

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Limited Coeducation Put In Perspective

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a rebuttal to an editorial appearing in Wednesday's Battalion voicing disapproval of Senator Andy Rogers' limited co-education bill now pending in the Legislature.

Senator Andy Rogers' bill curtailing further female enrollment here has been clouded by misconceptions and general confusion since it received Senate committee sanction one week ago.

Many all-male backers were disappointed when his substitute bill replaced the original, which completely banned women. The present measure does little more than substantiate present policy, and many students who trekked to Austin last week came home feeling cheated.

Using the Senator's own explanation, the watered-down measure is the best that can be achieved, since the courts have decided that it is unconstitutional to deny education to any person at a state school provided facilities exist there which are not present elsewhere in the state.

Rogers' motivation for introducing the legislation is hinged upon the desire to retain that certain intangible characteristic which has always set A&M apart from other colleges.

Sister schools have always made Aggies the brunt of every kind of humor, sordid and otherwise. Aggies are often condemned and castigated, but beneath the resentment and hatred and maliciousness there has always been a grudgingly-yielded respect for him and his way of life.

The Aggie is distinctive, he is proud of it, and Rogers wants to keep it that way. His premise is that quality is not equated with size.

He is not interested in having a super enrollment; he is only concerned with having his Alma Mater challenge other schools for academic superiority.

Rogers has pointed out that six of the nation's top 10 schools are either all-male or have separate campuses for men and women. He contends that a school does not necessarily achieve greatness by being coed, nor does he concede that mushrooming enrollment goes hand in hand with scholastic supremacy.

If the Board of Directors would quit harping about women and enrollment and start devoting their efforts to the pursuance of excellence without regard to quantity, the school will perhaps not increase in enrollment but will most assuredly emerge as a better institution.

Andy Rogers has taken a step in the right direction. If Texas A&M is allowed to become fully coed, it will become ordinary. Aggies have never liked that word; now is no time to become ordinary after 89 years of uniqueness.

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Sound Off

Editor, The Battalion: Thursday is the big day. The runoff for class officers. For us, the class of '66, best class on campus, it is our last chance to vote in any class elections. I am Russel Stein. I'm running for MSC Representative to the Senior Class.

Editor, The Battalion: My name is Tom Hargrove. I'd like to remind you that Thursday is the day for runoffs in the class elections. I am a candidate for re-election to the office of vice president of the Senior Class.

Editor, The Battalion: I am running for the office of president of the Senior Class. At present, I am your Junior Class President - I work at the job seriously and with pride. I believe that we have worked extra hard for the class this year.

Editor, The Battalion: My name is Marion Tindall. I'm an accounting and finance major from Orange. My purpose in writing this letter is to express my gratitude to those Aggies whose thoughtfulness put me in the runoff for the office of vice president of the Class of '66.

Editor, The Battalion: I am interested in knowing more about the new parking limits that have been imposed amongst those students who park their cars along Sulphur Springs Road across from the parking areas of Dorms 21 and 22. Students living in Dorms 19, 20, 21 and 22 normally use this parking area since it is close to their dorms.

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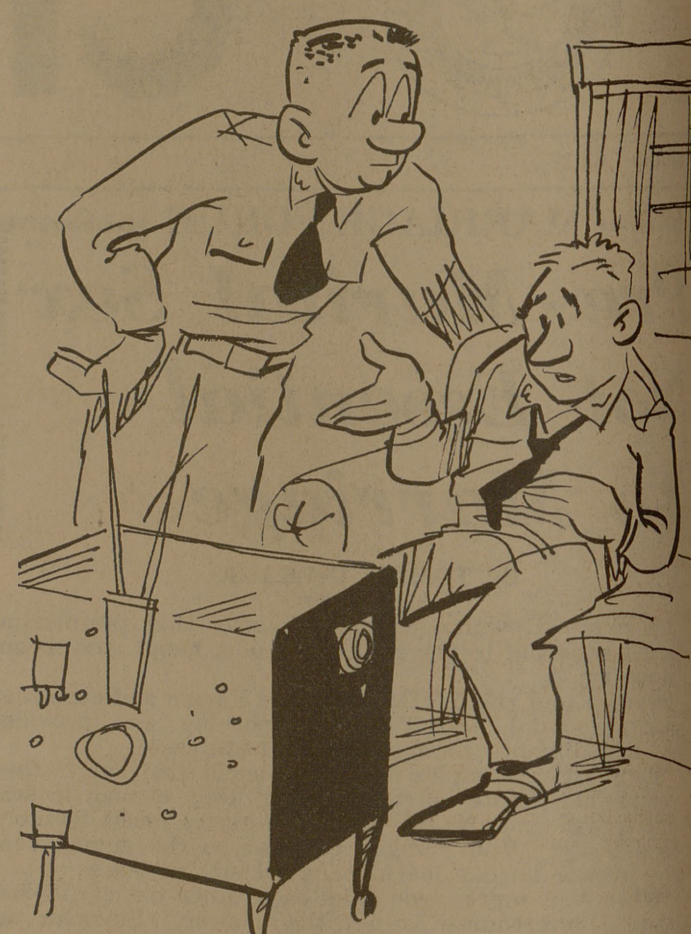
Editor, The Battalion: I'm a paid-up subscriber to The Battalion, a taxpayer, a "sacrificing" parent (who does not mind doing without a few things to send my son to the BEST school).

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CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"I don't know what's wrong with me! I sat down to watch the earth orbit yesterday and I haven't been able to leave th' TV since!"

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TWU Carol Redbu DENTON - Cater, pretty therapy major named Queen... TWU president of the annual Week at TWU... The week's included with the Student Music for da... by Joe Reich...