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# BATTALION EDITORIALS **Limited** Coeducation **Put In Perspective**

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a rebuttal to an edi-torial appearing in Wednesday's Battalion voicing disapproval of Senator Andy Roger's limited co-education bill now pending in the Legislature. Because The Battalion staff is so evenly split on this issue, we feel it necessary to present both sides of the problem. 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. His bill upholds the court rulings in this respect. 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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Bovay Engineers, Inc. — civil engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering.

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Editor, The Battalion:

Thursday is the big day. The runoffs 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 Russell Stein. I'm running for MSC Representative to the Senior Class. I would like to thank all the voters who put me in the runoffs by voting last Thursday. I ask you to vote again this Thursday too. For those who voted for the candidate who was eleminated or who didn't vote; I ask you for your vote. I am on the executive com-

mittee of SCONA and the secretary of the Finance Society. I feel that I am qualified for the position. Thank You, and remember this is our last chance to vote in any class election.

Russell Stein, '66 \* \* \* 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. I am currently vice president of the Junior Class.

I feel that I'm well qualified to continue to hold their position. If I am re-elected I'll try to do the best job I can. Thanks for your time. And

don't forget to vote Thursday whether for me or my opponent. Tom Hargrove, '66 \* \* \*

#### 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; and I promise that if I

am re-elected, I will continue to do my best. Also if elected, I will need your help and support. I shall also try to express your views to the administration.

At the moment I only ask two things — that you go to the polls Thursday and that you consider me for the office of Senior Class

president Norris Cano, '66 \* \* \*

Editor. The Battalion:

My name is Marion Tindall.

# — Sound Off —

its rightful place as being one of the most honored and respected ever to set foot on our campus. With your vote, I'm confident that we can attain this goal

As seniors next year we will bear the responsibility of carrying on the time honored traditions of those who preceded us and to set the pace for those who will follow in our footsteps. I want to see our entire student body function as a unit and be given much more voice in the administrative decisions that will affect us.

In closing, I want to emphasize that your preference for any office can be heard effectively only through your vote. Only one-third of our class voted last Thursday. Let's not put our class representative in the position of knowing that only a minority of our class gives a damn about our school. Vote!

Marion H. Tindall, '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 and therefore a conveniencse to them especially during times when the weather is not at its best.

But now the users of this parking area have been granted a parking limit of two hours between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. during weekdays. Anyone parking more than two hours during this time will receive as a bonus a nice traffic violation ticket.

It was brought to my attention that the origin of this parking limit was a petition signed by those we so dearly love -the North Gate capitalists. am pleased to say through that not all of the people in North Gate signed this petition. My main interest is to find out who signed the petition and why they wanted to impose such an inconvenience among the students.

Hector X. Gutierrez, '66 \* \* \*

Editor.

The Battalion: As 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) and as an active member of a Mother's Club working to help other boys, I feel I am entitled to voice my opinion and that of numerous other parents about this business of changing

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to help the Class of '66 assume everything at A&M but the name Those students who complain

> about the lack of "social activities" because of limited coeducation — surely they were aware of the fact before they came up to College Station! Frankly, I do not feel like doing without so much as a 10¢ Coke in order that my son may have a wider choice of female companionship. A college education is a PRI-VILEGE, not a right - which some of the students seem to forget. If you want to go to a "finishing school" I am sure there are many where the girls actually even outnumber the boys - why not go there? And as far as that poll was concerned, it would appear that only about one-fourth of the students chose to vote — that is not much of a victory.

Texas A&M has a splendid record, both for academic excellence, unfailing courtesy and unquestionable loyalty. I am proud that my son is an Aggie! The only reason I am asking that this letter be published without my name is that I do not want my son to be embarrassed in any way — despite the fact that he feels even more strongly about this than I do.

Name Withheld by Request \* \* \*

### Editor,

The Battalion: I'm Jack Gaden, known to my friends as "Gado." My name will be on the ballot for the position of historian of the Sen-

ior Class when you go to the polls to vote in the run-off election Thursday. I'd like to thank all those who

supported me in my campaign last week and would appreciate any continuation of this support this Thursday. I've tried to contact and talk to all members of the class of '66 the past few days, but in case I've missed any of you, then I would like to ask you to consider be for this important position.

If elected, I plan to write a colorful and complete history of our class and one which you will be able to look back on someday with pride. This history will in every way reflect the outstanding personality and uniqueness that our class possesses.

Please consider me for this office and, above all, be sure and vote Thursday.





"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!"



Ticket sales for the Junior Ball,

WEDNESDAY The Hillel Club will meet at Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in 7:30 p.m. in the Hillel Founda-South Solarium, YMCA Bui tion Building. Filing for offices ing. closes after the meeting, and

tables for benefit bridge will be set up Thursday. **Juniors** Extend THURSDAY Bell County Hometown Club Ticket Deadline meets at 7:30 p.m. in Room 205,

Academic Building. El Paso Hometown Club meets Louisiana Hayride and Banque at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2-A, MSC. will be extended through Thurs San Angelo — West Texas day, Norris Cano, junior class Hometown Club meets at 7:30 president said. p.m. in Room 2-C, MSC.

Junior are urged to purchase Dallas Hometown Club meets at their tickets as early as possible 7:30 p.m. in the Fountain Room, They are available at the cashier YMCA Building. window of the Student Finance

Beaumont Hometown Club Office in the lower level of the meets at 7:30 p.m. in Room 203, Memorial Student Center. Academic Building. Plans will be made for Easter Party.

Juniors are reminded that the American Nuclear Society dress will be semi-formal. Civilians



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