Preached But Not Practiced

Aggies don't lie, cheat or steal.

Not one of these qualities is 100 per cent true at A&M. Yet you hear the phrase echoed and boasted to every freshman and visitor who steps on this campus.

The investigation being made by the Air Science Department proves that our "proverb" of integrity has become just so many words, sounding great, but falling pitifully short in practice.

First, the fact that quizzes were stolen brought about the investigation. Second, the stolen quizzes were used to cheat in the course. And third, students have lied to either protect themselves or someone else.

By no twist of the imagination can such action be justified. The purpose of college is education, which is more, much more, than just getting a degree. This problem, not unique to A&M, has gained such momentum as to be almost recognized as being accepted practice. Supporters of this belief say that it is a contest between student and professor as to who wins—and everything is fair in deciding the victor.

It is hard to believe that any courses are set up in contest fashion. Professors are here to teach and you are here to learn.

In stopping to think, most students realize that we have a problem in such an attitude on the part of those who want to just slide under the academic wire. Yet many of these same students refuse to help in eliminating the cheating because they "can't squeal on an Aggie buddy."

A true buddy—or Aggie—will never be in danger of being squealed upon.

No one enjoys revealing the dishonest side of another person. But then, who wants to be dragged further down by protecting a practice that not only is hurting you but is destroying every principle this school was built upon.

All boils down to whether you consider the feelings of one individual more important than his actions which influence the growth and development of the entire school—both academically and in prestige.

Shivers, Johnson Clash In Bare-Fisted Round

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Both sides tossed bare-knuckle blows yesterday in the Texas Democratic Party leadership fight between Gov. Allan Shivers and Sen. Lyndon Johnson.

Shivers told his precinct workers at Baytown Johnson is getting so politically thin-skinned, "he doesn't even want to be questioned" about things like the Southern Manifesto, federal aid to education and "whether the Texas delegation should represent Texas thinking or Washington thinking."

Johnson said Shivers is "ranting about states rights without saying anything about states wrongs. The Senator again challenged Shivers to "call a special session to investigate insurance and land scandals and to take action on interposition."

The first big test of strength on whether Johnson or Shivers will head the Texas delegation to the Democratic National Convention comes Saturday at precinct conventions. This will be followed by county conventions Tuesday, with final decision May 22 at the State Convention in Dallas.

At a rally of about 200 supporters in Waco, Johnson said if Shivers "would spend as much time talking about states wrongs as he does about states rights, he would run the crooks from the temple at Austin."

Johnson accused Shivers of conniving in a plot to destroy the Democratic Party by turning it over to "hotheads and Republicans."

He called for selection of a Texas delegation composed of "moderates who can pick the best Democrat in the nation for the nomination."

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"If we get out of this alive, Stupid . . ."

I Believe . . .

I believe in regular church attendance because one of the fundamental and universal needs of the human race is the need to lean on a power greater than we are. No matter how great our stature in the office, shop, business, or classroom, there are times when we are faced with problems that are beyond human resources—problems that make us feel our insignificance. Religion provides us with the power that makes us capable of achieving that which we cannot achieve alone.

There is within us an inherent need to be dependent on a stronger being. In some situations we want to dominate, in others we are ready to lean. A belief in a Supreme Being satisfies that desire for submission since it gives recognition to a force stronger than ours which is ready to protect us. The ability through faith to lean on God releases tensions.

The cathardic value of worship with the spirit of confident fellowship, including prayer, should not be minimized as it is good for us under normal conditions as well as when we are in trouble. It helps to clear mental conflicts. There is a strong therapeutic influence in church attendance since basically, in spite of the rational foundations and intellectual content of religion, religous response is strongly emotional.

I believe in regular church attendance because the individual receives positive assets that can develop a personality capable of withstanding tensions, and of absorbing shock arising from modern living. The individual gains a better perspective of his problems and of himself. With relief of the emotional stresses, he gains strength through clarity of thought in meeting the particular problems so that their solutions will be on a higher and nobler plane, removed from human weaknesses of bias, prejudice, and individual desires—so that one'e life, even though the contribution may be infinitesimal, has been of benefit to humanity.

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Examinations will be given on the two Saturdays to allow all applicants a chance to take advantage of one of the dates. A total of 509 applications were reported up to April 16 at the office of R. G. Perryman, assistant registrar of the college, who will be in charge of giving the examinations.

Winners of the scholarships are selected by the A&M Faculty Committee on Scholarships, after coosideration of each candidate's scholastic record, character, evidence of leadership in high school, financial circumstances and grade on the annual competitive examination.

The scholarships carry from $200 to $400 in aid each year for four years, plus part-time employment at the college if needed. They are renewed each year as long as the holder's academic and conduct record is satisfactory.

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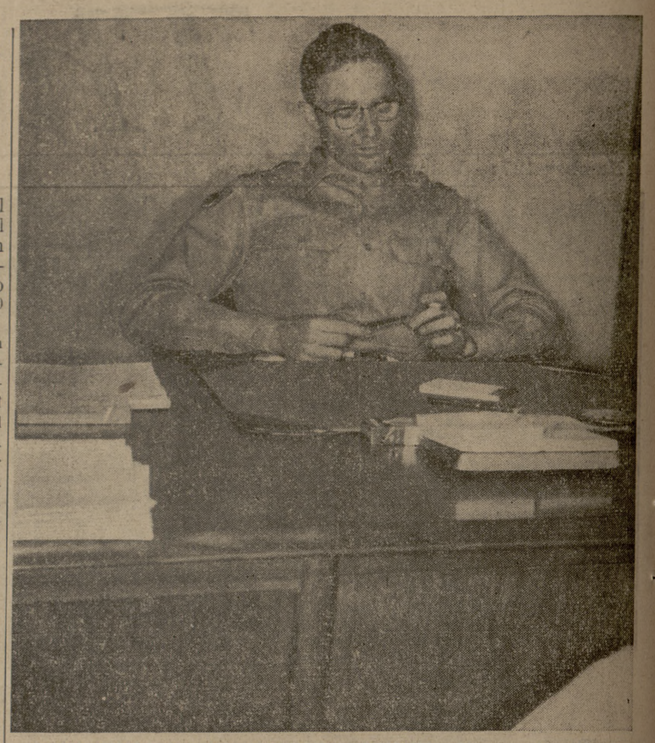

NEW SENATE PRESIDENT OFFICE—Byron A. (Scotty) Parham is apparently taking it easy in the new office of the Student Senate president now located on the second floor of the YMCA. The office opens into the main lobby of the Office of Student Activities and is on the left as you enter the door.

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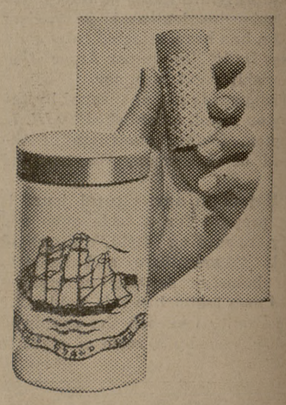

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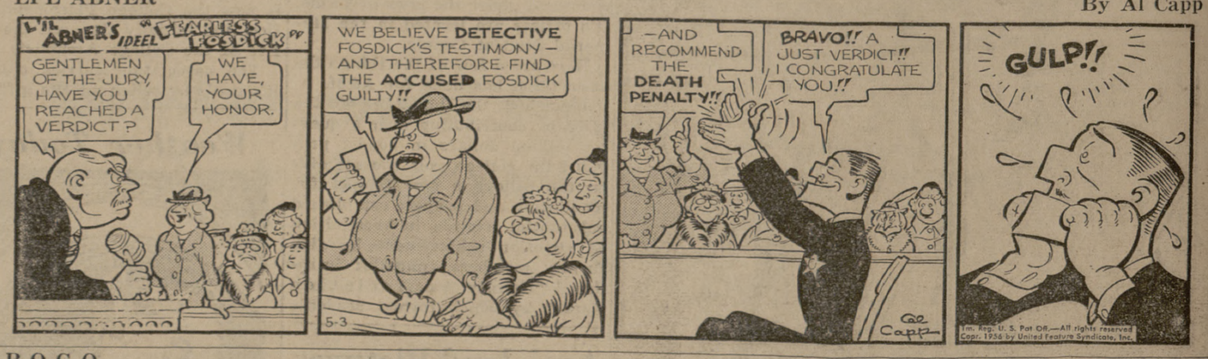
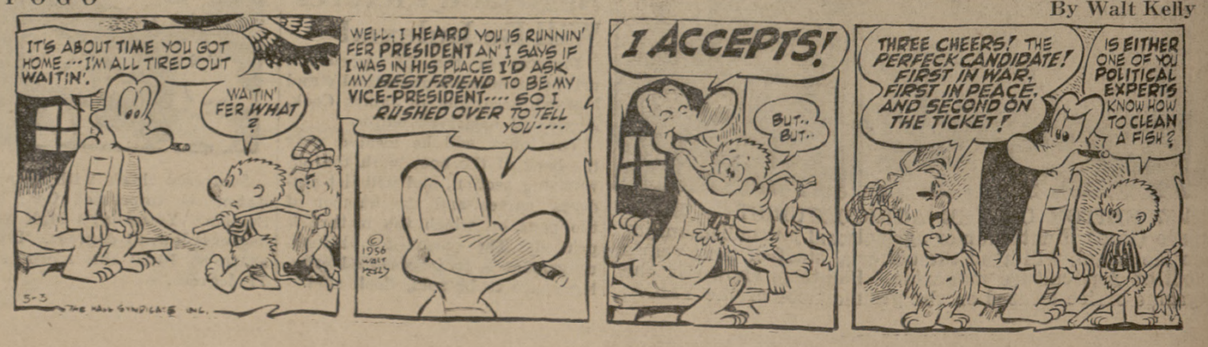
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