

# Battalion Editorials

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## Moore's Latest Action May Be a Personal Slam

SENATOR WILLIAM T. MOORE of Bryan has taken another slap at A&M, this time by requesting the removal of Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist and the office he holds.

The senator, who represents this area, introduced the measure only 10 days after he pushed a resolution through the Senate to make the college coeducational. The first resolution was later killed with Moore casting the only dissenting vote.

Now he claims in the interest of economy we should eliminate the chancellor's post. He used the college's loss in enrollment as a reason for the economy move.

We would like to remind him why the position was created after a congressional investigation of the college in 1947. A Senate committee at that time found the duties of president of A&M too pressing to also look after the affiliated organizations—Tarleton State College, Arlington State College, Prairie View A&M College, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Forest Service, Texas Engineering Experiment Station, Texas Engineering Extension Service Firemen's Training School, Rodent Control Service and other agencies and services.

It was concluded by this Senate committee that one man could not properly execute the duties of a college president and coordinate work of the other units which were then affiliated with this college.

At the Senate committee's recommendation, the board of directors created the A&M System, which included all these affiliated units and A&M College. Gibb Gilchrist, then president of the college, was named chancellor of the new System.

Enrollment at A&M College has little to

do with responsibilities and duties of the A&M system chancellor. It is like saying the number of men in our armed forces is dropping, let's do away with the president's office.

The defense department is one unit of the over all picture of our country's organization. So is A&M College only one part of the vast A&M System which has grown in size and value to Texas and the US under the leadership of Gibb Gilchrist.

Senator Moore is remembered for his action on the coed situation when he introduced the resolution without consulting A&M officials. His vote against the college's appropriations bill while a member of the House, and other similar distasteful actions toward the college have been taken in stride.

He even showed up late in the Senate recently, after insisting that he be the man to introduce a resolution asking the Senators to recess to hear A&M's singing cadets perform for the House of Representatives.

As a former student of the college, we do not hold him responsible for acting always in the interests of A&M College. He should first consider what is best for Texas, and second, what his constituents would want him to do. But at the same time we believe he owes some allegiance to the college instead of hitting at it with every opportunity.

What underlying motives have brought about this sour attitude of Sen. Moore toward A&M?

It is our belief that careful coordination through one top central office has done much to build the A&M System and increase its value to the State of Texas. The System would sustain a great loss if the office of chancellor were dissolved.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

# Move Freshmen to 'New Area'

(The Battalion has received a deluge of letters during the recent coeducation and military crack-down controversy. We want to print your opinions and suggestions, but remind our readers that only a limited amount of space is available to do so. Brevity will be the determining factor as to when your letter is printed. If you submit a lengthy discussion, we may not have room for your letter immediately. — The Co-Editors.)

Editors, The Battalion:

For three years I have been reading The Battalion and reading the new ideas of each class as how to better A&M. Each class with some good ideas, each with some mistakes resulting from thoughtless actions. A good example of this was the Grievance Committee, the results of which make me feel glad that I was not a member of that group.

I read your article on conditions at A&M, and I must congratulate you on a clever piece of journalism. Everything you said was bitterly true and it hurt deep inside to sit back and realize that maybe I was a part of the degeneration of A&M. Since the printing of your article, I have read many letters in The Battalion in answer to your "quest" for a solution to our problem. To date no one has offered a feasible solution.

After thoughtful consideration I have come to the conclusion that

our main problem isn't that of losing the corps to the "coeds." Our former students can swing enough weight to control that—our problem is the possible disbanding of the corps by the Department of the Army. Don't think our old friend "the Boat" (Gen. Haydon L. Boatner, former commandant and new deputy fourth army commander) doesn't have us under the spy glass. Especially now! The Army is going to stand for just so much of this perpetual laxity, and they can easily take our corps away, and all the king's men and all the exes won't be able to do a thing about it.

There is but one solution and one solution only. The corps must be run entirely by the seniors. They must accept full responsibility, not just individually, but collectively—each and every man doing his full part and this principle followed throughout the corps.

The corps must be united again! A student should undergo a strict "old Army" freshman year just once. The basic division is doing a wonderful job in the freshman area academically, but as far as morally and militarily it stinks. The hand full of upperclassmen over there in each outfit cannot

sufficiently train and discipline the actions of each and every freshman. There will always be a few to "get away with something." Many are getting their education at the "Triangle." Please don't misunderstand me, there is nothing wrong with occasional indulgence provided it doesn't go to the extremes so as to degrade the name of our school or the honor of the word "Aggie." It's pretty embarrassing when a carload of intoxicated freshmen drive up alongside your car bellowing profane language when you have your girl down for a dance.

A tree will only grow the way you train it and only as big as the limits it's root system will permit. What I'm trying to put forth is that the freshman must be trained correctly and made fit to carry on and continue the duties of those who go before them.

If the freshmen were moved back into the "area," this would do away with the "low man on the totem pole, two years in a row" feelings of the sophomores. Possibly it would do away with their obstinate attitude. It would also start, the well needed, leadership a year earlier. At the present a cadet receives no leadership until his junior year and half of that time is spent in learning what his new found duties are. This could possibly cause less contempt and better feeling toward the "Aggie Brotherhood" for building a bigger and greater A&M. It would definitely increase the leadership qualities to help A&M again produce the greatest officers in the world. You may also check the difference between the grades of freshmen—that come back next year—and the grades of the sophomores. It would increase the academic potential of the sophomores and decrease the number of freshmen lost due to academic difficulties because of improper training, academically. Very strict enforcement of C. Q.

Here are some exact figures pertaining to the decrease in enrollment you so worriedly wrote about in your article. In September there were 884 freshmen registered, in February, 708—a loss of 176. In September there were 701 sophomores registered, in February 526—a loss of 175. These figures are for Army branches only, and can be checked in the registrar's office. There are entirely too many sophomores leaving school. The weeding out should come at the end of the freshman year. Could this be due to the fact of the "sophomore situation?"



## What's Cooking

Tuesday  
5 to 6 p.m. — MSC House Committee Coffee, Assembly Room, MSC.  
5:30 p.m. — Rusk County Club, Club pictures will be taken on the steps of the New Administration Bldg. Class "B" uniform.  
7 p.m. — State 4-H Club Dinner, Dining Room, MSC.  
7:30 p.m. — Etiquette Series—Military, Ballroom, MSC.  
AGC Student Chapter, Social Room, MSC.  
ASME, Rooms 3B & 3C MSC.  
Camera Club, Room 2B, MSC.  
Agronomy Society, Rooms 2C & 2D, MSC.  
Junto Club, Senate Room, MSC.  
Kream and Kow Klub, Room 2A, MSC.  
Journalism Club, Room 3D, MSC.  
Bldg. Products Marketing Club Room 151, BA Bldg., W. A. Mather of the Celotex Corporation will speak.  
AIEE, Room 207, New Engineering Bldg., G. H. Turrentine will speak.

Saddle and Sirlain Club, AI lecture room, Dr. R. R. Shrode will be guest speaker.  
Pre-Law Society, Assembly Room, YMCA, Business meeting and plans for a party.  
9 to 12 a.m. — Extension Service Conference, Room 2A, MSC.  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Dairy Manufacturers Short Course, Assembly Rooms, MSC.  
9 to 12 a.m. — Extension Service Conference, Rooms 3B & 3C, MSC.  
1 to 5 p.m. — Extension Service Conference, Room 2A, 2B, 3B, 3C, MSC.  
5:30 p.m. — San Angelo Club, Front of the New Administration Bldg., Aggie land picture will be taken.  
6 p.m. — Canterbury Club, St. Thomas Chapel, Cover dish supper, Talk by former chaplain, Rev. Lawrence L. Brown.  
6:30 p.m. — Dairy Manufacturers SC Banquet, MSC.  
7:15 p.m. — Hillel Club, Room 2C MSC.  
Executive Committee, Room 2D, MSC.  
7:30 p.m. — Student AVMA Auxiliary, Social Room, MSC.  
Air Force Reserve, Rooms 2A & 2B, MSC.  
Christian Science Church, Room 3D, MSC.  
Senior Court, Senate Room, MSC.

Friday  
1:15 p.m. — Foods group of College Women's Social Club at A&M Christian Church.

## MSC Storm Sewer Nearing Completion

Work on the storm sewer behind the MSC is nearing completion, said Walter Sayers, foreman of the job.

Progress on the job has been hampered by frequent rains, he said. The sewer will provide drainage for the MSC.

This job is one of a series of storm sewer repairs on the campus which began in September.

## White Denies Was Named Chancellor R

A committee to study the possibility of abolishing the office of chancellor of the A&M System has not been appointed said G. R. White of Brady, president of the System board of directors.

His announcement followed a statement by W. T. Doherty, new board member from Houston, who said such a group had been appointed.

The controversy was brought about after Senator William T. Moore of Bryan introduced a resolution last week asking the removal of Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist and the office he holds.

Not Referred to Committee  
The resolution had not yet been referred to committee this morning, as Senator Moore had requested.

Answering to Doherty's action, White said:

"On the contrary, at the request of Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist, I appointed, to a committee in June, 1951, to recommend to the board the name of a possible successor, since Mr. Gilchrist was anxious that a successor be named in time for him to retire from this position at the date established by our policy."

Chairman of the nominating committee, E. W. Harrison of South Bend, said he had at no time been given any assignment to consider the possibility of abolishing this important office.

"I have served as a member of the board committee to nominate a successor to Mr. Gibb Gilchrist as chancellor of the Texas A&M College System since June of 1951 and am at present chairman of this committee. We have not at any time considered abolishing the office."

## Succeeded Krueger

President White said Harrison had been named chairman of the nominating committee after C. G. Krueger of San Antonio was not reappointed to the board in January of 1953.

"At the Feb. 28, 1953, meeting of the board of directors, since the chairman of this committee had not been reappointed to the

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SO AH CHECKED WIF GYPSY-NOSE LEE, TH' WITCH-WOOWIN'. SHE SAYS IT'S A SHORE SIGN O' BAD LUCK!!  
IF THET CLOUD WONT GO AWAY FUM OVER TH' CRADLE—AH'LL SNEAK TH' CRADLE AWAY FUM UNDER TH' CLOUD!!  
AH DONE IT! THAR'LL BE NO SHADOW HANG MAH BUTTRES ITS UNDER BONES!!  
Ah, there! The Dove Brothers.  
IT'S NICE TO BE RECOGNIZED IN A SPIRIT OF BONAFIDISM, FRIEND DEACON! MOST OF THE PSEUDO-INTELLECTUARIES HERE THINK OF US AS COBBERDS.  
UGH.  
WE'RE REFORMED! CAST ASIDE ARE THE INFANTILISMS OF ENTRENCHED YOUTH... THE CHARLATANISTIC DEMOGOGUERY SPAWNED BY THE MACHINELLIAN MACHINES OF MASOCHISTIC MANIPULATORS ARE INDEED...  
YEA! OUR EXPERIENCE BEHIND THE VEIL OF VENOM... BEHIND THE MONOLITHIC MURAL... HAS LED US TO KNOW... WE KNOW THAT THE OWL, WHO IS A REPUTABLE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY IS A FRIEND OF THE TURTLE!  
AN' TH' TURTLE A FRIEND OF THE ALLIGATOR... IS A FRIEND OF POGO!  
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