

Thank You, Miss Chalet

Anna Chalet, a gracious trouper, displayed a very real and sincere love for the Corps of Cadets Thursday night. Before her one-night performance here, she told The Battalion that in case many students were turned away at the gate she would repeat the show in its entirety. It was her "deep admiration for the Corps of Cadets" that prompted such a statement.

An automobile accident two years ago came close to cutting short her singing career. But she said the "spirit of the Twelfth Man made me want to get back into the field."

Was she sincere or just publicity-hungry? Unforeseen extenuating circumstances caused one of the sparsest audiences in recent Guion history and gate proceedings were practically non-existent. It must have looked bleak indeed from the stage. And where many entertainers would have left this campus without ever glancing back, Miss Chalet announced the second performance would go on as promised. Cadets in the audience went on a recruiting rampage and before showtime Guion Hall was a packed theater. And Miss Chalet showed her appreciation with a sincere from-the-heart performance.

Had she not been forced to compete with mid-week scheduling and yell practice, a second performance would have been unnecessary and her claimed love for Aggiedom would have gone unproven.

But it was necessary and proven beyond a doubt.



"You study hard, take good notes, turn in all your assignments and everything! But what's your real secret to makin' good grades?"

Stadium Shenanigans

By JOHN HOTARD
HOLD IT! STOP! DON'T ASK THAT GIRL TO THE GAME YET!

There have been some changes made in the traditions and dating procedures at A&M football games.

To begin with, you will no longer kiss your date every time A&M scores. You will kiss her after A&M fumbles.

All dates left standing under the stadium while the Corps marches in are free game to non-regs. (WAH WAH)

Seating in the stadium will be arranged in such a manner that, when Varsity's horns are sawed off, there will be seven freshmen and one junior to a group.

When the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band marches onto the field, the Corps will wild-cat. The non-regs will be making time with the Band's dates.

Through arrangements with ETV, monitor television sets will be made available for those Aggies in the end zone.

The Senior Line for the football team

will be made up of dates instead of seniors (Boosts team's morale.)

After scoring, anybody who can make to the yell leaders' dates before they do, has power to them.

Corps members: after the final gun, run onto the field and carry off the players.

Non-regs: After the final gun, run and carry off the Corps' dates.

After a touchdown, you can kiss every date you can get to before the PAT. After the PAT, you can kiss every date you can get to before somebody slugs you.

Anticipate the scoring. Just before a score, have the guy next to you go for drinks. Then, if we score, think of the guy's position, standing there all alone, with nobody to turn to. Be an Aggie and kiss her.

Or be a good Aggie and get her phone number at the same time.

If any games are televised, remember that the nation is watching you. Conduct yourself in the best Aggie tradition. Gross everybody out.

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Death Of God — True Or False?

By MIKE BERRY

A new theological dialogue now sweeping the nation is seeking to provide modern man with an alternative to the traditional form of Christianity that, hopefully, will have more cogency in our age.

This modern theology seeks to adapt Christianity to a more realistic state after the "Death of God."

This rather shocking announcement is one that naturally causes controversy and turmoil, but it is also "an event of great liberation and joy... not keeping one from something but making something newly possible," wrote Rev. William Hamilton in an article in the August issue of Playboy magazine.

The "silences" or "disappearances" of God have been recorded throughout the history of the Church, explained Rev. Hamilton, and are accepted tenets of religious dogma.

But now, the disappearance of God is permanent, he continued. The manifest presence of God has been withdrawn from the perception of modern man. His existence remains unquestioned but his withdrawal must force Christianity to form a subtler concept of God.

The discrepancy between implication and meaning of this movement gives a clue to the character of the movement. In our age where right is determined by what is most efficient and by what "works best," the movement finds its most eloquent justification for its impreciseness.

Ignoring the nuances of theological language, the "Death of God" believers, in essence, say that the forms and conventions of religious practices are out of touch with modern needs.

The reality abides, but the older forms of thought and language are hopelessly obsolete.

How did God die, then?

His death was caused by us, explains Rev. Hamilton. The state of man's knowledge has made the God men believed in 100 years ago inapplicable, he says.

The movement has exhibited no visible signs of widespread acceptance, but some religious thinkers agree with some of the claims.

"The gods that we built up as idols or mental images are dead," explains Thomas J. Seay, minister of the A&M Church of Christ.

But the Death of God is no small matter, and for better or for worse, some excitement is justified.

Silver Taps

Oh, hail, departed comrades, we before thee stand silent. You who walked among us now will forever be silent. We stand alone waiting — while on our breaths — a silent prayer... Thinking that for us others may assemble there.

Then — steps in the night — as the honor guard comes near. The slow, mournful tramping of feet falls upon our ear. Orders ring through the darkened, night, as our fallen comrades stare —

Then come the shots of blessed musketry that fill the silled air.

And lo—from the night—in a thousand places—the bugles cut the liquid air, Tears run down the cheeks of the solemn Aggies standing there. Three times the bugles cry out — as if to reach the very souls Of those who watch, and those departed, who have reached their final goals.

Michael Schrantz, '70

The oldest botanical garden in the Western Hemisphere thrives on the West Indian island of St. Vincent. It was established in Kingston in 1765 to introduce exotic and commercial plants from the Far East to the West Indies.

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