

Is the future Bright for Dallas Cowboys?

So now Bum Bright has bought the Dallas Cowboys. It should come as no surprise to anyone.

It's a logical step — from college football to the pros, from meddling in Texas A&M football to meddling in the NFL.

Tex Schramm, the Cowboys' president and general manager, said the major consideration in choosing a new owner was finding someone who would not upset the club's hierarchy, its formula for success.

Those of us who have seen Bright in action at Texas A&M know that Schramm has the wrong man.

The chairman of the Board of Regents was the center of controversy in 1982, when Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Tom Wilson was fired.

Bright first tried to lure Bo Schembechler away from the University of Michigan. When that failed, Jackie Sherrill was persuaded to leave the University of Pittsburg for a \$1.4 million package.

The entire fiasco attracted national publicity — unfavorable publicity for Texas A&M.

Is that what's in store for the Dallas Cowboys?

The question is whether Bright will be able to keep his fingers out of Tom Landry's pie any better than he was able to keep them out of Tom Wilson's.

For the sake of "America's team," we hope so.

— The Battalion Editorial Board

Columnist interviews God on prayer issue

By ART BUCHWALD
Columnist for The Los Angeles Times Syndicate

I don't talk to God as often as I should because I know how busy He is these days. But every four years, during the presidential campaign, I do check in to make sure what the candidates are saying about Him is true.

The other night, after hearing President Reagan say for the umpteenth time that God had been expelled from America's classrooms, I asked Him, "Are You banned from America's schools?"

"Not that I know of," God replied.

"President Reagan said that kids can't pray in school."

"If they can't, they're sure doing it," God said. "I hear schoolchildren's prayers all day long. Of course I hear more from those who haven't done their homework. And there is a lot of praying when report cards come out. I can't understand why President Reagan said I've been banned from the classroom."

"I think what he was referring to was the Supreme Court decision which forbade organized prayer in public schools at the beginning of the day. Did that decision bother You?"

"On the contrary. I don't believe in people praying if they don't mean it. Fortunately in America people can pray anytime, anywhere they want to."

"Well, why would President Reagan say You were banned from public schools, if You weren't?"

"I have no idea," God said. "People are always dropping my name to get votes during an election year. Frankly I wish the president would have checked with Me first."

"Do you believe it's a good idea to have separation of Church and State?"

"I believe it's an excellent one. Your country has survived for over 200 years without getting Me mixed up in your

government, and when you look around you seem to have more freedom of worship than any other place on the face of the globe."

"How would you feel about forced voluntary prayer in the schools in the morning, so if the kids didn't want to pray they wouldn't have to?"

"It would bother me. All My children are very fragile and it would cause tremendous friction between those who prayed and those who didn't. I would prefer that schoolchildren pray when the spirit moves them, and not when a teacher tells them to."

"What your president should know is that God is everywhere, and when he states I am no longer in the public schools, he doesn't know what in the devil he's talking about."

"Then You didn't tell him You wanted prayers officially back in the schools?"

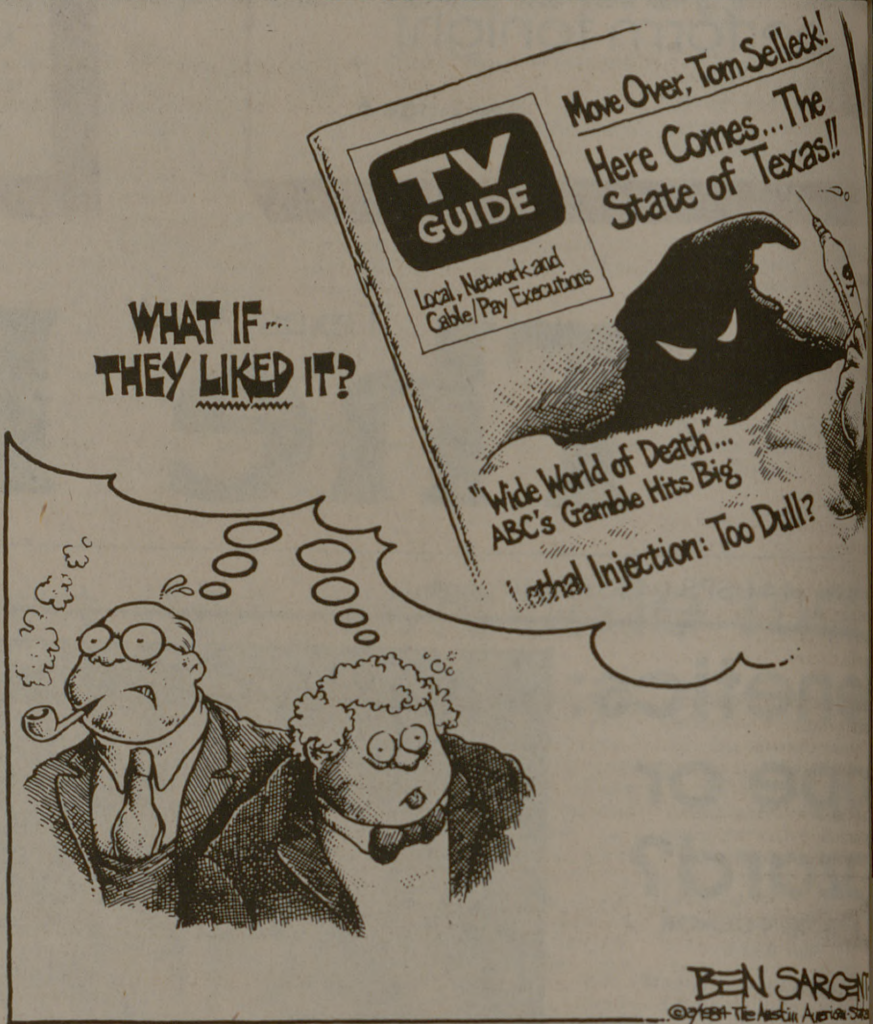
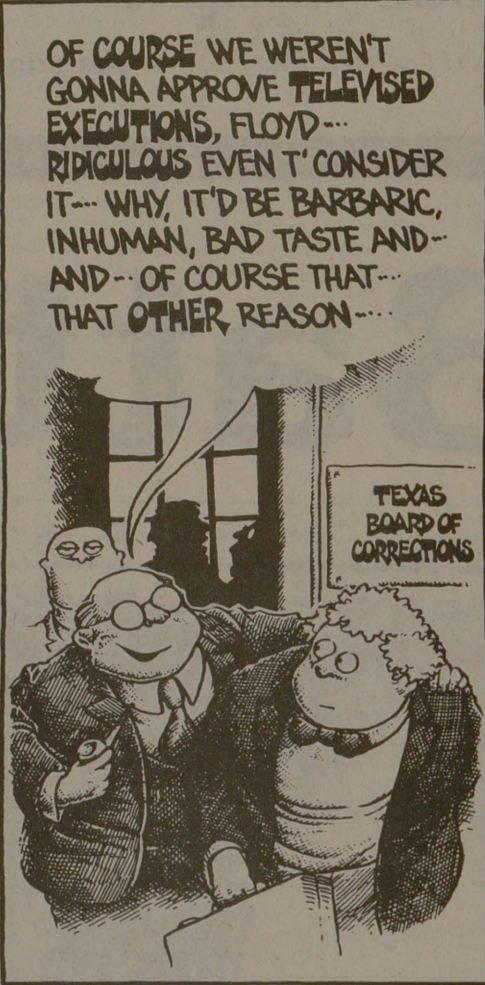
"I certainly did not," God told me. "But I did talk to him about the asbestos problem."

"The asbestos problem?"

"It's very serious. A great many schools have asbestos peeling off the ceilings and walls and it's getting into the schoolchildren's lungs, and they can die from it. If I were president of the United States I'd be much more concerned about the health of America's children, than what time of day they could pray."

"Well, thanks for Your time," I said. "I didn't want to bother you, but I was afraid if I was against mandatory prayer in public schools You would think I didn't believe in You anymore. Could I put this conversation on the record?"

"Be my guest. There is too much talk by politicians about what I want and don't want, and as God, it really ticks me off."



Letters

Editorial Board disrespectful

Editor:

While reading your comments in "Freedoms include right not to pray," I was very disappointed in your journalistic abilities as illustrated by the introductory paragraphs.

Sarcasm and glib remarks such as "Who forced the Almighty to leave?" have no place in an article representing The Battalion's viewpoint.

Individual letters and remarks are one thing, but I would certainly hope that the Editorial Board has at least a few members who are opposed to such sensationalistic and disrespectful remarks.

I do not challenge the points you presented on the public prayer issue. I merely criticize the way in which the points were made. Certainly you can have a little more respect for God than this shows.

Lisa Rutherford,
Class of '86

Trash dumpster an eyesore

Editor:

Stand at the west entrance to Texas A&M and look toward campus. What do you see?

The domed Academic Building, undergoing a facelift to restore its original dignity and beauty; a flagpole from which the Stars and Stripes proudly wave; a beautiful flowerbed soon to be colored with the flowers of spring; and in the middle of it all is a dumpster.

Yes, between the Coke Building and the YMCA Building at the rear of parking lot 44 is a dumpster.

For a campus which prides itself upon natural beauty even to the point of eliminating telephone poles, how can we allow this, a dumpster greeting visitors at A&M?

Soon there will be a carillon at the west entrance. Will the dumpster still be there? Surely there is a better place for this admittedly functional, but not so aesthetic structure.

How about it, Physical Plant; can we get that dumpster moved?

Kirby E. Erickson
Class of '86

Student protests high parking fee

Editor:

It has been decided that the price of red parking stickers for the fall semester will be increased from \$36 to \$78.

Never mind the fact that the only parking lot built during the last six years is the motorcycle lot near Heaton Hall, and during the same time the enrollment at Texas A&M has increased by nearly 10,000 students. This time the administrators have really outdone themselves!

I think it's time the students here finally stood up and said something.

I propose that when registration comes up in a few weeks, as a form of protest, every student should refuse to buy a parking sticker. This includes off-campus students, whose blue stickers are surely next in line for price increase.

This will hit Texas A&M where it will feel it the most — in the bank account.

If the administrators want to raise the price of everything on campus, they had better provide a service that at least approaches being worth as much as what they will charge.

Steve Sobolik
Class of '82

Parents should buckle up too

Editor:

In response to Kathleen Hartmann on seat belt use for children, I agree but would add the following:

- Car seats are less expensive hospital bills and funerals.
- A DPS officer has been quoted saying, "I've never had to unbuckle a dead person."
- Parents should buckle themselves up, too. This is one very simple way to avoid having your children become phans.
- If parents don't care about safety of their family, I hope they forget that of mine. If a driver is wearing a seat belt and is thrown out of a seat (or the floor or through the shield), then that driver cannot maintain control of the car, thereby endangering others on the road.

Janet A. Nance
College of Med

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"I think it's about as hard to think reason why you get back late as it think of an excuse to leave early."



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