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THE CARE AND FEEDING OF BOOKS

You busy college people—you with your classes and your studying and your social activities and your three-legged races—it is no wonder that you have so little time for reading. I mean reading for the pure pleasure of it, not to cram for exams. It is a sad omission, and my heart goes out to you. I do, however, take comfort from the fact that the graduation season approaches. Many of you will soon leave the hurly-burly of college for the tranquility of the outside world. Oh, you'll love it on the outside! It is a quiet life, a gracious and contemplative life, a life of ease and relaxation, of plenty of time to enjoy the treasures of literature.

It is with you in mind that I sit now in my cane-bottomed rocker and close my kindly gray eyes and smoke a mellow Philip Morris cigarette and remember books that made me laugh and books that made me cry and, remembering, laugh and cry again. It is, I say, with you in mind that I sit thus and rock thus and close my kindly gray eyes and smoke a Philip Morris thus and laugh and cry thus, for I wish to recommend these lovely and affecting books to you so that you too may someday sit in your cane-bottomed rockers and close your kindly gray eyes and smoke a mellow Philip Morris and remember books that made you laugh and books that made you cry and, remembering, laugh and cry again.

Sitting and rocking, my limpid brown eyes closed in reverie, a plume of white smoke curling lazily upward from my excellent Philip Morris cigarette, I remember a lovely and affecting book called *Blood on the Grits* by that most talented young Southerner, Richard Membrane Haw. It is a tender and poignant story of a sensitive Alabama boy who passes safely through puberty only to be devoured by hell weevils. . . . A lovely and affecting book.

I puff my splendid Philip Morris cigarette and close my dancing blue eyes and recall another book, a thrilling true adventure, lovely and affecting, called *I Climbed Everest the Hard Way* by Cliff Sherpa. Mr. Sherpa, as everyone knows, was the first man to reach the peak of Mt. Everest by tunneling from below. In his book he gives a lovely and affecting account of his trip, which was not as easy as it sounds, you may be sure.

I light another merry Philip Morris cigarette and close my lambent hazel eyes and recollect another book—*Life on the Farm* by Dick Woolly. This is a short book—only 55 words—and rather a dull one. It would not be worth mentioning here were it not for the fact that the author is a sheep.

I exhale a cloud of snowy white smoke from my bracing Philip Morris cigarette and shut my laughing green eyes and think of the vast, vast array of historical novels that have given me pleasure.

There is *Blood on the Visor* by Richard Membrane Haw (he who wrote the lovely and affecting *Blood on the Grits*). There is *Cold Steel* and *Hot Flashes* by Emmaline Prentiss Moulting. There is *The Black Shield of Sigafos* by Wruth Wright. There is *Four Quarts in a Gallon* by William Makepiece Clambroth. There are many, many others, all lovely, all affecting.

But sitting here, drawing on my matchless Philip Morris cigarette, my saucy amber eyes closed tightly, I am thinking that the loveliest, most affecting of all historical novels is May Fuster's classic, *I Was a Serf for the F.B.I.* Mrs. Fuster, justly famed for her rich historical tapestries, has outdone herself in this tempestuous romance of Angela Bodice, fiery daughter of an entailed fief, who after a great struggle rises to the lofty position of head-lineman to the Emperor of Bosnia and then throws it all away to lead the downtrodden peasants in a revolt against the mackerel tax. She later becomes Ferdinand Magellan.

But the list of fine books is endless, as you will soon discover who are about to leave the turmoil of the campus and enter into the serene world outside, where a man has time to read and rock and close his rakish taupe eyes and smoke good Philip Morris cigarettes.

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THE BATTALION

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1955

Evaluation Needed

About this business of professor evaluation—some of the professors seem to be leery of the things, possibly because there are tales of a professor once being fired because of them.

Other objections are that the evaluators—in this case students—might have a tendency to let personal feelings or grades received warp their evaluation, thereby losing the objectivity necessary.

These are valid objections, but on the other hand, some evaluation is better than no evaluation.

The teachers can get valuable points from an evaluation, points that might be unnoticed or considered unimportant by the professor.

There probably would be some "crackpot" ratings by students, but it would be easy to

spot these and give them the relative amount of value.

On the whole, the professors would gain from an evaluation, and the students would gain from the resultant better teaching.

Some mutually satisfactory form of evaluation should be worked out and put into action.

Too Many

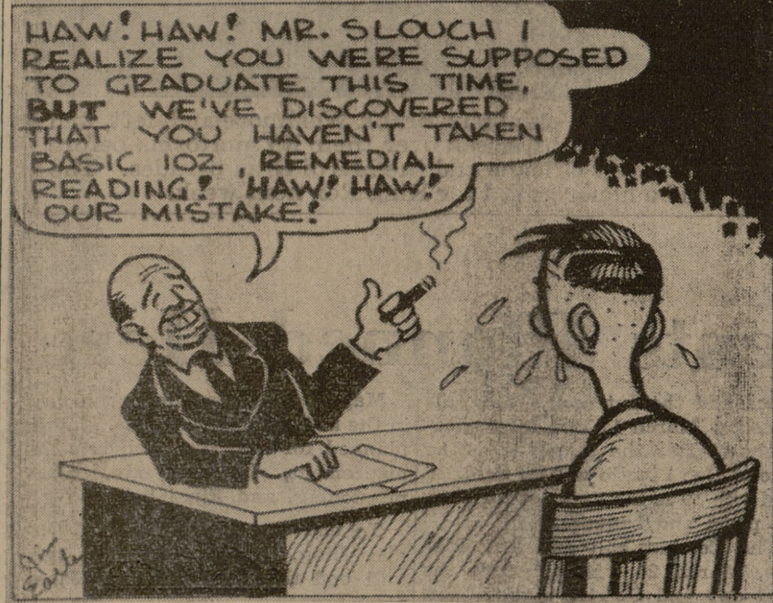
At the Student Senate meeting last night, the senate's hospital committee quoted Col. Joe E. Davis, head of the college's hospital committee, as saying that he had investigated the cases of all students who had been in the college hospital, and "only one did not receive proper treatment."

For a hospital—sometimes an agency of life or death—one is too many.

Pinky Hospitalized Cadet Slouch . . . by James Earle

Doctors at Saint Mary's infirmary in Galveston report that P. L. (Pinky) Downs jr., official greeter for the college, is doing as "well as can be expected," according to his daughter, Miss Grey Downs.

Downs became ill shortly after the first of the year, and was confined to Scott and White hospital in Temple for a short time. Soon after this, he entered the Galveston infirmary.



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The Rev. L. A. Richardson, pastor of the Northwood Presbyterian church in San Antonio, will live in Hart hall and lead the forums and discussion groups in the lounge. He will be available for conferences during the week.

He received his BA degree from the University of Tennessee and his BD from Yale Divinity school and after serving in the Navy as chaplain, took a year's work at Richardson the Austin Presbyterian seminary in Austin. He went to the Presbyterian church in Raymondville, then to Hillsboro where he remained until called to his present work in San Antonio in 1954.

Dr. Dallas H. Smith attended John Hopkins university, University of Maryland and University of Alabama and has held many prominent business positions. He will live in dormitory 10 and

will lead the forums and discussion groups for dormitories 10 and 12 in the dormitory 10 lounge. He will be available for conference during the week.

His church responsibilities are elder, deacon, youth fellowship adult advisor, Sunday school teacher, member of the administrative committee of the Department of ministry, joint department of Christian vocation and National Council of Churches.

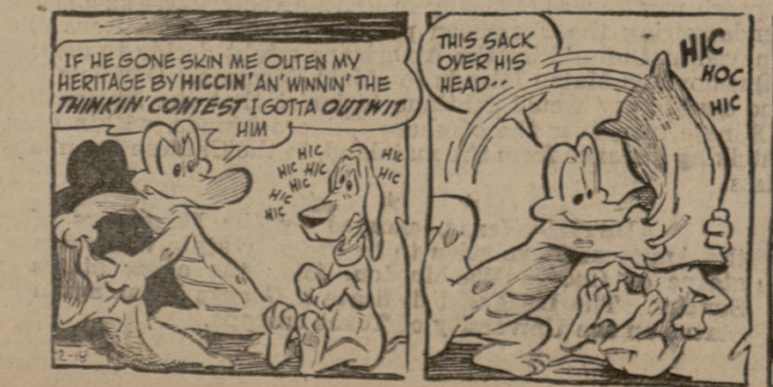
The Rev. Louis Hahn, S. J., a Jesuit Father of New Orleans, will live in the MSC and will hold Mass and meditation at 6:30 each morning in St. Mary's chapel.

Hahn followed by a short discussion. Tuesday and Thursday at 7:15 p.m. he will hold services and instruction followed by open forum for married students.

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