

Editor,  
The Battalion:  
I wish to thank the people who voted for me last Thursday, placing me in the run-off election for Senior Representative to the Student Senate. Now I would like to ask these people to help complete the job that they have started.

The issues that have come to my attention this week are the same as last. I do not feel that the Student Senate is the place to question the necessity of enforcing traffic regulations on campus. If rules are not enforced, chaos will result. The Student Senate is not the place to question the integrity of Col. Dollar or other University employees. These men are state employees, responsible to their superiors, and should not be subjected to undue irresponsible criticism by the Student Senate, which is supposed to be representative of our mature student body. Another point was the electing of the editor to the Batt. Just over two years ago, a single irresponsible person caused us to lose the privilege of having a student publication. I do not feel we can allow this to happen again. I feel electing the editor for the Batt would be opening the door for an unqualified person to achieve this important position and possibly through some irresponsible act cost us this important post. These are my stands on these issues brought up this week. I would hope these stands adequately answer any questions that you have on how I will represent you in the Student Senate if I am elected Thursday.

If I am going to win, I need your vote. I don't think we can afford to have the Student Senate lose the respect it has gained over the past few years. Vote for Arthur J. "Buzz" Erickson tomorrow in the typewriter room of Francis Hall, and vote for a stronger student government through responsibility. Thank you very much.  
—Your candidate for Student Senate, Arthur J. "Buzz" Erickson '69  
Dorm 9 Room 101  
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Editor,  
The Battalion:  
Tomorrow's election of a Senior Representative for the new College of Business Administration is of special significance to us. Not only will we work with this individual, but he will be the personal representative of all Senior Business majors. We recommend to you Bob Edgecomb as Senior Representative of the College of Business Administration.

Bob Edgecomb is an unusually qualified student leader. Through his work on the Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate, he has shown his ability and interest in working for the students at Texas A&M University. Bob's campaign slogan, "Through Student Action Comes Student Power," demonstrates his understanding of the type of representation necessary to make the Student Senate a powerful tool for the student body.

Tomorrow in Francis Hall we will be voting for Bob Edgecomb as Senior Representative for the College of Business Administration. Seniors, if you want a working Senator who will not only debate but will push for Action, cast your vote for Bob Edgecomb.

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Editor,  
The Battalion:  
As a candidate for Senior Business Representative to the Student Senate, I believe that immediate action should be taken in the following areas:

## Listen Up the batt forum

1. POLITICAL SPEAKERS on campus are a must. The Administration should take a more liberal point of view and allow political speakers to speak at A&M. A mature college student should be allowed to hear a speaker in order to form his own opinions rather than receiving edited and sterilized news.

2. COMPUTER REGISTRATION—Is this the administration's way of forcing the student to take classes taught by unknowledgeable and out-dated professors?

3. A PUBLISHED STUDENT EVALUATION of all professors.

4. A PASS-FAIL GRADING SYSTEM should be installed at A&M. This system would allow an individual to take up to 18 hours of non-major electives for cultural development without fear of receiving a bad grade.

5. MESS HALL—Does Col. Dollar make cents? Compulsory Board is unfair. What happens to the profits?

6. BATTALION EDITOR should be elected by popular vote. Why are there no students on the student publication board?

7. ROLL CALL VOTE by the Senate on all issues so that everyone can know how his senator voted.

8. A REVISED TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM is necessary. Why are the "KK's" more concerned about writing tickets than they are about directing traffic?

9. A NEW BUILDING for the new College of Business Administration is needed if this very important college is to continue growing.

I believe that only through student action will come student power. When you vote this Thursday for Bob Edgecomb—you will be casting your vote for student government.  
Thank you for your consideration and your votes.  
Bob Edgecomb '69  
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traditions of one of the most respected schools in the United States and the best in the state of Texas. You have made—by your obvious feeling—our student government representatives to feel as aliens to the functions of their school because they are not a part of the Corps.

The Aggie Spirit, Sir, is something which must be felt deep down inside — it can never be forced upon a person by regimentation (which is the reason you cannot truly say all Corpsmen are true Aggies.) A true Aggie—no matter what his role might be—must feel that Spirit inside him to want to "whip out," to greet a fellow with "Howdy!" He must want—not be forced—to attend campus events; to back the team as the Twelfth Man. He must truly feel the words of our Founding Father, Richard Coke: "... Let honor be your guiding star in your dealings with your superiors, your fellows, with all... Stand by the right even to the sacrifice of life itself... Learn that death is preferable to dishonor." This, Mr. Teipel, is the Aggie Spirit, the kind of Spirit not many schools in our country can proudly boast.

Sir, to say that we are not Aggies because we do not participate in the Corps would be to say that we are not Christians because we do not attend an organized church regularly. Again, each person must feel the Spirit inside of him. He must want to do what is fitting and exemplary of that name! He must not be forced into it. True, the Corps of Cadets were the first Aggies, but they are not now the only Aggies.

Mr. Teipel, please understand that I do not disagree with your main statements about "counterfeits": civilians who wear part of the Corps uniform or underclassmen who violate the important privileges of the Senior Class without deserving those privileges. The only thing that I am in violent disagreement with is the fact that you have made many of those who feel Aggie Spirit feel as aliens. Your statement, it seems to me, fully depicts those of us on this campus who are along for the ride — the Two Per Centers — the true Counterfeits. My question put directly, Sir, is this: Must I walk among my fellow students here on the campus or on the streets back home, feeling that I am considered a Counterfeit — an alien — to this great school?

Let it be known to all who read this letter that I am not trying to sever the relations we students enjoy as part of the Twelfth Man. I am not contrary to the Corps of Cadets. Rather, I salute them and everything they stand for. The Corps is an integral part of the Spirit of Aggieland — but not the only part. It is solely my intent to join in with all true Aggies saying:  
We are the Aggies—the Aggies are we,  
True to each other as Aggies can be,  
We've got to fight, boys,  
We've got to fight.  
We've got to fight for Maroon and White...  
We are the Aggies—the Aggies are we,  
We're from Texas A.M.C.  
—Marvin H. Mimms, Class of '26  
Bill A. Ashworth Jr. '70  
Most sincerely yours,  
The right of quotation is not extended. Either my letter has to be printed as is or not at all. (Ashworth's signature was followed by 34 others. — Ed.)  
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Editor,  
The Battalion:  
This letter is an answer to Mr. Teipel's letter appearing in the Oct. 18 issue of The Battalion. Dear Randy,  
I'm writing this letter as the response which you seemed to expect from "many intellectuals." Well, as I'm sure anyone who knows me will agree, I am not the intellectual you expected, and I am not very witty; but I did take English 210, and I'll do my best to retort with points of

logic.

First, I admit that some of the things that have happened so far this year have seemed rather in keeping with high school spirit rather than Aggie Spirit, and that some traditions have not been upheld. But, I'd like to ask you: What have you done about it, Randy? Have you been one of those who yelled as gruffly and commanding as possible, "Get off the G— D— wood, non-reg!" This is what I've observed time and time again this year. People are funny alright; but, you know, most people respond in much the same manner that they are treated. All a person sees when somebody suddenly "chews him out" is contempt. This helps no one.

YOU REFER to a frat-rat rush week to build Aggie Spirit. Again I ask you: What have you done to help the students on this campus understand what Aggie Spirit is? Did you spend most of the summer working out plans to better involve your fellow students in campus activities? Did you come early to school so you could talk to all the new students as they arrived on campus? Have you spent hours upon hours each week trying to organize the hall (dorm) in which you live into an organization which will one day become a vital part of a civilian student's life? Have you spent even more hours telling new students in your hall (that don't have to come listen) what Aggie Spirit means to you, and what A&M offers its student body? Well, I know quite a few who have been doing just that; and you say they are not Aggies! Granted, some of these leaders were briefly in the Corps, which by your classification might make them Aggies; but they chose not to stay in the Corps. Others have never been in the Corps. I spent four good years in the Corps, so if that qualifies me to

say so, I'm here to tell you that these men do have the real Aggie Spirit.

Now of course this offers no excuse for what has happened, but it does show that something is being done about it. It shows that some people care enough about A&M and the Aggie Spirit that they are using their head for something besides a Senior hat rack. Again I ask: What have you done to help the situation?—oh yes, you wrote that beautiful letter in the Friday, October 18 issue of The Battalion.

RANDY, WHAT do you suggest that we do with the 10,000 students who are not in the Corps and do not intend to be? Tell them Highway 6 runs both ways! Don't kid me, you don't even use that phrase in the Corps anymore. I'm saying that there are people who are doing something. But anything of real value requires a lot of hard work—and a touch of patience. I think that something is being accomplished in this area, but it is not going to change this campus overnight; and it certainly won't come any sooner with people writing letters like yours.

You said many men have walked these same grounds before us for a century with pride, honor, and respect. Randy, we are doing the walking now, and "resting on the laurels" of our predecessors will get us nowhere. It is out of respect for those men who have been before us that I can see nothing but contempt, shame, and disappointment in the attitude expressed in your letter. My experience as Corps Chaplain last year taught me that there is a lot of work to be done in the Corps, too. If I were to generalize as much as you did, I would say that the Corps does not have long to exist because your attitude will kill it. Thank goodness, I know this attitude is not that of most of your leaders. I just hope that those fighting Texas Aggie Fish don't listen to those with this attitude. I hope they have enough sense to listen to the real leaders of the Corps, for whom I have great respect.  
Clarence Daugherty '68

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Edo



"Windy days seem to give him the most trouble!"

## About That Mail

If you brought in a Listen Up letter Monday hasn't yet seen print, have patience. We're getting to you in more or less the order we received them, except that campaign letters for Thursday's Student Senate election had to take preference because of the time factor involved.  
Actually, there probably wouldn't have been any problem if it weren't for our regrettable failure to post a longer letter length at the start of the year. Be forewarned that the following policy applies to all letters, beginning with those we receive Monday: Letters should be typed, doubled-spaced, if possible; they must be no longer than 500 words; and, as we've said earlier, they must be signed. Though we'll withhold the author's name at his request, letters will be edited only for minor corrections and length.

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HE'S JUST THE TYPE WHO'LL MAKE CLASS PRESIDENT!

By Charles M. Schulz

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