

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Assist Given Student Who Won't Help Himself

"I protest . . . !"
 "We deplore . . . !"
 "We've got rights . . . !"

These foregoing, and similar murmurs, seem to come quite easily from the lips and pens of some of the students on this campus, so we have decided that it is our turn to deplore.

We deplore the action which had to be taken by the Civilian Student Council and the Executive Committee in order to persuade some of the students on this campus to show some respect for their fellow students and professors.

We are not pleased with the idea of the administration, faculty, staff or anyone else having to take steps to correct the sloppy dress of some students on this campus. We definitely feel that special action being taken to enforce the old rules of the College Regulations infringes upon a student's rights to select for himself.

However, we also deplore the fact that some students on this campus simply will not take it upon themselves to develop self respect. We wish some of the shower shoe scum would take enough time to look at their hairy big toes and decide if they present a thing of beauty to another person.

We would have those who protest regulations of dress on campus take note that we have referred to action which had to be taken and to certain groups having to take steps. We deplore, but we acknowledge that action was necessary to get students to conform to regulations of the college.

When will those students who must have these regulations called to their attention begin, of their own will, to follow regulations set up by official authority?

And too, how many employees would protest his employers decision to have him dressed in shoes, socks, shirt and trousers not tattered?

The only group touched by the regulations for which we have any sympathy is the bearded ones. However, we feel that if they can stand it, why not.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"... I don't believe these guys have their minds made up—they're just enjoying the controversy!"

Editor, The Battalion:

I protest! For a long time I've set in silence while The Battalion published article, after editorial, after letter deploring the "dress" worn on this campus. I am most strongly in favor of the right of those individuals to "deplore," but I strenuously deny that anyone, whether it be the Student Senate, President Rudder or the Board of Directors, has the right to dictate to students what form of apparel they shall wear! Of course, no one can question that these people have the power to make and enforce rules of dress. On the other hand, Adolf Hitler had the power to exterminate six million Jews, but I don't think he had the right to do so.

Certainly a society must have rules and laws. But these, supposedly, are to protect the people's rights. I deny that Jeff Harp, or anyone else, has the right to expect a student to do more than adequately cover his body and to not smell offensively. Certainly, Mr. Harp has the right to "deplore" a fellow student's attire, he may encourage him to shave, he may ostracize him socially; but Mr. Harp doesn't have the right to dictate to him what styles he shall wear (even if the "offenders" are in a minority — which is debatable).

What is so terribly wrong with a T-shirt? Is it the color? Or is it the lack of collar and buttons? It seems to me that it adequately covers the torso.

Shower shoes expose the wearer's toes to public gaze, but even the Texas statutes don't define

bare feet as "indecent exposure." Naked toes may be unaesthetic, but there are a lot of faces around this campus which aren't particularly pleasing either. Thus far no one has forced the homely ones to wear masks, though this might be the next step.

Beards are illegal here. Now, they may not be stylish, and they may be a lot of trouble to take care of; but a beard certainly isn't "indecent." I challenge the "makers of rules" to study the visages of some of our past presidents — both of A&M and of the U. S. A. In passing, they might even look at "Sully's" chin.

What is the next step? We all be forced into ties? This is the next step toward proving that a "Big-League University" cause all the students wear League." Perhaps it was profitable to extrapolate trend a little further. type of toothpaste we be dictated because it is preferred by the Board of or even by the majority student body? Or could result be that we are we can think, as well as we may wear?

Richard N. Bean

Area Educators Organize Society

A&M faculty members and educators of this area have organized and area chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, professional fraternity for men in education.

The international fraternity installed the Delta Nu field chapter at a dinner meeting this week.

The officers are S. A. Kerley, president; Charles McCandless and Walter Varvel, vice presidents; A. R. Denney, secretary; Earl Knebel, treasurer; and Robert E. Blum, historian.

Installing officers representing the fraternity were Arthur E. Arnesen of Salt Lake City, Utah, and recording secretary of the fraternity; Dr. Maurice F. Shadley of international headquarters in Bloomington, Ind.; Dr. Ben. C.

Great Mothers Contribute To United States' History

Special To The Battalion

Mother may be in for some special treatment come May 12, but everyday is Mother's Day and she usually observes it in her own less glamorous way — washing, ironing, cooking, cleaning, shopping and — probably her most important task — shaping reluctant offsprings into adults.

In fact, historians tell us things might have been drastically different if it weren't for the influence of a few determined mothers.

Men like George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, who helped to shape America's early history, Thomas Edison who gave us the light bulb and many other inventions, and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, whose poetry ranks

with America's finest, are remembered for their greatness — but their mother's influence can be seen both in their personal writings and the reports of their lives.

Seeing the tears in his mother's eyes as he was about to leave on a British Man-of-War as a midshipman, Washington cried out: "Mother I cannot go and cause you so much grief."

When the war ended, Washington's first thoughts were of his mother. He sent a courier to her immediately with the news. And when he was elected President, he delayed the inauguration ceremonies in order that he might stop off at Ferry Farm, the family home, to see his mother. As it turned out, it was the last time he saw his mother alive.

After becoming President, Abraham Lincoln said of his mother: "All I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." At the age of nine he had stood by her deathbed as she voiced her last request: "Be something, Abe."

The genius of Thomas Edison must have been nurtured by his mother. Edison was once quoted as saying: "My mother was the making of me. She was so true and so sure of me. I felt that I had someone to live for — someone I must not disappoint."

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El Paso Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 106, Academic.

Bell County Club will meet in the Cabinet Room, YMCA Building at 7:30 p.m.

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