

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Suggestions Could Help U. S. Education System

An old critic of the American system of education has issued another group of recommendations to bolster learning in the U. S. And several of his points rate serious thought. Vice Adm. H. G. Rickover, speaking last week at the Southern Governors Conference in Hollywood, Fla., said today's high school and college diplomas and degrees "aren't worth a continental."

Rickover emphasized the need for educational reform in the form of a national scholastic standard. He cited that the U. S. is the only advanced nation in the world without a national standard.

What type of national standard he desires was not classified. We feel, however, that such a plan will not just automatically work. There are too many intangible differences in American schools to support a national standard that will really be successful.

Rickover outlined three additional steps, however, that we do feel rate consideration. The primary suggestion was that more hours be spent in the classroom. This we feel holds true particularly in secondary schools—the jump to college makes a student quickly realize that more classroom hours would have been to his benefit.

Secondly, Rickover recommended that nothing be taught in a classroom that could be learned elsewhere. This holds true to only a certain extent—we feel many things, learned outside the classroom, could easily be refined and polished by classroom instruction.

Thirdly, the admiral advocated better teacher qualifications. To us there seems one simple way to this—more incentive for teachers, both newcomers and veterans. An improvement in teacher salaries and benefit would result in a rapid improvement in both number and quality.

Exported Aid Under Fire

The privately supported National Planning Association thinks agricultural colleges such as Texas A&M should be encouraged to export their farming and ranching know-how to underdeveloped lands. It believes that at least one per cent of all U. S. foreign aid should be earmarked to this end, including establishment of research centers abroad.

Insofar as basic food crops are concerned, the idea has merit. Most of these countries are overpopulated and wracked by hunger. But spending American money to increase already abundant supplies of cotton, grains and other commodities, and to increase competition on products which farmers here can produce efficiently and economically, is unsound and dangerous. By teaching foreign students and counseling foreign governments, Texas A&M and other land-grant colleges already are doing much.

Sound economics, sound agriculture and the best interests of the United States should be consulted, first, in any further extension of such activities.

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'CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



—Sound Off—

Editor, The Battalion:
Last Saturday, Sept. 29, was very inspiring. I was able to attend the A&M-University of Houston game. Although some will be saying it was a terrible night, I can say without any reservations that the night was a victory for A&M on another battlefield.

The team played a great game and mark my words as the season goes on there will be a rough row to hoe for any team that opposes our Aggies.

After the game I too walked

Bid To Pass Water Bill Is Underway

(Special to The Battalion)

AUSTIN—A campaign to pass the water conservation amendment on which Texas will vote this November (No. 4 on the ballot) got under way at a meeting of the Statewide Water Committee in Austin. The committee is composed of just about everybody who is interested in water conservation and development.

The proposed amendment would permit the State Water Development Board to acquire storage space in reservoirs built either by local or federal agencies and conserve storm and flood waters for beneficial uses.

Gov. Price Daniel addressed the meeting and thanked the committee for its "dedicated efforts" in promoting Texas' water program.

Jon Vandertulip, the state water commission's chief engineer, reported on the broad plan for meeting the state's water needs in 1980. Marvin Nichols of Fort Worth, chairman of the development board, discussed the lending program through which water projects have been financed. And Joe Charter, chairman of the water commission, explained the proposed amendment in detail and emphasized the need for its approval.

The state-wide committee urged its members to back the amendment and approved the water commission's proposed budget. It also commended Gov. Daniel for his "courageous, bold and dynamic leadership" in bringing about "the greatest and most comprehensive water resources conservation and development program in the history of Texas."

from the stadium among the constant uncivilized chant of "poor Aggies" and witnessed their unsavory actions toward Aggie students both in and out of uniform. This brought back memories of days past when I was among those taunted.

As my wife and I drove away from the stadium we saw carloads of "boys" jeering the cars with Aggie stickers. I was disgusted at first and then my wife said, "have you noticed the difference between those jeering and the Aggies?" And sure enough every time they hollered "poor Aggies" at a passing car I saw the Aggies had attractive young ladies sitting at their sides. Those jeering had only their own poor company.

The Aggies won a great silent victory in this respect and in the respect they were not the ones making a public spectacle of themselves. Do not underestimate the strength and power of the Aggie individual or of the college he represents.

Keep the "howdies" going, continue to make yourself known to others, represent yourself as the man you are, be truthful to yourself, and above all, with each taunt from the ignorant and jealous hold the name of A&M higher. Thus through your Aggie spirit the greatness of A&M can continue to win on many critical battlefields.

William E. McLaughlin, '58

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Prayer Ruling Expected

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court agreed Monday to rule on the constitutionality of Bible-reading and recitation of the Lord's Prayer in public schools.

This question of intense national interest was left unanswered by the varied interpreta-

tions of the court's historic June 25 decision that a prayer drawn by state officials for use in New York State's public schools violated the constitution.

Specifically, the court will now deal with (1) a Pennsylvania law requiring Bible-reading in the public schools and (2) a Baltimore School Board regulation that classes open each day with a Bible-reading and recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

Both were challenged as a breach of the wall between church and state. A special federal court in Philadelphia found the Pennsylvania law unconstitutional. The Maryland Court of

Appeals upheld the Baltimore regulation.

The high tribunal refused to review these two other decisions touching on church-state relations.

—That Oregon may not provide free school books to its schools, even though the ruled 32 years ago that laws could provide nonreligious to parochial school students.

—That a \$400,000 hospital with public funds may be used to a religious organization, Walburg Monastery of the dictine Sisters of Covington.

The refusal to review the lower courts' decisions

Bulletin Board

Professional Clubs
American Meteorological Society will meet at 7:15 p.m. in Room 306 of Goodwin Hall.
Geology Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the main lecture room of the Geology Building.
Marketing Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the Business Administration Building.
NEA will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Anderson Room of the YMCA Building.

Campus-Wide Clubs
YMCA will meet at 7 p.m. on the second floor of the YMCA Building. This is the first of a new series of meetings. Dr. C. C. Doak will be the speaker.

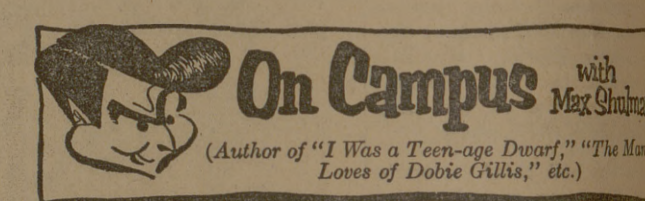
Wives Clubs
University Dames Club will meet at 8 p.m. at the Bryan Sewing Machine Co., 3515 Texas Ave.
Fashion group of A&M Social Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the YMCA Building. The program will consist of Christmas gift and decoration ideas.

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HAPPINESS CAN'T BUY MONEY

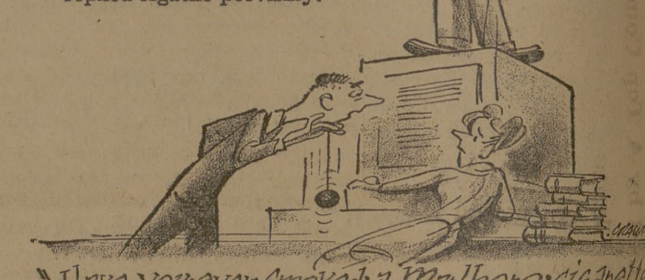
Can education bring happiness? This is a question that in recent years has caused much lively debate and several hundred stabbings among American college professors. Some contend that if a student's intellect is sufficiently aroused, happiness will automatically follow. Others say that to concentrate on the intellect and ignore the rest of the personality can only lead to misery.

I myself favor the second view, and I offer in evidence the well-known case of Agathe Fusco. Agathe, a forestry major, never got anything less than a straight "A", was awarded her B.T. (Bachelor of Trees) in only two years, her M.S.B. (Master of Sap and Bark) in only three, and her D.B.C. (Doctor of Blight and Outworns) in only four.

Academic glory was hers. Her intellect was the envy of every intellect fan on campus. But was she happy? The answer, alas, was no. Agathe—she knew not why—was miserable, so miserable, in fact, that one day while walking across campus, she was suddenly so overcome with melancholy that she flung herself, weeping, upon the statue of the Founder.

By and by a liberal arts major named R. Twinkle Plenty came by with his yo-yo. He noted Agathe's condition. "How come you're so unhappy, hey?" said R. Twinkle.

"Suppose you tell me, you dumb old liberal arts major," replied Agathe peevishly.



"Have you ever smoked a Marlboro cigarette?"

"All right, I will," said R. Twinkle. "You are unhappy for two reasons. First, because you have been so busy studying your intellect that you have gone and starved your psyche. I've got nothing against learning, mind you, but a person oughtn't to neglect the pleasant, gentle amenities of life—the fun things. Have you, for instance, ever been to a dance?"

Agathe shook her head.

"Have you ever watched a sunset? Written a poem? Smoked a Marlboro Cigarette?"

Agathe shook her head.

"Well, we'll fix that right now!" said R. Twinkle and gave her a Marlboro and struck a match.

She puffed, and then for the first time in twelve or fifteen years, she smiled. "Wow!" she cried. "Marlboros are a fun thing! What flavor! What filter! What pack or box! What a lot to like! From now on I will smoke Marlboros, and never have another unhappy day!"

"Hold!" said R. Twinkle. "Marlboros alone will not solve your problem—only half of it. Remember I said there were two things making you unhappy?"

"Oh, yeah," said Agathe. "What's the other one?"

"How long have you had that bear trap on your foot?" said R. Twinkle.

"I stepped on it during a field trip in my freshman year," said Agathe. "I keep meaning to have it taken off."

"Allow me," said R. Twinkle and removed it.

"Land sakes, what a relief!" said Agathe, now totally happy, and took R. Twinkle's hand and led him to a Marlboro vendor's and then to a justice of the peace.

Today Agathe is a perfectly fulfilled woman, both intellectually and personally. She lives in a darling split-level house with R. Twinkle and their 17 children, and she still keeps busy in the forestry game. Only last month, in fact, she became Consultant on Sawdust to the American Butchers Guild, and was named an Honorary Sequoia by the park commissioner of Las Vegas, and she published a best-selling book called I was a Slippery Elm for the FBI.

The makers of Marlboro are pleased that Agathe is finally out of the woods—and so will you be if your goal is smoking pleasure. Just try a Marlboro.

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By Charles M. Schulz
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