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That Time Of Year

This time of the year—examination week—always underscores a situation that exists all the time at A&M.

Ask any student here what his grade point ratio is, and he can tell you exactly, correct to three decimal places.

But ask this same student what he is learning here, and he is somewhat baffled and at a loss for an answer.

He's not sure what he's learning; his main idea is to "make a grade."

There's too much emphasis placed on grades at A&M, and not enough on actual learning and thinking.

Both the faculty and the students share the blame for this. To ease the situation, both groups will have to come half way.

The faculty will have to move their half first; they will have to inspire in their students the desire to learn for the sake of learning, instead of for the sake of a grade. This is, after all, the time-hallowed principal function of a teacher.

When the teachers do this, they will find that their students for the most part really want to learn, and are more than willing to do their half.

Of course, there must be some method of indicating how well a student is doing in his school work. The parents expect it, the students should know, and the teacher should keep an eye on the progress.

But a grade should be just that—an indication—rather than a goal to be attained for its own sake.

'The Hospital Problem'

In any student discussion of the college hospital, there will be many stories of malfunctions on the part of the hospital and its staff. Some of these are well-founded; many are exaggerations; many are based on lack of knowledge of hospital procedures.

Yet the fact remains that there must be something wrong there—the students don't trust their hospital.

They won't go to it when they feel bad, preferring to stay in their rooms and try to sleep it off, or go to a Bryan doctor.

The complaints that the students have about the hospital are not the same kind as the continual complaints about the mess halls. In the case of the hospital, the students don't complain just to be complaining. They actually believe that it is as bad as they say it is.

And if the students believe it is bad, then for all practical purposes it is. A hospital that is not trusted is almost as bad as no hospital.

So something has to be done about the hospital—if there is something wrong with it, it should be fixed; if there is nothing

wrong, the atmosphere of distrust should be cleared away. It can serve no useful purpose until this is done.

This matter of the hospital is not a problem for laymen—only medical men know what to do. A committee of doctors has made a study of the college hospital, and their report is now in the hands of the president.

Perhaps it is the answer to the "problem of the hospital."

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College Station got good and scared last October, when what looked like a polio epidemic broke out in the A&M Consolidated school.

Polio vaccine, given by trained doctors and nurses, stifled the outbreak before it had a chance to get serious. But it could have been serious, had it not been for the vaccine.

The March of Dimes paid for that vaccine. There is no better reason for contributing to the current March of Dimes campaign.

Cadet Slouch . . . by James Earle



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By News Wire

Newscasters Have Pronouncing Aid

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Many times radio and television newscasters are asked, "How can all newsmen know the correct pronunciation of difficult names and places in the news; and why, no matter what station to which you are tuned one hears the words pronounced the same?"

This is not a difficult question to answer. Newscasters have their own ready made pronunciation guide—supplied by their news source. In the case of The Battalion and WTAW the pronunciation guide is their news wire, the Associated Press.

The AP, with main offices in New York, has no difficulty in finding out how to say it right. If the staff hired for this purpose doesn't know the word, there's always the United Nations staff.

The pronunciation is sent over the teletype following the difficult word. An example:
 THE MEN WERE BOUND FOR KWAJALEIN (KWAH-JAH-LAYN) FROM JOHNSTON ISLAND WHEN THEIR PLANE WAS FORCED DOWN.

As you see, the word is spelled as it would be pronounced. Another example is the word pronunciation, spelled phonetically, (PRO-NUN-CI-A-TION).

Teddy Roosevelt made an attempt at getting all English words spelled like they are pronounced. Do you recognize "President Izenhower?" Roosevelt did succeed in getting a number of them accepted. The word night is acceptably spelled nite.

From the AP we've selected the names most in the news at this time. In connection with their recent news stories you'll find their pronunciation.

At flood stage the past weekend was the river Seine (SEHN) which flows through Paris, France. French Premier Mendes-France

(MEN-DES FRANCE) or (MEN-DESS FRONCE) is drinking milk rather than famous French wine.

The big news is coming from the Far East. Big battles are shaping up, or are going on, in the Tachen (DAH-JEN) islands. Recently the Chinese Communist captured the island of Yikianshan (EE-KYONG-SHAHN). Yikianshan is also known as Yi Kiang (EE-KYONG). The "shan" is a Chinese suffix meaning island. In case you're interested, you won't find these islands marked on a good world atlas; however, they are just off the Chinese coastal city of Changchen (CHANG-E-SHEN).

Off the coast of Formosa, of vital importance to the defense of Formosa, are the Pescadores (PESS-KAN-DOH-RESS).

From the Chinese Communist radio station in the capital city of Peiping (BAY-PING) came word of the US Fliers. Peiping is not (PEEKING) or (PIPE-ING).

The premier of Communist China is Chou En-Lai (JOE UN-LYE).

The president of Guatemala is Castillo Armas (KAHS-TEE'AYOH-AHR'-MAHS). His rival is the recently deported Col. Elfege Monzo (EL-FAY-GO MOHN-ZOHN).



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