

Study Asked to Aid Texas' Higher Education

Gov. Allan Shiver's 16-man committee which made a preliminary study toward the better coordination of Texas' program of higher education has proposed that a comprehensive survey be made to bring about a system of higher education of the highest order.

The committee admits:

● At the present time "possible duplication of academic programs and overlapping functions may cause unnecessary expense to citizens of the state."

● More effective and economical plans must be made because of the probable upward surge of enrollment—"an increase by at least one-third within the next eight years."

● No adequate facility exists for re-examining the role and scope of public agencies of higher education.

The comprehensive study of colleges would be made in hopes to bring Texas' facilities for higher education "second to none in the nation in terms of quality, efficiency, adequate financial support, and responsiveness to general and regional needs and to the will of the citizens."

"The will of the citizens" is a helpful clause for it will allow a continuating duplication already present in Texas' public school system. This duplication will be found, in greater part, with the segregation element of schools between Negroes and whites.

The unnecessary expense it has caused the state, and the money which will continue to go into such projects, will hurt the education pocket of the Texas citizens.

Put an investigation of colleges and universities, as suggested by the committee, to help iron out academic and facility problems will be a boon to Texas' standing in education.

The committee also reported that the comprehensive study of institutions of higher learning is imperative due to the inevitable increase in college enrollments resulting from higher birth rates, increased number of high school graduates going to college, increased number of vocational opportunities

for college graduates and increased number of vocations which call for additional college work.

By 1968, freshman enrollment in all colleges will be doubled, the committee said. The upward surge is supposed to begin in 1955. It requests that objective study be made to point out what should be done in the expansion of curricular offerings and physical facilities.

The committee has presented an act to the Legislature which would call for the forming of a 41 man committee to determine the nature and extent of a board or permanent committee which may be set up.

This permanent board would (1) approve or disapprove new areas of specialization in the colleges and universities, (2) determine the raising of the level of offerings of an institution, (3) approve additional institutions.

The 41 man committee would include (a) the 16 presidents of state-supported senior colleges and universities, (b) nine members from each existing college governing board, (c) 10 outstanding citizens, not officially connected with any college or university, and appointed by the governor, (d) four members of the Legislature, two from the Senate, two from the House, who will be selected by the presiding officers of each house, (e) the Commissioner of Education, (f) a member of the State Board of Education, appointed by the governor.

This commission should employ, the committee said, a staff of professional personnel to conduct this survey for the commission and under its supervision. The report of the commission should be submitted to members of the next Legislature not later than Nov. 1, 1954.

We hope that the survey and study made by such a commission, if and when established, would not be disregarded. If handled in the manner outlined by the committee, with the distinct purpose in mind increasing the quality of Texas' college and university graduates, the study could help make Texas a state of education, "second to none in quality . . . a system of higher education of the highest order."

Awards Presented At S&S Club Meet

A speech by a top Texas livestock breeder and presentation of awards highlighted March 31 the meeting of the Saddle and Sirolo Club in the lecture room of the A&I building.

Julie Adams, Poland China breeder from Tulsa, discussed the problems of the breeder. His talk was followed by the presentation of the best showman award of the little Southwestern to Jack E. Herzik, freshman from Schulenberg.

Jack Willingham, senior from Hamlin, received a pair of spurs in token of his presidency of the club for the past year.

Ralph Thomas and J. M. Batts were awarded knife and fork sets for their first and second-place hams in the exhibit.

R. O. Rutledge, president of the club, said that the Saddle and Sirolo group grossed \$1,000 on 60 hams exhibited at the show sponsored each year by the club.

MSC Dance Group To Sponsor Show

Starting Monday, April 13, the MSC Dance Committee will sponsor a square dance program to be broadcast on WTAO every Monday for the next six weeks, said Oscar Garcia, chairman of the committee. The committee is sponsoring the dances free of charge to all students and everyone in the College Station community, he said.

"The dances will be held in the Assembly room of the MSC every Monday evening from 5 until 5:45 p. m. Everyone is invited Garcia said.

Manning Smith, well-known local dance teacher, will be in charge of the program.

The Battalion

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

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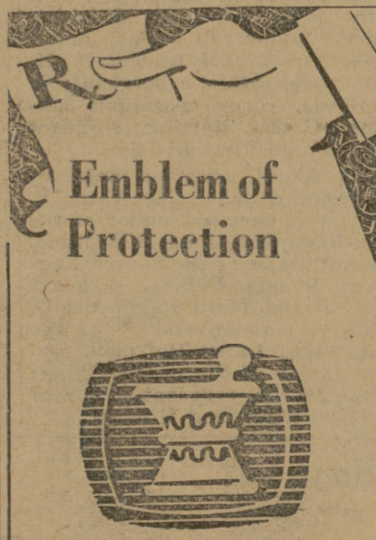
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Student Hits Dismissal Act

Editors, The Battalion:

Some believe that it is better to "take arms against a sea of trouble and by opposing end them." This letter is a tribute to the men who so believe.

Texas A&M has reached its darkest day. Freshmen have been forced to waste a year of their school life in guarded seclusion. Freshmen, sophomores, and even sometimes juniors have been subjected to the bitter humiliation of removing their trousers time after time, at all hours of the day and night to suit the pleasures of any employe of the Commandant's Office. What thrill some of these men get out of staring at the private parts of other men, I do not know. However, they seem to go about their work with a wierd glee. Seniors have been broken and disgraced because they dared to do as they saw fit with the food they had bought.

To my mind rock bottom has been reached. Marvin Seth, a senior due to be graduated in May, was one of the finest gentlemen I have ever known. He was a strong man—spiritually and morally. He had strength of character, and more important, he built strong character in the men with whom he associated. But unfortunately for Mr. Seth, he also had the qualities of courage and honor, and was made company commander of the ASA. As you know, it is very undesirable from the point of view of the administration to have any man in the corps with guts enough to stand up for his ideals. To have such a man as a C. O. is an oversight in the highest degree.

As it must eventually happen to all real leaders of men, Seth had to choose between self-interests and the interest of those whom he led. Having the sense of responsibility that he had for his men, Marvin Seth sacrificed himself.

EDITORS' NOTE: In the opera "Madame Butterfly" a certain captain finds that an inscription on a Samurai blade runs true. The inscription reads: "To die with honour when one can no longer live with honour."

The captain mentioned in the letter above seems to have chosen the same course, although not quite so drastic. Because he had broken his honor to his college and to his superiors in using an instrument for "hazing," this captain bowed out to save what honor may have been left. Perhaps gallantly and gloriously, still, he is out.

However, we will not defend the actions of the administration in using expulsion as a method for ridding the Corps of Cadets of the board. We do not feel this is the way.

If the mentioned captain was trying to help the person whose body he abused, and in doing so, he himself was expelled, one can only comment thou will reap as thou will sow.

Being spiritually and morally (See LETTERS, Page 5)

He is not the first man at A&M to throw himself to the wolves to save a fellow Aggie. I hope with all my heart that he will not be the last. I salute Marvin Seth for his actions, the likes of which are so scarce on the campus these days. This letter is not written to glorify one man, but to magnify the spirit which he showed. Call it old army, if you will. Marvin Seth has been crucified. He has been dismissed from A&M College in disgrace. Perhaps for his fine character, his life has been ruined. I am not proud to be an officer in any Corps of Cadets run by men so small as to rigorously prosecute such virtues. Franklin Delano Roosevelt once said, "The American people are not keen on their feet than their hearts." Our Nation and of Texas were of that spirit. I am not proud to be an officer in any Corps of Cadets run by men so small as to rigorously prosecute such virtues. Franklin Delano Roosevelt once said, "The

Four Centuries of Tradition

Mexico University Waging Losing Battle With Gal

From The Syracuse Daily Orange

College, the marriage lair for the huntress, has proved a rather futile venture in that field for four centuries in the National university south of the border.

This national school for teachers in Mexico City was founded in 1553 and for four centuries senioritas have been barred from its halls. Progress in this delightfully socializing direction has been nil and the latest attempt to unite this estrangement has failed also.

A petition for coeducation in the nation's normal school was hastily rejected last week when the education minister made an unscheduled inspection trip of the men's university.

Improvements First

The statement pushed forth from the crannied walls if tradition was that "some consideration would be given to coeducation when certain improvements had been made." These ran as follows:

● "A measure of discipline must be restored to the school." Now, this seems fair enough. The advantages of a regimented system are easily seen in our more progressive eastern schools.

● "The school must no longer be dirty and the building must be so arranged that men and women could be together in it." Now just what this "arrangement" is we are not quite sure. One can see the disadvantages of dust but does the other modification involve more or less walls?

● "The problem of lodging and feeding the 1,200 male students already in the school must be solved." How nice. With the men safely fed one is then willing to risk bringing on the girls . . . this is safety?

Coeducation—A Barbarity

One gets a better perspective of this split situation if the nation-wide view is added. Leaders of a religious lay organization have been leading the fight to abolish ALL coeducation including grade school in addition to the curbing of the mature

machinations which are inevitable level.

"Coeducation is a barbarity," towns say and a former minister of Mexico has tossed off "absurd and pair of well-turned adjectives on a

ject. If these fellows are merely the MANKIND's maturation by skin element of the chase out of his environment, there might be reason to hope. Unfortunately, the man found submission on gratifying a bit of the chase himself.

Battle Lost In Mex

All in all, it's a losing battle. Just a week ago 15 of her 29 state constitutional amendment which grants franchise. This is a mortal blow, male lovers of male academic conceals blankness.

Before the true-blue Aggie found dome in pride we might re was only 33 years ago that they were their placards and joined the poll line 120 years since our first coeducation ed.

However, there is also an educational construction involved here that to have lost sight of in the fuss and education. Just why is the normal in such terrible condition? It is old, so a report says, and cost \$2. It is almost falling apart.

Perhaps one of these unwedged into the building field and is taking state of mind on the educational beloved nation. At any rate, with now it may really pay to keep them ed electorate can be embarrassing. Ask any politico.

Dr. Arnold to Speak At Grad Lectures

Dr. William A. Arnold of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, will be the speaker for the graduate lecture series April 30, said W. C. Hall of the plant physiology and pathology department.

The lectures are sponsored by the Graduate School and are open to the public. Topics of general interest to graduate students and faculty members are discussed.

Arnold's topic will be "Problems in Photosynthesis." The lecture will be held in the biology lecture room at 8 p. m.

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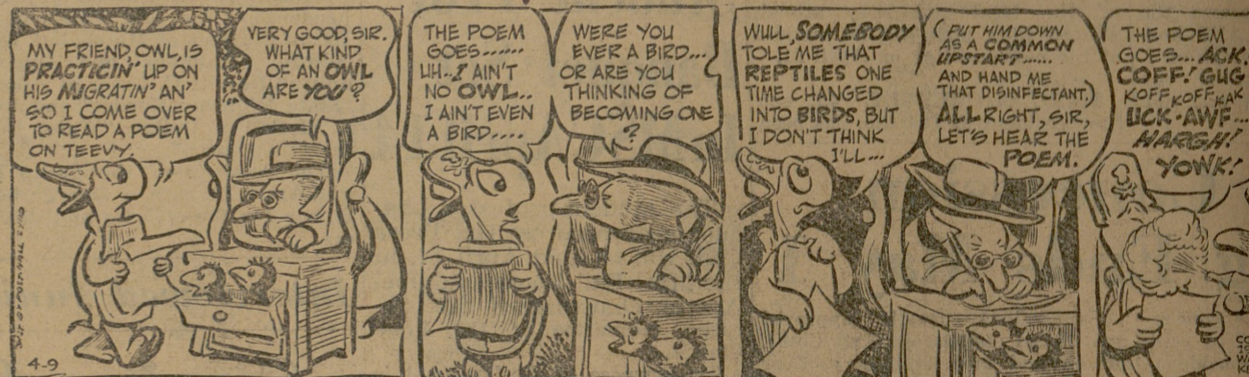
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