

Specific Skills Not Necessary; Liberal Arts Training A Must

ACCORDING to a challenging editorial in a recent issue of Fortune entitled "Should a Businessman Be Educated?" business and industry place a high premium on technical training for the beginner and then bemoan his lack of broad education when they are looking for executive material.

Educators make a definite distinction between "education" and "training." Positive as is the distinction, the terms themselves are relative.

For instance, say the educators, a plumber and a carpenter, a machinist and a machinic, are trained; an architect and an engineer are educated. An architect or an engineer, however, if all he knows is architecture and engineering, is only trained in comparison to one of his own profession whose sweep of knowledge and comprehension is considerably wider.

The voices raised in support of the need for "the educated man" are impressive indeed. Fortune quotes Irving Olds, retired board chairman of United States Steel:

"The most difficult problems American enterprise faces today are neither scientific nor technical but lie chiefly in the realm of what is embraced in a liberal arts education."

And Sidney Swensrud, president of Gulf Oil Corporation:

"The men who come into management

must understand the whole sweep of modern political, economic and social life."

Du Point's president, Crawford H. Greenwalt, has just told the Chicago Executives' Club:

"Today, specific skill in any given field becomes less and less important as the executive advances through successive levels of responsibility."

And, not long ago, Louis B. Lundborg, vice president of the Bank of America, said before the Portland (Ore.) Chamber of Commerce. "I'm talking about the creative, productive group of people out of whom business must find its future executive... talent... We are talking about an educated man... Some one must provide for the roundedness and the wholeness of a liberal education."

What does all this mean? That technically trained men soon must limit their job expectations to plant manager, chief engineer, or comptroller, and that the presidencies will be filled from those who have majored in history or literature? Hardly. Both the technical and "liberal" are needed.

It likely means that business and industry, like many of the professions, will put a premium on technical plus liberal education, and that fewer who graduate in "the arts" will be wondering what they're good for.

—The Christian Science Monitor.

NEWS BRIEFS

CCTA Elects Brooks Prexy

NEW OFFICERS were elected by A&M's chapter of the College Classroom Teachers Association at their last meeting.

The new men who will govern the organization for next year are M. S. Brooks, president; C. W. Landis, vice-president; and A. Morgner, secretary-treasurer.

NEW OFFICERS will be elected for the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers at their annual barbeque.

The outing will be held at 5 p. m. today at the Bryan Country Club Park.

"Very important business will be discussed and all members are urged to attend" stated Danny Howell, the clubs president.

THE REMODELED Church of Christ opened Sunday morning with a new seating capacity of 400. The \$52,000 addition includes a large vestry, two restrooms and a stairway to the balcony. Repairs also were made in the foundation, said James F. Fowler, minister of the church.

A DIPLOMA for completing the Squadron Officer Correspondence Course was recently issued to Capt. J. D. Muelheisen, USAFR, by the Air Force Extension Course

Institute located at Gunter Air Force Base, Ala.

Capt. Muelheisen is attached to the Air Science and Tactics department at A&M.

SIX BOY SCOUTS from this area attended the tenth Eagle Scout recognition ceremony Sunday at Camp Strake.

The scouts were Albert Stevens, Tom Barlow, Robert D. Cleland, Don Burchard, Bob Barlow, and John Henry Pelt.

The ceremony started the camp open house. Neckerchiefs with the Eagle Scout emblem were presented to all attending.

THE FRENCH SHORT Course to prepare graduate students for the reading knowledge examination will be privately offered during the first few weeks of the summer session. Approximately twenty hours of instruction will be available, including individual criticism in specific fields. Other graduate students interested may still enroll by contacting Dr. Edward Stack, 101 Academic Building.

THE SOCIOLOGY CLUB elected recently its officers for the 1953-54 school year. They are Bill Young, president;

Bob Stevenson, vice-president; Howard Childers, secretary-treasurer; and Hugh Randle, Agriculture Council representative.

LEONARD STASNEY, junior agriculture major from Temple, was elected president of the Agronomy Society Tuesday.

Other officers elected are Jack Murphy, vice-president; Leon Howard, secretary; Tom Criswell, treasurer; Bill Gregory, reporter; Jay Youngs, parliamentarian; Andy Cuellar, representative to the Agriculture Council; Kert Goode, social secretary; and Dr. Henry Foth, faculty advisor.

WILLIAM W. YOUNG was elected president of the Pre-Law Society Tuesday.

Other officers elected were Richard Ewing, vice-president; Alan E. Soefje, secretary-treasurer; Marvin Katz, social secretary; Kit Cotnoir, reporter; and Chuck Newman, junior representative to the Arts and Sciences Council.

THE AGRONOMY SOCIETY'S annual barbeque and outing will be held May 14 in Hensel Park. An attendance contest is being conducted by the society, with the losing side having to arrange the outing.

FRANK ROGERS, junior geology major from Lolita, has been elected president of the Geology Club for the 1953-54 school year.

Other members elected by the club were Marvin Ford, vice-president; William Dark, program chairman; and Glenn Spect, secretary-treasurer. Travis J. Parker, geology department, will be the new faculty sponsor.

THE COLLEGE STATION Educational Commission will meet at 7 tonight in the A&M Consolidated School cafeteria to hear Dr. Wallace Strevel of the University of Houston speak on "What a Community Can Expect from Public Education." Election of officers is also on the program. A supper will precede the talk.

A EIGHT POUND SEVEN OUNCE boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gene Foster at 4:35 p. m. Friday. Don Jr. and mother are doing fine.

AN INFORMAL RECEPTION was given Wednesday night in the MSC social room by Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Miller for animal husbandry graduating seniors, professors and their wives. Coffee and cake were served and dominoes were played by those attending.

THE COLLEGE WATER well was completed with a test giving 568 gallons per minute at a 200 foot pumping level.

"This is less than we expected but none the less is a good well," said B. L. Brison. The rig is to be moved off the location and stacked until further orders are received, he said.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

'Senior Court Not At

Editors, The Battalion:

The Battalion editors ran an editorial in last Thursday's paper exclaiming: "Senior Perpetrates Kangaroo Action on Juniors."

To my opinion, this article was the climax to previous similar ones which force the Batt's over-critical, damaging and possibly un-Aggie policy on the students.

I say force, because the students help pay for this paper and like to feel that it belongs to them, and that it is something to be proud of. There is much more to it even than the money spent. With the power that paper wields, I am sure that every Aggie would like the Batt to be, always, a strong, positive influence toward bettering and strengthening Aggie Student Life.

This editorial took the stand to claim injustice. Since the editors are free to express their own ideas in this column, there is nothing wrong about this. But then the editors lambast and defile the Senior Court, claiming that it had "broken a regulation" in deciding the case.

The Senior Court acted in its designated authority throughout the case. From the Senior Court Manual, each court member takes an oath that "... if any doubt should arise, not explained by said Articles — of the Cadet Corps — then — you shall judge — according to your conscience, the best of your

understanding and the Customs of the Cadets corps in like cases..."

The Batt is right that no specific statement appears in the Articles concerning the charge. There is not long enumeration of each specific custom under Article 35. This is through no failing of the Senior Court. This case was decided with the above quoted excerpt as the authority.

Now, arguing the technical points of this case leads nowhere except to loud words and red faces. And that argument has already taken place.

Both sides to the question have foundations that are too vague. And that vagueness is the trouble. The Senior Court is not at fault, it merely follows the bylaws set before it and does a good job of that. I sincerely doubt if anyone else — including the editors — could administer the Court any better.

The trouble lies in that the "Customs of the Cadet Corps" are not concrete enough.

But why did not the Batt place their blame on the right party? And the right party in this case is the student body, which sets the customs. And why did the Batt jump on the Senior Court?

Not since the editors did not understand the situation because they told me the trouble during our conversation. Why then does the Batt sometimes run off on damaging tangents in their editorial policy?

I do not know why but wish the editors would try breeding unity, cooperation, and understanding — possibly through constructive criticism.

I believe the Batt owes the Senior Court a courteous apology for digging its spurs in the wrong place.

Lyle Wolfskill '53

Senate Holds Banquet In MSC Tonight

The Student Senate will hold its annual banquet at 6:30 p. m. today in the MSC, said Bennie Zinn, assistant Dean of Men.

All the members of this year's Senate and Election Commission are invited. Honored guests invited are Dr. M. T. Harrington, president, Dr. D. H. Morgan, Dean of the college.

Pete Hardesty and Spike White, Student Activities; J. B. Hervey, Former Student Association; Joe Sorrels, Student Life Committee; Mrs. Marie Francklow, secretary to the assistant Dean of Men; and Trond Krokan, foreign student sponsored by the Senate.

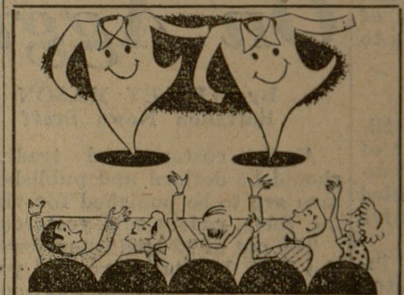
Presentation of Student Senate and Election Commission keys will be made during the program.

Betancourt Injured In Auto Accident

Frank Betancourt, senior Business major from San Benito, suffered a broken leg when the car he was driving hit a telephone pole and turned over on the old Houston highway.

Betancourt was driving back from the clay pits with William Todd and Don Bull at 11:55 p. m. Saturday when the accident occurred. Bull and Todd were not seriously injured, however. Bull suffered a minor cut on his leg, said Glen White, friend of the three men.

Editor's Note: Although the Senior Court may have acted within its rights, The Battalion questions that authority. It would seem that under a democracy, even the Aggie version, a man should be



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