

Opinion Poll on Spring Ball Could Ease Coed Controversy

College Instructors Need More Money Now

MORE PROFESSORS were smiling yesterday as the Senate finance committee considered recommendations calling for an increase of \$300 per salary in colleges and universities.

We hope it does not pass. Reason: The income of college and university instructors is one of the lowest in the state and more than \$300 increase is needed to place professors in a bracket equal to their qualifications.

A College Classroom Teachers' Association representative when speaking before the Senate committee stressed that although Texas colleges have done a good job in bringing higher education within reach of most young men and women, the professors are concerned that the quality of the education be good.

He explained that most colleges expect instructors to do more than conduct classes. Research work and professional meetings require time and money.

He further pointed out that college salaries in Texas have failed to increase in relation with incomes in other groups. Incomes

of all persons in Texas have risen 242 per cent since 1939; doctors' incomes are up 202 per cent; all United States persons up 175 per cent; and Texas college instructors have risen 77 per cent.

At A&M, salaries in all instruction classes range from \$200 to \$600 below that of similar positions at the University of Texas.

Real income for people in Texas has risen 85 per cent since 1939, and all US persons have had a real income rise of 45 per cent while Texas college instructors have had a decrease of eight per cent.

The appropriation method for college instructors' salaries is:

First, the enrollment of a college is divided by 18. The result is multiplied by salaries the Legislature wishes to pay.

Secondly, this lump sum is given the college administration for distribution.

To improve the atmosphere of the Texas colleges, to add a living wage incentive to the instructors' pay check, to advance the quality of the Texas colleges' product, we urge full support to the CCTA in their fight for a right to eat.

Fielding Mixes Spelling and Love

THE IRISH yesterday celebrated St. Patrick's Day, but the following letter is not written in the Irish brogue.

It is, however, what many educators believe a suitable facsimile to the spelling of college students today.

Written by Henry Fielding, it is a love letter from the book "Jonathan Wild," written in the early 1700 period.

'Most deivine and adwhorable creeture, I doubt not but those IIs, briter than the son, which

'have kindled such a flam in my hart, have likewise

'the faculty of seeing it. It would be the hiest pre-

'assumption to imagin you eggnorant of my loav. No,

'Madam, I sollemly purtest, that of all the butys in the

'unaversal glob, there is none kapable of hateracting

'my IIs like you. Corts and pallaces would be to me

'deserts without your kumpany, and with

it a wilder-

'ness would have more charms than haven itself. For

'I hop you will believe me when I sware every place

'in the universe is a haven with you. I am konvinced

'you must besinsibel of my violent passion for you,

'which, if I endevored to hid it, would be as impossible

'as for you, or the son, to hid your buty's. I assure

'you I have not slept a wink since I had the happiness

'of seeing you last; therefore hop you will, out of Kum-

'passion, let me have the honour of seeing you this

'afternune; for I am with the greatest adwhoration,

'Most deivine creeture, 'Tour most passionate amirer, 'Adwhorer and slave, 'JONATHAN WYLD.

Flanagan's Best

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ity poll in the country, and recorded a long list of best selling records.

"Music's For Sissies"

Flanagan was born in Lorain, Ohio, on April 7, 1919. His mother an organist, tried to get him to take piano lessons, but he said, "Music is for sissies."

At 17, after taking part in high school plays and operettas, he finally took to the piano with a gusto

that surprised his mother.

He started working with small bands and combos around Lorain. Not satisfied with stock arrangements, he began making his own. Soon he was devoting all his time to arranging.

His first "big break" was an offer to work with the Sammy Kaye orchestra as pianist-arranger. This started him on the road that has led to "America's Number One Band."

4-H Club Leaders Meet Ends in MSC

A 4-H Club Leaders Dinner was held last night at the MSC for district personnel of the Extension Service.

The main topic of discussion was the new national 4-H Club Recognition Program which is sponsored by the Matheson Chemical Co.

G. A. Kelts, district sales manager of the Houston division of the Company, said the purpose of the new program was to provide recognition for 4-H Club alumni who perform outstanding work.

The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions "Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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Editors, The Battalion:

Below you will find a few comments on various letters to the editors that have been published during the last few days.

(1) John M. Knox, M.D. '46 "A&M appeals to those who have a regard for their fellow man, a desire to improve oneself, and with very little interest in high society and frats."

Yet Dr. Knox advocates coeducation as the solution to A&M's problems. I have attended coeducational colleges before I came to A&M and have seen more disregard there for one's fellow man than I care to mention, more interest in high society and frats than in one's education and desire to improve oneself. How then, could coeducation improve A&M's already favorable position in regard to these points?

(2) Howard, Koenig, Wallace and Felix

"Half of the student body, the intelligent, modern unbiased half, are very much in favor of female Aggies; the stupid, backward, prejudiced, other half should drop dead!"

That other "half" is as much entitled to its opinion as are the so called intelligent, modern, unbiased half, and are just as much entitled to express it. Their reference to the "other" half lacks tact, and is just plain ungentlemanly.

(3) John L. Parks '53 "Concerning the recent coed issue, I dare say practically everyone has received clippings from his hometown newspaper saying in effect 'that the A&M's student's viewpoint can best be summarized by an editorial written by Joel Austin, Battalion Co-editor.'"

While Mr. Park agreed in his letter that it is an editor's prerogative to write what he pleases, he expressed the thought that the public be informed that your comments are your own, and not necessarily those of the student body.

In your editor's note, you made a dramatic statement that "The Battalion will continue to strive in the interest of a greater A&M College," but you cleverly evaded the main issue. Nowhere did you agree to let the public know that you voiced your own opinions, and not necessarily those of the student body, on such controversial issues.

Nor do I think it proper for an editor of a newspaper when the accusations of his readers cannot be answered intelligently to read between the lines and make "cute" comments just to be able to say that he has had the last word. Your editor's note following the letter of Mitchell, Gruene, Kennedy, Leavitt, and Theriot was, in this respect, uncalled for, in regard to the "75 odd years."

(4) Howard, Koenig, Wallace, Felix, Banta, McMurry

This letter was more intelligent and considerate than was the previous one, No. 2 above. Judging from this letter, they think pretty highly of A&M's academic standing and degree. They agree that coeducation will not lower this academic standing. Here I disagree, not because I think boys are more intelligent than are girls, but because of a greater interest in social activity that would result, at the expense of grade points.

A grade of 60 would soon have to be made passing, as in other state schools. Otherwise too many students would flunk out, and the appropriations would be cut. We couldn't have that happen.

I don't have to elaborate on details. Just examine the facts. Non-coeducational schools have, on the average, a higher academic standing than coeducational schools. Example: Yale, Harvard, West Point, VMI, Tulane, Loyola, Texas A&M, Newcomb, TSCW, etc.

Another point brought up in this letter is that Texas girls should not be denied the educational facilities that A&M provides, as some courses offered here are offered at no other Texas school. With the exception of veterinary medicine to what courses do they refer? Is not A&M open to women in the summer?

Couldn't the very few women who want veterinary medicine take it out of state with the state of Texas paying the out-of-state tuition fee?

And about the oral and secret class poll, the first being against and the later for coeducation in the same class, I don't deny that such a poll was taken but let's have more evidence! What class? What professor? And if such a poll was taken is it a true representation of the whole student body?

I happen to be the Student Senator from Bizzell Hall and I recently took a poll of my own among the students who were present in the dorm between 8 and 10 p.m. on March 7. My interest here was in finding out how the majority of the students in my dorm felt about the issue, so that I could efficiently represent them, and not myself, at the student Senate meeting had the issue come up.

The poll turned out 35 for and 15 against coeducation just a little better than 2 to 1 in a dorm that is composed chiefly of transfer, graduate and foreign students, most of whom had never been in the corps. How, then would the

vote go in a general student election? Why not find out, for the unofficial record and satisfaction of knowing, by putting it to a vote on the general ballot in the coming election? Then we would really know which side had the true majority.

(5) Watts, Rowe, Waguespack, Walther, and Spruill. "The recent controversial issue concerning coeds at Texas A&M is but another example of your adult, clear thinking, journalistic abilities."

While I have read many good editorials in the Batt, I have read some that I could not agree with, which is only natural. Since it is in the best of the student body to have co-editors who think as the majority of the student body thinks on controversial issues, I

BACKWARD GLANCES

One Year Ago Today An All-Faith Chapel for the campus will be built with money from the 1952 Development Fund. The Executive Council of the Former Students Association set aside \$27,000 for the Chapel.

Five Years Ago Today The A&M Board of Directors meets tomorrow. On the agenda is a request for the college to proceed with plans to build a golf course.

Ten Years Ago Today Activation orders for 270 Enlisted Reserve Corps contract ROTC students were received by the commandant. Orders for the rest of the corps will be issued at the rate of 270 per day.

Fifteen Years Ago Today College owned livestock won 22 firsts in the Houston Fat Stock Show. Among the awards were two grand championships.

INTERCOUNCIL ANSWERS QUESTIONS

Proposed Honor Code Use of Old Quizzes, E

Use of old quizzes is not cheating and is good review, the Intercouncil Committee said recently in discussing questions about the newly proposed scholastic Honor Code.

The committee attempted to answer many questions put forth by both students and faculty members.

The Intercouncil Committee represents all of the technical societies and clubs. It is composed of students and faculty members who are the proposers of the Honor Code.

The fundamentals of the code are that a student will not lie, cheat, nor steal, nor condone these practices, and will not take advantage of his fellow students or instructors.

Plan Is Voluntary Each student also is pledged under the code to report the violation not the violator. The plan is voluntary and adaptable by individual class sections. It can be revoked for cause at any time by vote of the class. Unanimous approval is needed to put the code in operation.

The questions and answers given by the committee are: Q. Will the use of dormitory files on quizzes and examinations be considered cheating?

A. The use of old quizzes and examinations is not cheating but should be encouraged as good re-

view procedure. One department files of quizzes and examinations be kept in the reserve shelves of the library.

Copies Obtained Unlawfully

However, the use of advance or examinations unlawfully obtained by a student learning of the advance material is honor bound to report it should verify the facts.

Q. Will collaboration on laboratory reports be considered cheating?

A. Each instructor of a laboratory or Code must establish the local section. It seems impracticable to contend that students who do their homework are cheating.

Destroys Helpfulness

It destroys a certain spirit of helpfulness that is good. Text say, "Coping of the homework of your fellow students just as you and information from the instructor."

In some cases teachers may work be individual and without one. Violation of that requires a fair and cheating.

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