

Letters To The Editor

Editor, Battalion:

In your editorial March 21, you stated that there is a group of men on our campus that probably acknowledged the equality of mankind but did not believe that it should be lived. I don't think that it ever can or will. Obviously it never has before.

If in speaking of equality you mean that men are equally born, you are right, but in no other way. Men's birth, heritage, virtue and providence have always made them different. Men are by nature unequal, it is therefore foolish to attempt to treat them as such.

You speak an undoubted truth by saying that men are equal if you mean that all have equal rights

to liberty, their property, and to the protection of the law. However, you are mistaken if you think men should be equal in station and employment since their talents do not make them so.

I have refrained from speaking of the Negro since I do not believe in color or racial superiority. I am speaking of all men in general. The Negro just happens to be the center of attraction today in a push for equality that is not there for the whole race. The sooner people realize that it is an attempt at the vain, for the whole race, the better off we will be.

The Negroes of superior stock in our society have never failed to gain their recognition. And we

have had, and have, many outstanding Negroes in our country. The real principle for all men is justice, which we have strived to attain in our nation and the world. Separation is not injustice, and justice for the feeble and underprivileged is kindness and protection. It has been our very nature to practice this.

The Constitution guarantees a man to equal rights, not the equality of man. Whether or not these rights are granted separately or not is immaterial.

It has been established that some must follow, and some command, though we are all made of clay.

Richard A. Tindall, '56

Editor, The Battalion:

The problem of the concatenation and intercalation of an Honor System into the daily lives of the students of Texas A&M was discussed pro and con in the recent issue of the Engineer.

Our aspiration to higher education is the basic reason for our attendance at Texas A&M. Through this education we hope to build a sound character that will be a credit to us when we leave here. It is easy to see that this strong character would be hard to build in an atmosphere of corruption and low morals. As long as there are those among us who lie, cheat and steal and indulge in other abhorrent practices then we cannot realize the full benefits of this institution.

Also, since these practices easily become habits they will carry on with these people after they graduate. Needless to say this would attach a stigma to the students of A&M and impair the reputations of those graduating from here. On the other hand, a working Honor System would be recognized by businessmen and add to the prestige of our graduates.

I believe that persons who will not raise their standards to conform with those of the majority should be excluded. I am certain that Aggies do not condone these low standards. However, they are allowed to survive because no one will take reprobative action. The Honor System presents an excellent opportunity to do this in an unobnoxious way.

It seems that the main argument against the Honor System is that some of these cheaters are well liked by their fellow students. I believe that if those who hold this opinion would stop and think about it, they would conclude that, in a society such as we live in, there are many morally upstanding men who would make better friends than those whose morals are low and coarse.

There are many borderline cases in which a student cheats because he believes that such action has become accepted. The idea that a basically honest person will not cheat and a basically dishonest per-

son will, does not hold true in all cases.

I have more faith in Aggies than to believe that every one that cheats is basically dishonest. These are the ones that an Honor System would help. But, why should we accept a dishonest person into our midst and call him an Aggie.

Under the Honor System it would not be necessary to spend your time in the classroom during a quiz acting as a policeman. It merely means that if you did see someone cheating you would be on your honor to report the violation. The statement that the responsibility for preventing students from cheating lies with the faculty is contradictory to the democratic way the students handle their own affairs.

Since we would be on our honor to report violators, I believe that there are enough honorable Aggies to make the Code work. Honor, besides being a personal thing, is also associated with groups. It would be to the advantage of all Aggies to keep up the high opinion that outsiders have of them. This could be well facilitated by an Honor System.

John C. Herren, Jr. '58

Film Tonight

"Song of Bernadette" will be presented in the Assembly Room of the MSC tonight at 7:30 p.m. by the MSC Film Society. An inspirational story of a peasant girl who was visited by an apparition of Mary, the film stars Jennifer Jones.

What's Cooking

The schedule for Friday and Monday is as follows:

Friday

Everyone is invited to attend the showing of a film, "Letter From Indonesia," which will be shown by Lukman Hakim, an Indonesian student, in the YMCA at 7:30 p.m.

He will discuss the film and answer any questions concerning the film.

Monday

Alpha Zeta will meet at 10 p.m. in the Agricultural Building for an important called meeting.

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Agronomy Society Plans Field Trip

More than 45 members of the Agronomy Society will leave Monday for a tour through Harris, Fort Bend and Brazoria Counties.

Jimmy Stansel, chairman of the Study Tour Committee, said the group will see things of interest to agronomy students—Mathieson Chemical Co., rice dryers and mills, the Angleton Experiment Station and Dow Chemical Co. Agricultural Experiment Station.

The group will be entertained with a barbecue, fish fry and a deep sea fishing trip.

Profits from the 1955 Cotton Ball and Pageant will be used for the trip.

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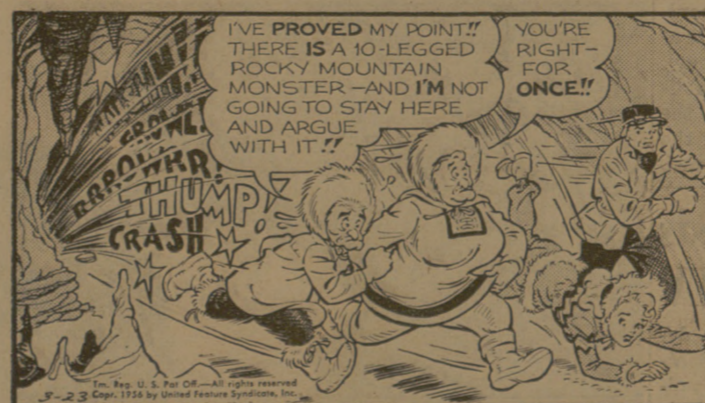


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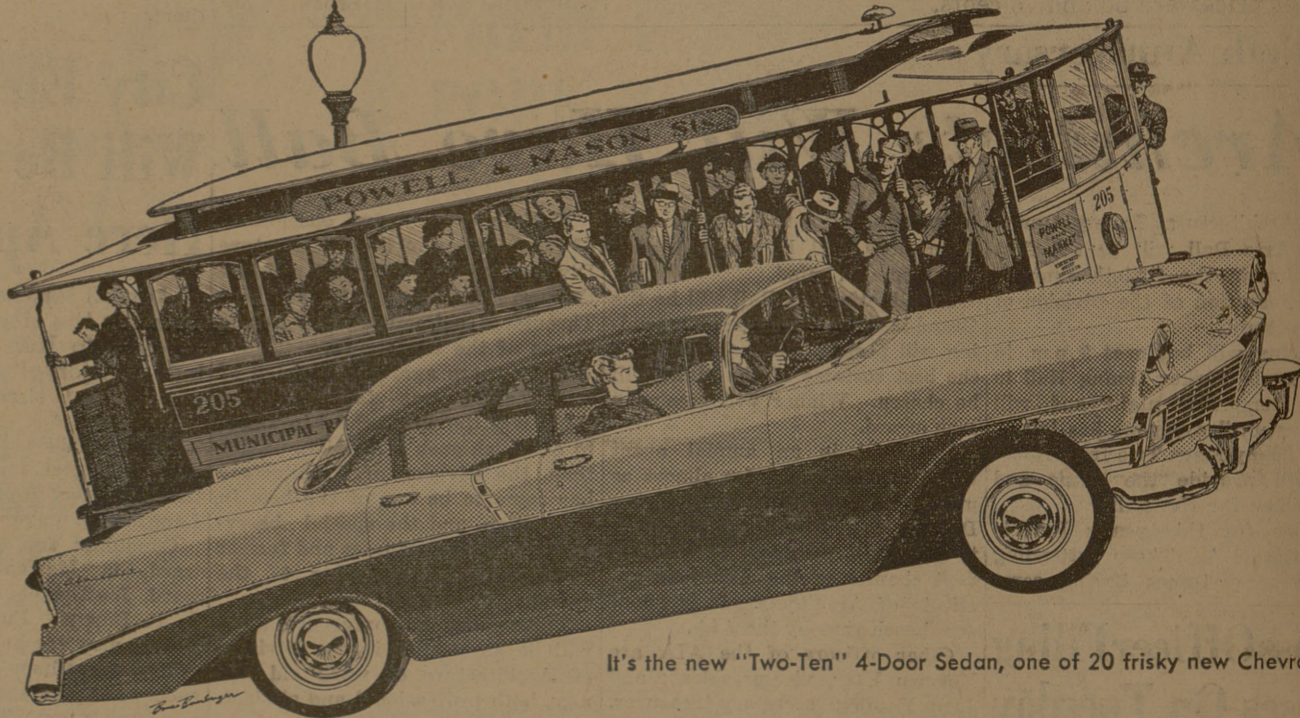
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