to the convention. There were 2,500 Baptist students from all the colleges and universities in Texas present.

Aggies who sang in the state BSU choir Friday afternoon were: Gene Harvey, Bill Nix, Tom Gallo-way and Earnest McColleen. Tommy Dunnigan, A&M's BSU president, was a chairman of Seminar Saturday morning. The entire A&M group were ushers at the Sunday morning service.

Outstanding speakers of the convention were Louis and Colleen (Townsend) Evans, San Francisco; Chester E. Swor, Jackson Miss.; E. H. Westmorland, Houston; Forrest C. Freezer, Waco and Charles A. Wells, New York, City.

Bank Execs to Study

Problems facing bank executives who process agricultural loans is the objective of the second annual Farm and Ranch Credit School for Commercial Bankers.

The school will be held in the Ballroom of the MSC Dec. 7-19. Enrollment is limited to 175 on a "first come, first served" basis.

A&M still has a cadet corps. The corps was still in existence after the revolt, although the Board of Directors came close to abolishing it—but not because there was a lack of cadet officers.

No one ever got anywhere by giving up. Instead of spending so much time griping about how bad conditions are, it appears more people could profit if that same effort could be stemmed in the direction of trying to improve the contested issues.

The grievance committee is the first and most sensible action taken by the officers and other sen-

Something May Give

Students must show the proper respect for members of the grievance committee and accept the committee's recommendations and compromises. Six thousand students cannot bargain with a few administrative officials and get anywhere.

When you hear the report of the grievance committee try and understand that members were appointed by Corps Commander Weldon Kruger because they expressed the most interest in the problems and they know the score. Whatever your action is, think. That is the greatest asset man can possess. Without the ability to think an individual ceases to be an individual and becomes a puppet whose mind and actions are ruled by others.

Either the students ease their feelings toward the officials, the officials let down on what they think is right and grant other requests, or reshuffle the administrative posts and start all over.

All three of these solutions are rather crude answers to our problem. The best and most effective way to arrive at a suitable answer to the issues at stake is for representative groups to peacefully sit down at the same table and compromise on all points.

Former Student Ponders Questions

A former student recently wrote us concerning the present corps situation. He was on the campus when the flare-up was the greatest a few weeks ago.

He says: "From the Batt since I returned home, it appears things have not settled down much as yet; the boys seem to be using their heads, mostly, but I regret their suggesting (the senior officers) that they will turn in their commissions and ranks if things do not turn out as they want them to."

"I cannot see how such a gesture can do anything but cause confusion for everyone concerned, be a

big blow to the school and set all those doing so back tremendously and finally accomplish nothing of lasting good.

"Down through the years I have been muchly concerned about the situation there, and it is a most difficult one to handle. So many good men who were popular with the students before they were charged with the job of handling discipline, have been removed shortly after they had to try and stop hazing and sacrificed for doing what was their duty."

"One looking at things far removed from the scene cannot be driven towards the conclusion that the demands are impossible to be met satisfactorily, and that hazing is at the bottom of it all."

"I really fear the consequences of another flare-up there and it might result in abolition of the corps, something I really would grieve to see."

His words like hundreds of others come to our ears. From members of the Board of Directors to mothers of students we are asked, "What will become of this situation at A&M? I don't like what I am hearing."

The answer rests with the students. Will they be able to "think freely with conscience clear" as Prof. Jackson of TSCW once said, or will they cloud their minds with selfish motives.

It's yours to answer—do it wisely.

Hughes Welcomes Electric Metermen

M. C. Hughes, head of the electrical engineering department, welcomed electric metermen attending the public utility short course here this week.

Nearly 170 registered Monday and more are expected to register before the meeting closes Friday, said Norman Rode, in charge of local arrangements.

A film "What Makes the Meter Run" was shown at a meeting of the entire group Monday.

There are three different courses being offered.

The Battalion

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

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