

BATTALION EDITORIALS

It's About Time

By the time most people reach university age they have learned that the bad comes with the good. With full recognition of the numerous capable educators and administrators on campus, and also those who might not be so capable but who give their best, some criticism (intended to be constructive) is in order for some of our educators and administrators.

The matter in point is simply one of attitude. Students are often counseled on their attitude and advised to alter the attitude or prepare to suffer the consequences.

It's time for some of the advisors to heed their own suggestions. Increased difficulty for students to obtain sincere counseling in some departments, schools and colleges of this university have caused some students to take a "what the hell" attitude toward degree plans, course selection and other elements of their education.

While realizing that most of the academic curricula offered at A&M, or any other university, have been established by people with years of experience in education, it is still objectional to any student to be told that he must adhere down the line to an established degree plan. These catalogue curricula have been established for the average student. However, there are some students who are not just the fellow looking for a degree. Some students know where they are headed and what they intend to do with their lives.

However, the solid student with a goal in mind is often told that a counselor (be he a professor or dean) knows what courses are best for him. This decision is sometimes reached without the counselor ever considering, or even hearing, about the student's plans and goals.

It might be well for some of these "Student, you're interfering with my day" counselors to remember why they are being paid by the State of Texas and what their prime duties are—to see to it that each student gets the best education possible out of this university.

Conceded, a student must show a desire to obtain this education by concentrated study. But, also, he should be given the opportunity to consult sincere counselors. And this does not mean to simply visit some individual in an office who gruffly tells him what he must take "according to..."

Wouldn't it be just as easy for all the people on this campus who have occasion to counsel students to actually conduct two-way counseling sessions. Fifteen minutes of sincere counseling would be much more efficient than 30 minutes of a student trying to argue for a course that he knows he will need, but has been denied because "the book doesn't list it."

We simply ask those who have forgotten, to remember that the student is your day's work, not an intrusion in that work. Why not greet him as a counselor should, listen to him and work with him—at least until he shows that he does not deserve the consideration.

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Regardless of what we think of the situation that has been created by Texans voting to keep a poll tax that the nation has decided to abolish, we should all seek to avail ourselves of the right to vote—however that right has to be obtained. Each citizen should pick up his responsibility of suffrage.

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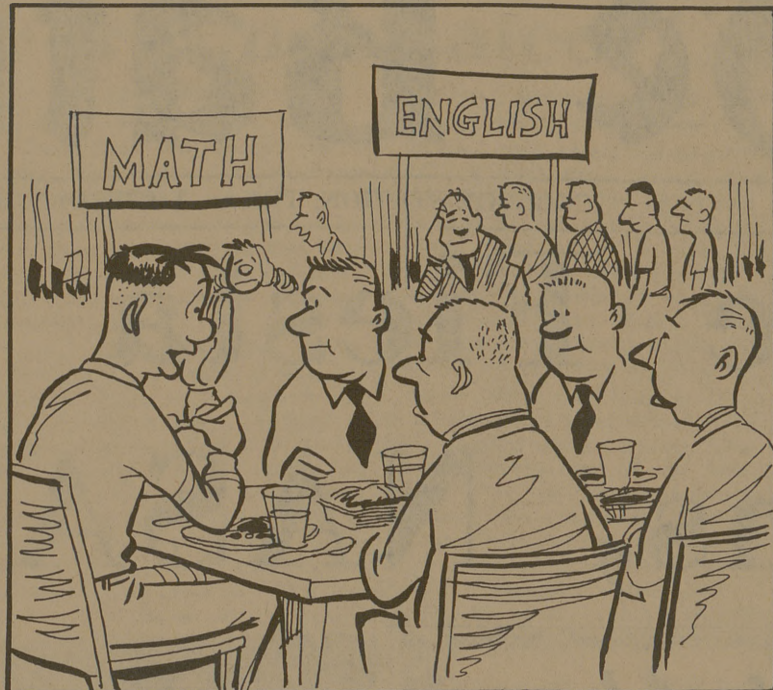
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"I've never known registration to last this long before!"

Reynolds' Rap

by Mike Reynolds

The Coogs Inc. put on quite a show for the estimated 450 Aggies among the 7,700 who showed up for the battle in the Houston Coliseum Tuesday night.

It was a three-ring circus of fun, consisting of SWC title claims, "Pooooooor Agggggggies" and Uncle Dan the Blind Man.

One Cougar High player was heard to remark that now that the boys in red and white have beaten everyone worth beating in the Southwest Conference, they now deserve the conference title. How about Rice, fellows, among others?

Not only have the Coogs never played the Rice Owls, but also it must be remembered that the boys in blue pretend the Cougars don't even exist. The Cougars should be thankful that the whole conference doesn't take Rice's attitude. Then the Cougars might have to go hunting for someone to put up with them. Get in competition, then talk about how great you are, Cougars.

Cougar spirit hit a new high as the cheerleaders began leading their now famous "Poor Aggies" yell. That is the only one that the student body does above a whisper and probably the only one most of them know.

A second half rally, led by the A&M team and two self appointed Yell Leaders, Frank and James Ray, showed true school spirit.

The brothers left the stands at half-time and returned with the team clad in white shirts and warm-up pants.

For those who chose to watch the game, Dan Watson, referee from the Missouri Valley Conference, provided much of the excitement on the court.

Every Aggie present was surprised at some of his calls. They might not have been surprised had they known that he referees nearly one half of UH's home games and is known to the team as "Good ole Uncle Dan."

The scene of the battle was a temporarily rigged court that is one of the highlights of Cougar High's physical plant for athletics, right along with the rental of Rice stadium for football. (Rice is no group of fools. They may not recognize UH but they certainly will relieve them of their money.)

If the Cougars could come to Rice Field House Saturday, one way or the other, they would see the SWC champion in action and might get a few tips on being a real university.

U. S.—Panama Efforts For Canal Negotiation Fail

WASHINGTON (AP) Negotiations to end the dispute between the United States and Panama over the Panama Canal collapsed Wednesday night, Panama's negotiator Miguel Moreno reported.

Moreno, his country's ambassador to the Organization of American States, said, "Unfortunately Panama has done all that it is possible to do" but no agreement has been reached.

The Panamanian diplomat said Panama "has no other recourse" than to call for an emergency meeting of the foreign ministers of the American republics.

He added that request will be filed with the OAS general secretary Wednesday night.

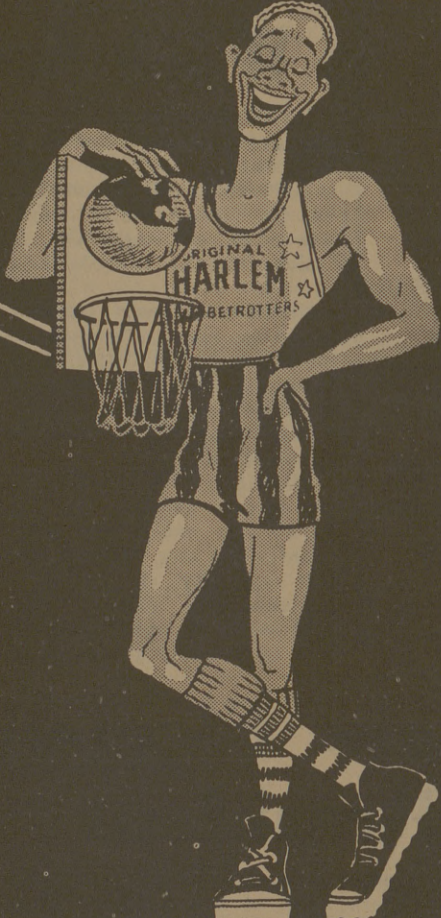
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 By Charles M. Schulz

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 LUCKY IS SHOWING SLIDES OF ALL MY FAULTS...
 WHAT ARE YOU DOING SITTING OUT HERE?
 INTERMISSION!
 PEANUTS WHAT WERE YOU VIEWING TODAY, CHARLIE BROWN, ARE SLIDES OF YOUR INHERITED FAULTS...
 IN OTHER WORDS, THESE ARE FAULTS OVER WHICH YOU HAD NO REAL CONTROL... THESE TAKE ABOUT AN HOUR TO SHOW...
 IF IT'S ANY CONSOLATION TO YOU, YOU RANK ABOUT AVERAGE IN INHERITED FAULTS...
 I STAND CONSOLED!
 PEANUTS BOY, YOU LOOK TERRIBLE, CHARLIE BROWN...
 I FEEL TERRIBLE!
 YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE BEEN TAKING SHOCK TREATMENTS OR SOMETHING...
 WHAT'S MORE SHOCKING THAN SEEING YOUR FAULTS PROJECTED ON A SCREEN?