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## Penberthy Bends Rules Into Badly Warped Justice

W. L. Penberthy, dean of men, has set a precedent which not only can be but is highly dangerous.

He suspended three students for confessed thefts amounting to about \$2,500. The Battalion learned that this was the punishment recommended by Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant.

Davis too might be blamed for such action, but the burden of responsibility rests on Penberthy's shoulders.

The articles of the cadet corps, incorporated in the college regulations, specifically state, under article 44 of the Discipline code on pages 16 and 19 of this year's book, twenty-seventh edition:

"The following offenses are punishable by dismissal unless strong mitigating circumstances warrants a less severe penalty. (Dismissal means permanent separation from the College.)

"(a) Misbehavior punishable under the State of Texas Criminal Code."

Then again in item "f" under the same general heading:

"(f) Theft or Forgery."

We asked Penberthy what the "strong mitigating circumstance" was?

His only answer was that the students said, "We think we got what was coming to us."

Is this a strong mitigating circumstance when a man is caught with the stolen property in his room, confesses to the crime, then says he got what was coming to him when he gets off so lightly?

To us, this merely is a go-ahead signal to any student who wanted to take something which he wants. This means throw away the rules and regulations of the college, and let Penberthy hand down the justice as he sees fit.

Let's face it. That's exactly what he did in this case.

Penberthy told The Battalion recently that if he had only the first page (general requirements) of the blue book to go by, "My job would be a lot easier."

No doubt his job would be easier.

But cover-all rules in the hands of some men are bent and twisted until there finally are no rules at all. This appears to us to be exactly the system which exists today.

And why can it exist? Perhaps it is because the student body and administration just don't care. It takes something shocking to awake some people. How much more shocking can our system of justice be?

One administrative official recently said the college regulations are a "guide."

What kind of guide is it, we are asking, which will allow men who have stepped out of bounds so far to get away with a crime comparable to "the outside" to a felony—grand larceny?

This is the kind of guide it is:

It is a guide which has been bent, twisted, warped, tangled, loosely interpreted when desired, strictly interpreted when desired, until it no longer is the rules and regulations, but a 78 page booklet with a blue cover not worth even the paper it is printed on.

### First RE Talk

## Evan's Says Man Must Have Religion

"A man can be a man without knowledge, but no man can be a whole man and not know God" was the main point emphasized by Dr. Louis H. Evans yesterday in his first Religious Emphasis week message.

Speaking to an audience which packed Guion hall, he said "I thank God for scientific developments, but we are doomed when those developments are divorced from God."

Dr. Louis Evans, RE week principal speaker, will talk on "What Do You Mean—Christian?" at 10 a. m. Wednesday in Guion hall. Classes will be excused at that hour so all students can attend the talk.

"Today we have a collegiate mind in science, and a third grade mind in religion. True education involves the development of all three normal faculties of man—body, mind and soul," he went on.

Dr. Evans then pointed out that many of the leading men in our country are beginning to realize that the soul needs to catch up with the mind. "All areas of research and vocation are turning to the spiritual," he said.

"Leaders in the field of medicine now realize that the body and soul are so close together that they catch each other's diseases. 'In fact,' he said "80 per cent of all physical diseases have their origin from matters other than physical—worry, fear, or frustration."

"Scientists believe that we can't afford to have strong machines without strong motivations to guide those machines. Science without religion gives us a lot of smart devils," he said.

"In the field of law, the consensus is that man must feel the guilt more than the punishment before our system of laws will become effective." "Unless we do this," he said, "we shall be spending another generation making laws for old sinners to cheat by."

It was in the home, that Dr. Evans believed the whole man was most needed. "Although in former years a divorce was rare, it is a tragic fact of today that one out of

every three marriages ends in divorce," he said.

"The home should be a triangle with three equal sides—the husband, the wife, and God as the base to hold it together."

In conclusion Dr. Evans said "No man is a whole man when he has merely an AB degree—these are but the first two letters of the alphabet. Let him add to these the C of Christ, D of duty, F of faith and the G of God. The university of today must educate men who will add soul to science, spiritual intention to scientific invention, God to gold, Christ to commerce, mercy to might, pity to power, and love to limbs of steel."

After Rev. Everett Seale led the song service Ide Trotter Jr., corps chaplain, gave the prayer for the morning. Roger Q. Landers, senior range and forestry major from Menard, presided during the service.

## New Library Room Nears Completion

The new curriculum library, housed in the required reading room of the Cushing Memorial Library, is almost completed, said Robert A. Houze, college librarian.

The library was started by Dr. Grady P. Parker of the education and psychology department in 1949. The object of the library is to acquire copies of all text books used in public schools in Texas, Houze said. The books will be available to faculty members, students, and the surrounding school areas.

## Lowrey to Visit Vocational Clubs

Mark Lowrey, teacher trainer with the Engineering Extension service, will help the Pasadena Vocational Industrial club prepare for the state meet in April at Austin.

Lowrey will go to Pasadena Feb. 27 to judge contests in the use of machine tools, auto mechanics, electric and building trades and technical information about industrial occupations.

## What's Cooking

TUESDAY

7:15 p. m.—Student American Chemical Society, Chemistry building. Dr. Isbell will speak.

7:30 p. m.—Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, room 208, Engineering building. Film to be shown.

Business Society meeting, room 2A and 2B, MSC. Program: Mr. C. M. Reed, district manager, Houston division, Continental Oil Corp., will speak on "Marketing in the oil in-

dustry". Refreshments will be served.

A&M student chapter, American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers, room 203, Mechanical Engineering building. Anyone interested in becoming affiliated with this group are requested to attend.

WEDNESDAY

6 p. m.—Old Squadron 7 (1950-51) meeting, main entrance, MSC. To take picture.



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## Job Interviews

Feb. 17-18—Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Goodyear Atomic Corporation and Goodyear Aircraft Corporation will interview aeronautical, chemical, mechanical, electrical, industrial and civil engineering, chemistry and physics majors at all degree levels. They have openings in such fields as plant engineering, product development, machine design, research, technical sales, stress and weight analysis, etc.

Feb. 18-19—The Dow Chemical Company will interview chemical, mechanical, civil and electrical engineers, chemists, physicists, physical chemists and oceanographers. They have opening in research, organic and inorganic production, design, control, and in a few of their staff groups.

Feb. 18-19—Boeing Airplane Company will recruit graduating students with bachelor's degrees or higher in aeronautical, electrical, civil and mechanical engineering as well as those with advanced degrees in mathematics and physics. Jobs will be in design, research and production.

Feb. 18—The International Paper Company will recruit mechanical, chemical, electrical, civil and industrial engineers. Openings are in their mill operating departments, maintenance and design, utilities operation, pulp and paper production, quality and process control.

CAPT. EDWARD HALL, '48, is a pilot with a jet fighter bomber squadron at Atsugi, Japan. Hall's parents live in Beaumont, and his wife lives in Liberty.

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## March 8 Is Deadline For Test Applicants

Students who plan to take the Selective Service qualification test April 22 must apply before March 8, Selective Service national headquarters announced Monday.

An application and a bulletin of information can be obtained at any local draft board, the headquarters said. Special envelopes are provided for mailing the applications.

Results of the test will be reported to the student's local board for use in considering his deferment as a student, the headquarters said.

The tests are administered and prepared by the Educational Testing service.

Although night traffic is less than day traffic, three out of five fatal accidents occur at night.

## News Briefs

W. MARCUS WEATHERED, past grand master of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Texas will be the principal speaker for the George Washington dinner to be held at 7:30 p. m. Friday in Sbisza dining hall for Masons only.

LT. COL. ANDREW CHEEK of Bend has been assigned Armored Officer of the training section at Third Army headquarters, Ft. McPherson, Ga. Cheek, graduated from A&M in 1938, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cheek of Bend.

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COMBAT BALL committee chairmen will decide Tuesday if non-combat seniors will be allowed to attend the Combat ball March 5. It was suggested previously that only non-combat seniors contributing to the dance fund be allowed to attend.

## The Battalion

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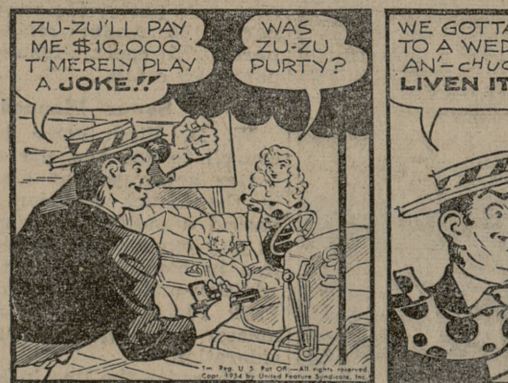
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