

Borrowed Thoughts

Last Sunday's Family Weekly Magazine carried an interesting article by a former U. S. Senator, William Benton, from Connecticut. Entitled "Dare to be Different," it took up the basic characteristic of our generation, that of conformity.

Benton believes that our national heritage is founded on independence of mind, not on blind conformity. Yet, he says, many persons consider the independently thinking American to be radical, even communistic.

"One of the central differences between ourselves and our communist adversaries is that our traditions commit us to belief in the utility . . . of dissent, while theirs do not. Ours is a democracy with faith in the freedom of men and faith that out of unfettered dissent and diversity will come progress."

The sure path of defeat, Benton declares, is to become as narrow-minded and inflexible as our enemies. Yet those who dare to disagree are oft-times considered dangerous, controversial, even unpatriotic and a threat to national security.

Among other things said about our age was the statement that in some ways high school and college students are the world's worst conformities. And woe to the student who challenges the majority. "Nowhere is there such an intricate system of castes and cliques, except perhaps in primitive societies," Benton says.

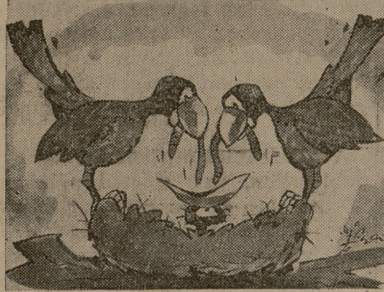
It's hard to find the road to truth in these days; each student must find his own way in the midst of a thousand different lures, each offering its own version of truth. And the road can be lonely and difficult.

If you are sometimes called a "non-conformist" for holding certain opinions, do not be afraid. Even if the development of your own mind and character lead you in a lonely direction, don't be afraid to be different!

Finally Caught

Brilliant Briefs

In lieu of having a paid columnist for The Battalion, the staff has decided that enough funny things go on around Aggie land to warrant an "anecdote" column in as many issues as is justified by the amount of material gathered. To help with this, it is hoped that all who get a kick out of the ordinary happenings falling under the category of the



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humorous or unusual will help provide tips for these tales.

Today's anecdote, provided by W. R. Garrett, could also run under the title he suggested: "Phantom Strikes Again—Finally Caught."

In a problems lab Tuesday, one of the students, seizing upon the earliness of the hour and the professor's late arrival, set about writing a short note on the blackboard about the prof. Puffing nervously on a cigarette and glancing furtively from time to time at the door, he drew a gear, the current study of the class, and beside it, in letters of bold and valiant size; "Today's phantom droodle—Gear from (the prof's) railroad watch to keep us on the timetable." He was referring to the prof's frequent mention of whether or not he was on schedule with his lecture.

What the "Phantom" didn't know was that while he was busy with his writing, his "victim" had come into the room and, immediately realizing what was occurring, had taken a seat among the students in the class.

Amid howls of laughter, louder by far than he had ever received before, the student finished his work and slipped out the door to dispose of his cigarette. He glanced right at, or rather through, the prof, not recognizing him for a (See BRIEFS, Page 6)

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News Briefs

DR. H. J. SAWIN, professor of zoology and dean of the Graduate School of the University of Houston, will present a graduate lecture to the faculty, staff and graduate students at 8 p.m. tonight. His topic will be "The Origin of the Vertebrate Skeleton," and will cover conflicting reports on the origin of teeth, cartilage and dermal bone.

A TOTAL OF 10,665 visitors were on the campus during the months of June, July, August and September, according to P. L. Downs Jr., official greeter for the college. Of this number 1,081 were on the campus during September.

JIMMY PATTERSON has been selected as the outstanding freshman of Squadron 21 for September. Don Garner was selected outstanding sophomore for the same outfit. Their selection was based on military appearance, interest in the Corps of Cadets and courtesy.

Clarence Hatcher In Warm Springs

In a letter received from Sid Cox in the English Department, it was learned that Clarence Hatcher, '55, was in the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation in Gonzales, Texas.

Hatcher, who received a spine injury in an automobile accident last year, is now paralyzed from the shoulders down. The letter said he was in good spirits and hopes to be recovered to the extent that he can return to school next semester.

Hatcher was in the Air Force ROTC and lived in dormitory 12 until the time of his accident.

Scholarships Given To Four

John H. Simms, Randall C. Howard, William D. Tabor and David B. Morris received scholarships for \$150 and \$200 as a bonus resulting from their summer sales work with the Vita-Craft Company of Lewisville, Texas.

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Aggie Sweetheart Will Be Selected

Ten A&M students will leave here Saturday at 6 a.m. for Texas State College for Women in Denton to select the Aggie Sweetheart for 1955-56.

She will be chosen on qualities such as personality, beauty, conversational ability and charm. Photographs of 10 TSCW beauties were selected last night from 41 nominated by the sophomore, junior and senior classes at TSCW; names could not be released.

A&M delegation will arrive in Denton in time to have lunch with the 10 lovelies Saturday noon. That afternoon the Aggies will be entertained with a picnic at Lake Dallas. They will return in the evening and dress for a formal dance which will start at 8 p.m. and last until 12 mid-night.

Sunday morning the group will attend services in the Little Chapel in the Woods accompanied by the sweetheart nominees. Following the services there will be a two hour recess and the sweetheart will be selected from the 10 nominees. One sweetheart and two alternates will be elected.

The A&M group will then dine with the Tessies, and the selection

will be announced in the recreation room of the Union Building following lunch.

Representing A&M will be Larry Kennedy, Corps commander; John Jenkins, deputy Corps commander; Scotty Parham, Student Senate president; Allan Greer, Senior Class president; Bill Willis, president of the Arts and Sciences Council; Joe Bill Foster, Senior Class social secretary; Bud Whitney, MSC council president; Don Burton, president of Senior Court; Bob Lee, election commission, and a representative of the Civilian Student Council.



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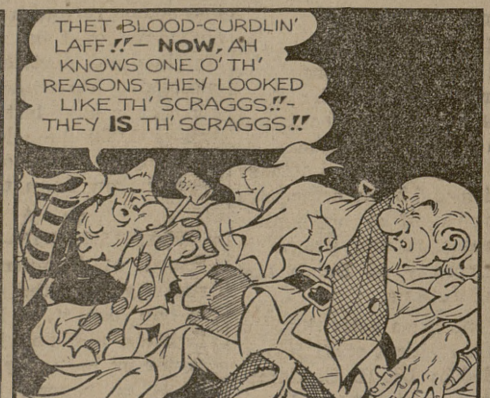
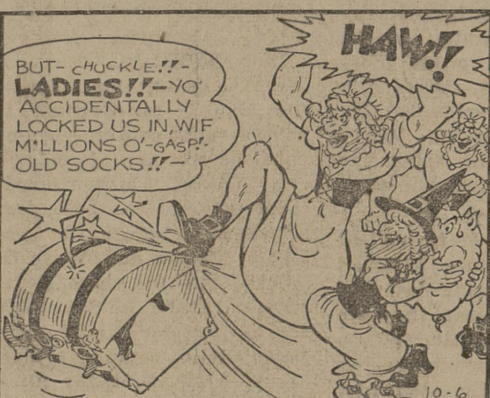
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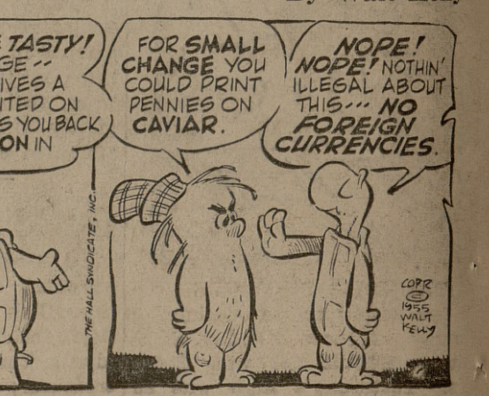
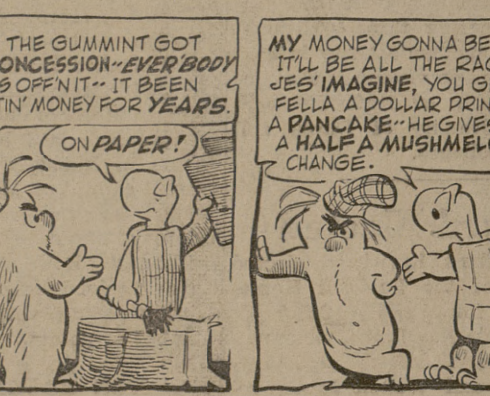
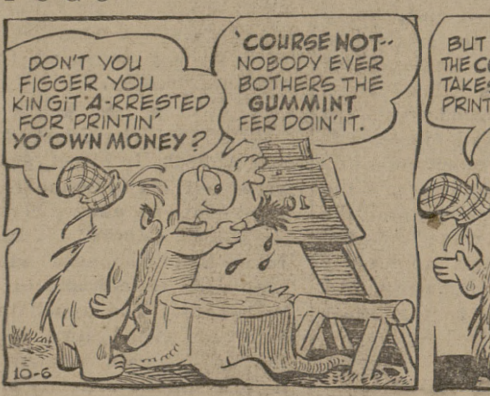
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