

Wanderin'

By Larry R. Jerden

If it seems like a good while since this column has appeared in these hallowed pages, it is merely because the associate editor's column doesn't rate very highly on the priority list.

But, for lack of anything better, here I am.

Issues?

There are plenty!

The "God is Dead" movement is one on which I feel I must comment, though this being a state institution and all, I'm not sure what is "proper" to say and what is not.

Be that as it may, I'd like to bring a few points to light. I guess I'm prejudiced in this issue because I'm a Christian, and am very proud to say it. I'm also an American, and proud to say that, too, and there is a connection.

Looking back in the books of Joshua, II Kings, Isaiah and some others, I couldn't help but notice that the Israelites, too, decided a few times in their long history that God didn't really exist, or that he was dead, or that they weren't going to pay any attention to him.

The results were disastrous.

God gave these people a beautiful, bountiful land, gave them victory in their wars, and a peace in which to enjoy their bounty. They became very prosperous, and, in their prosperity, turned their back on God.

They were then promptly permitted to be defeated by Godless barbarians, taken into captivity, and made slaves.

The parallel is too obvious to even waste space retelling.

It is hard for me to imagine that these "Christian atheists," as they call themselves, have not bothered to read the Old Testament. Many of them are ministers, or, I should say, ex-ministers, regardless of the robes they may still wear. They are much more learned in Biblical teachings than am I, and I would think more qualified to speak on theological matters.

But they are not.

They would lead our nation along the same paths as the fallen nations of the past that God has blessed. When a nation stands by God, it stands. When it tries to deny him, he denies it, and the nation . . .

Falls.

I don't believe I'm a radical, or a religious fanatic, but I am a Christian American that is concerned about his country. Men may fail and nations may fall, but God will not.

There are other issues, too.

The current mess in Viet Nam.

I'm a follower of Vice Air Marshall Ky, but his days seem numbered. He promised elections, and when the Buddhists asked for constitutional convention, he called one. They boycotted it.

It's not his fault.

Let's support him . . . let's support the people of South Viet Nam in their fight against Communism, and then, when the war is won, have the free elections.

Let's do a lot of things, as far as I'm concerned, like bomb Hanoi and, especially, Haiphong.

There, LBJ, enough advice to last you a few months.

Europe?

Simple there, too.

If Charlie wants us out of France, let's just pull out, and if he won't pay us for all our services, withdraw all support. If he won't pay for all the material we can't move, destroy every bit of it.

How's that, Charlie?!

Oh, I'm full of advice, like everybody else.

Another note on Viet Nam: if Ky falls, I've got a doozy of an idea for a stable government: A U. S. military government that will rule till the war is won, then re-build like we did Japan following WW-II.

If we can just find another MacArthur to do the job . . . A&M?

All-male, all military, transfers start as fish, no marriage until graduation, senior privilege to have a car on campus, no civilian clothes kept on campus, midnight yell practice weekly, Corps trips to Hanoi once a month . . . any more suggestions?

All profs should be bulls or gung-ho Corps . . . all peaceniks and some of the other kooks should be sent to TU to clutter up their halls.

There, have I offended everyone?

Hope so, cause if I have I'll get enough letters to the editor so that I won't have to write another column or editorial till next year!

Oh, a review of "You Need Help, Charlie Brown" was to appear on this page a couple of weeks ago, but someone swiped the book: my Batt buddies.

I also have definite ideas about Aggie student government. I think it should be a three-branch government with increased power over all student activities. That would be the Senate, a judicial branch, and executive branch. Especially, note a judicial system.

Maybe have a couple of jury courts with members from the student body, and an all-judge appellate court above that. They could have jurisdiction over any breach of University regulations by any student or the breaking of any law passed by the student senate.

And, eventually, the executive branch could take over all activities of the office of the Dean of Students having to do with student affairs.

These ideas sound like a pretty good platform, so I might just file for President, or dictator, or whatever form of government they've got not-operating over there right now, and see if I can get elected.

Just think: a candidate with a platform!

But that would be pretty radical for A&M, n'est-ce pas?

PS: Mortimer flunked out.

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and **Anna Karenina** by Tolstoy are available at
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Sound Off

Editor,

The Battalion,

Mr. Gunderson's cultural plans for the campus certainly sound elegant. I'm sure emphasis in history, art, and "memorabilia" is needed here. Further, he and his mother sound wealthy and influential — this is also important I guess, for affluence in these areas. I would like to wish him well in his endeavors.

I question, however, and I hope the Board does, also, the need for "an entirely new environment for the A&M campus," as Mr. G. put it. Certainly to one from Chicago, a change might be indicated. It seems like everyone from those parts and farther East always figures we need changing. But even the most rabid of the "Rudded Mystique" must admit that we've done pretty well as we are.

Co-eds and a drastically reduced Corps have already decreased our unique status above other schools in the state. Isn't that enough?

It's costing a lot to be top-rate scientifically. Continuance in this area would seem more logical.

But have at it, gang; I guess we never knew how "bad off" we were. Who knows, we may even foster our own little Cal-Berkely riots if we can get cultural enough.

Gus McDonald, '53

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Editor,

The Battalion,

With due respect to Mr. Rasalan, I would submit the following points in connection with the letter, (30-3-66), written by Mr. Rasalan.

(a) In a democratic society, the rule of law prevails. The law allows Mr. Rasalan the benefits of the Bill of Rights.

(b) That Mr. Rasalan has forgotten the "spirit" of the Pilgrim Fathers.

(c) That he has forgotten the speeches of the "Founding Fathers" of this nation.

(d) That Mr. Rasalan has forgotten the rights of the Magna Carta.

(e) That Mr. Rasalan has blurred the "image" of an open society, based on the inherent rights and prerogatives of the masses.

(f) Many GPs are fighting today in Vietnam just to make more convenient for Mr. Rasalan, to violate the subtle rules of Democracy.

(g) Mr. Rasalan should take some courses in government, history and English: "Knowledge is power!!!"

(h) Mr. Rasalan's letter stands refuted by David Feth Green!!!

(i) Take it easy!!! See you around!!! Humor is the "Lone Star" of life!!!

Humorously,

A. Zaman

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Editor,

The Battalion,

The confusing and misleading letter of Mr. Rasalan published in *The Battalion* dated March 30, 1966, has attracted the attention of myself and the members of the Pakistan Students' Association held the cultural evening on March 25, 1966, in observance of Pakistan Day. I, in course of my speech on the significance of the Pakistan Day, had said, "The freedom loving people of the world should have the right of choosing their own way to freedom and prosperity without any interference."

Mr. Rasalan in his letter thoroughly misquoted my speech and thereby he did not even hesitate to use improper words even though he himself was urging

for fostering goodwill and mutual understanding among all students. I wonder how above-mentioned statement of mine could possibly be interpreted as political in nature and prejudicial to good will specially in a country like USA which is doing its best in helping the people all over the world to achieve their freedom of thought and expression.

Respectfully yours,
Muhammed Hussian,
President, Pakistan
Students' Association

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Editor,

The Battalion,

Having just learned of the death of Dr. S. S. Morgan, I feel I have an obligation as one of his former students to say a few words.

Dr. Morgan was a winner. As a teacher he won for his students an appreciation for life and for the reflection of it in literature. He won from his students a dedication to the best possible expression of their thoughts. As a person he won for his students the meaning of an open mind, a devotion to principle, and an insight into the essential good of humanity. He won from his students admiration and respect.

Dr. Morgan was also a loser. He failed to hide his warmth beneath the rough exterior he tried so hard to generate. He failed to write and do as much as he might have because there was always a student seated in his office or standing by him in the hall trying to drain off a little more warmth or knowledge. And I will always remember him as an armchair archeologist who dreamed of being at the ruins himself but who had other demands and obligations to meet.

I will miss Dr. Morgan. I will never miss him as much as those students who will never have the opportunity to answer his roll call.

Richard J. Reiser, '61
Venice, California

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Editor,

The Battalion,

Aggie Jokes were quite the thing,
On this we will agree.
But U of T has had their fling
And now we make our plea.

Our Team isn't No. 2
As far as football goes,
But one thing you must agree:
We "Got a nose for prose."
Illustrious Aggies there are many,
So I won't name a few,
But in this time of strife and storm
GIVE US AGGIES OUR DUE.

Roberta L. Hartford
Dallas, Texas

1965 Car Mishaps Claim 5 In County

Five people killed in Brazos County were among the 3,028 persons who lost their lives in automobile accidents in Texas in 1965, according to figures released by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

One person was killed in Bryan, where four had died the year before. College Station continued its record of no fatalities. There were 186 accidents in the county, in which 65 persons were injured. The state's 1965 toll was 22 more than in the previous year. There were 470,988 automobile accidents during 1965 — one every 67 seconds.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



I've been looking high and low for my text and notes! It seems like I was going to take some work home for the holidays — I wonder if . . .

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By Charles M. Schulz