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Prof's Best Lectures Are Completed On Time

THE POPULARITY of a professor and the class he teaches is many times at stake when he fails to dismiss his class on time.

Classes are scheduled to begin every hour on the hour and last 50 minutes. What makes things difficult is that the same teacher who may let the students out late, is also the one who complains the most when students stagger in a few minutes after the hour.

Simple observance of the rule will help both prof and student.

Fortunately the number of offenders on this campus is small, but those few will never see this, since they probably are preparing now a 60-minute lecture.

Of course, we don't expect a professor to stop abruptly when the 10 minute period arrives. But when the high point of the lecture comes between 15 minutes of and the end of the hour, students burn.

If any topic is so important that it must be included in the current lecture, then a logical suggestion is to begin the discussion with it. Students probably retain much more of what is said at the beginning of the hour than in the closing seconds, when notes are put away, thoughts are aimed at making the next class on time, others are waking up. Profs should realize this.

A simple hint to the approaching D-hour

Impiety—your irreverence toward my deity.—Ambrose Bierce.

MSC Creates Better Relations

ONE OF THE campus' most used organizations, the Student Center, is operated by an administrative staff which seems to be progressing steadily each day in the right direction: That direction: Operating in the interest of a greater A&M College.

They are doing this by improving their understanding with their employes, thus having better trained personnel.

A recent move in this direction was the issuance of a 10 page mimeographed booklet which explains the Center and the job each person is expected to do in addition to his regular duties.

The booklet says:

"Your selection for a job in the Student Center is a selection for a job with the State of Texas, for the Student Center is a department of a state owned institution. You represent A&M College when you work at the Center. You are the Center, as far as the students and visitors are concerned. You can make or lose friends for the Center and for the school by your actions . . . it's a responsibility. Accept it."

If more departments on the campus stressed to its personnel to work in this same direction, a greater A&M would be much closer.

The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions
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(dismissal) is the usual preparation with lighting of cigarettes.

For both the students and prof's benefit, on-time-endings of classes will make for better learning.

Editorials Stimulate Individual Thought

EDITORIALS must often serve a greater purpose than explaining the stand of an editor. They must show where the editor is right with his ideas, and at the same time, ignite into the mind of his readers a desire to think.

Our editorials are written thusly a greater part of the time. We present to you, not only our thoughts, but what others think to have you uncover your own ideas on the subject.

H. W. Beecher explained ideas like this: "When young men are beginning life, the most important period, it is often said, is that in which their habits are formed. That is a very important period. But the period in which the ideas of the young are formed and adopted is more important still.

"For the ideal with which you go forth to measure things determines the nature, so far as you are concerned, of everything you meet."

To form correct ideals, individuals must think. Many times a tired brain, caused either by laziness or lack of individual thought exercise, will not function unless spurred by an external force. We try to be that force.

Christmas Seal Sale Needs You

THE 46TH ANNUAL Christmas Seal sale to fight tuberculosis opened Monday.

In mail boxes here in College Station and across the nation, the fight was started against the disease which kills more persons each year in this country than all other infectious and parasitic diseases combined. This fight is made possible by the sale of Christmas Seals.

College Station contributes \$1,000 annually from its Community Chest, yet there are many of us who fail to give to either group. The students are not expected to contribute as much as others, but each donation will help someone else.

Christmas Seals can be used on mail and gifts in making packages attractive. Money given to the fight against TB is health insurance for you, your family, your friends.

Help fight TB in 1952. Answer the Christmas seal greetings and assist in setting up a barrier against the disease.

Editors, The Battalion:

I am one of those several million voters who cast a ballot for the first time (in a presidential election, that is) on Nov. 4. There is no doubt in my mind as to whether or not I voted wrong as there seems to be in yours. You see, I voted for Stevenson!

I would like to point out several facts which very likely had not been called to your attention before now. In the first place you said that "Eisenhower got the nod, however, and they were faced with a man who had clean political record." Eisenhower could not possibly have anything but a clean political record, since he has no political record at all. That is, unless you consider his presidency at Columbia political, and the entire world recognizes that he was a failure at this.

Secondly, it is just possible that you do not realize that the very and only reason that the young people of today have heard nothing but corruption in government is the big business industries will ed it that way. They would let the newspaper and radio commentators say nothing else. They could do this because they control practically every major newspaper and radio commentator in the United States, yet we speak of a free press. I cite for example Henry J. Taylor, sponsored by General Motors on Monday night at 7 over ABC. If you wish to hear a very biased approach to the world news, try that one!

Lastly, I would like to point out to you that there are more dishonest bankers today than government workers. The president of the bank is not held responsible when an employee, who works right under his nose, embezzles funds; yet the Republicans have tried to make Mr. Truman responsible for every act of approximately two million government workers.

When history is written in later years, and people are able to look at the Truman Administration from the unbiased point of view concerning overall policy; I agree with the many commentators who are now saying that this administration will go down as the one in history which did more for the United States of America as a nation than any other.

Mrs. J. B. Goss
Beville, Texas

EDITOR'S NOTE: Eisenhower's clean political record was attributed to the fact he had not been engaged in politics before this election. His term at Columbia University could not be called a political venture, and he was there for such a short time no one could really say he was a failure. In our estimation he was tendered the job strictly as a means of giving the institution prestige, and did not actually get into the real tasks of president before being called to Europe.

Republicans and big business are usually regarded as one and the same, we believe you are wrong that big business controls all newspapers and keeps us from having a free press. Few papers would survive if they did not present the news in a fair, unbiased manner. They, do, however, reserve the editorial page for the paper's own views.

But to say we no longer have a free press because of big business control is a vast overstatement.

As for the dishonest bankers and dishonest government workers we can not say which is most excessive. The banker is not held responsible by the people for hiring a dishonest employee, but he

is not considered the leader of all people who bank there. President Truman is considered the leader of his party, the number one Democrat. If men he has appointed to office take part in corrupt activities, he and his party are blamed. And since when can we compare a public office with a private office, especially when most of the appointments to public jobs are through political ties.

You say when history is written in later years, you will agree with the commentators who feel the Truman Administration will go down as one of the greatest. Are you not picking out something one commentator has said that you like, while at the same time you scorn men like Taylor for being biased? Certainly we heard no commentators who sided with big business claiming that Truman would someday be known as a great man.

Writer Out of Job Seeks Work Here

Editors, The Battalion:

I'm an unemployed editorial writer and I would like to apply for a position on your paper. I've been reading a lot of your editorials and I think I can write the same kind of material that you do. Here's an example.

Ah, there's good news tonight. It looks as if we'll pull through the crisis. But, if you stop and think, you'll see that good always wins over bad and evil. And that's the way it should be. This old world would be a bad place to live in if things weren't that way. Heaven knows, things get pretty bad anyway.

But we must keep our moral up, our spirits high, and do the things that those who know best tell us to do. And who knows best? A personal word please.

Do you ever feel like doing something that's not in the book, the economy-sized, blue one? Well, we ask you, for your sake and the sake of others, don't do it. Thank you, thank you very much, and now back to our editorial please.

Here's a prediction. We predict that if any quizzes are given tomorrow some of the students will fail these quizzes. Why do things like this have to happen? There can be only one logical answer—the students are not well rounded.

They cling to their old attitude and mannerisms and are thereby held from progressing faster. Your editors humbly believe that we should be progressive and we shall try bravely to uphold our beliefs.

J. W. Davis '52

EDITOR'S NOTE: See "Editorials Stimulate Individual Thought." The Battalion is a student newspaper, by and for students. We welcome you and others who wish to join our staff. The Battalion's door is never closed.

Harrington Attends New Orleans Meet

President Harrington left Saturday for the meeting of the Southern Regional Education Board, held in New Orleans this week.

The three-day meeting, which began Sunday, is being held in the International House in New Orleans.

Harrington is expected to return today.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

College, Students Share In Errors

Who are they that would have all mankind look backward instead of forward, and regulate their conduct by things that have been done? Those who are the most ignorant as to all things that are doing.—Colton.

By FRANK N. MANITZAS
Battalion Co-Editor

IT WAS UNUSUAL to say the least, but the new professor would not be stopped. We tried to reason with him, but he would not stay.

"No sir. You can't keep me here," he said, holding both bags under his arms. We tried to explain that the corps was not as mad as he thought, and that they were only starting one of their annual traditions—the TU bonfire.

"No sir. You can't kid me. I know why they are building that bonfire." And with two shakes he was aboard the train and gone.

We did not have time to explain the reason for the traditional bonfire, but he had slipped a note in the palm of our hand before he left. This is part of what he said:

"... I often wonder who is at fault with the running of the Corps of Cadets at A&M. It seems a dual mistake, yet neither side seems to have any intention of admitting its error. I speak of both the administration and the students.

Administration's Fault—Lack of Clarity

"The administration must be blamed for not having in print what they mean by hazing—physical or mental. How do they expect underclassmen to know when they are being hazed, and consequently, upperclassmen who are hazing? Of course, one always knows when he is being hazed physically.

"However, there is not any form of punishment in the college regulations being used correctly. Even one of the cadet officers at a class meeting recently said the seniors were responsible for the laxity of discipline through failure to use the methods provided.

"Everyone will admit they don't want A&M to be similar to West Point in military standards or techniques, but surely, no A&M cadet should be treated as a child when discipline is being enforced. The military academy has in a 28-page booklet what the upperclassmen expect of the underclassman. This is adhered to by the students

and the institution, for everyone knows where they stand.

"Concerning bracing, the manual says:

"The position of attention known as bracing is corrective, not punitive, in nature. Upperclassmen will see that it is in accordance with current instructions issued by the director of physical education. Upperclassmen will touch a fourth classman (freshman) only with the specific permission of the fourth classmen concerned. Fourth classmen will never be braced individually in public."

"A&M has no such rule. How does it expect its cadet officers or underclassmen to know what is meant by a brace or hazing when no one has bothered to tell them? They have told them, of course, that it is illegal and that it no longer exists at A&M. That's told to you before you attend A&M."

We turned to the second page of the letter.

First Conversation Misunderstood

"It's a shame our conversation was misunderstood by so many persons. Many thought I was complaining about the speaking being poor.

"It wasn't that. I was concerned, with the inability of men to do what they say, follow and issue orders. But most important, they lack the adaptability to a changing way of life, to a changing military service which for its very existence must adapt itself rapidly to new situations.

"Respect will not be gained for the seniors, nor will better discipline be found at A&M using physical exercise as punishment, or

having an open freshman area, or no senior companies, or allowing non-reg privileges for seniors after 5 p. m. and Sunday, or midnight yell practice off the campus.

"It is immature of students to think they should be respected because of two or three years seniority in college.

"Respect will be shown to those who prove themselves worthy. They will be those individuals who are men of integrity, on whom one can thoroughly depend. They will be the friends, faithful and true; the advisers, honest and fearless; the adversary, just and chivalrous. These men will be respected.

"Why the students and the administration cannot work together in formulating differences between tradition, custom, duties and standards, is beyond my comprehension. "I only wish that I could stay around and get part of my bus fare to another college. But that bonfire. See you at the University of Vienna . . ."

Award Scholarships Explained to Kiwanis

Opportunity Award Scholarships were explained to the Kiwanis Club yesterday by E. E. McQuillen, director of the development fund.

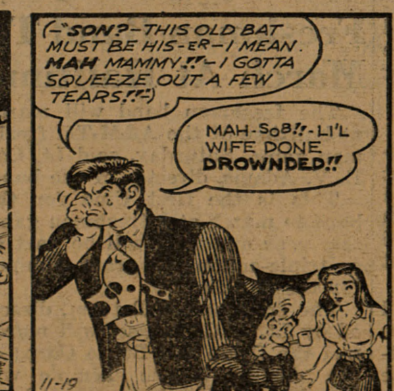
Next week's Kiwanis program will be a Thanksgiving message by the Rev. Clyde S. Sherman, pastor of Central Christian Church, Waco.

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By Walt Kelly

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By Al Capp