

'And We're Glad to Have Them'

Harvard to Award Degrees To Women, Breaks Tradition

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 18 (AP)—Another bastion of masculine superiority, tradition-ribbed Harvard Law School, has surrendered meekly to the ladies.

"Either we took them in stride, or they took us in stride," says Louis A. Toepfer, assistant dean of the faculty and director of admissions.

Furthermore, he adds, the damsels haven't created any problems.

It was just three years ago that the school, exclusively male for 134 years, let down the bars to women students after long argument and despite apprehension voiced in some quarters that Harvard law was headed for the bowwows.

This year, for the first time in its 137 years, the Harvard Law School will graduate approximately ten women students with Bachelor of Law degrees.

Not The First Women

They won't be the first women with Harvard law degrees. Harvard gave two women Master of Laws degrees two years ago after a year's graduate work. But this year will be the first graduation for women who have completed the full three-year basic law course.

In this time, what impact have women and "co-ed life" had on the law school?

"Hardly any," answers Toepfer. First of all, women have long been in law school classrooms. Students often had brought their "dates" or wives to lectures with them.

Second, relatively few women students have sought admission—"somewhat to our surprise," says Toepfer. After passing the standard tests, ten to twenty women have been admitted each year.

"A few have been failures. The rest have spread in between just as the men do."

"No woman has yet made top honors—the Board of Editors of the Harvard Law Review." But Toepfer explains that is hardly surprising because only a very small percentage of the total student body have achievement records qualifying them for such honor.

In the next honor grouping, the Board of Student Advisers, there is one woman among the dozen board members. Several have served in the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau; to which a limited number of students are assigned on a scholastic basis.

The young women students hold membership in the law clubs, take part in the annual Ames competition and in general social activities. The Ames competition involves appellate brief writing and oral advocacy. Participation in its later rounds is one of the highest honors in the school.

Follow Male Pattern

All in all, says Toepfer, the women have closely followed the pattern of their male colleagues.

Are Harvard's women law students specializing in any particular branch of the law? The answer is: Not yet. Toepfer explains that "You can't do much specialization in law school."

Of course, the graduate student is in a different category. There's a woman student from France and another from Switzerland, brushing up on American law. One of the women graduating this year is already signed up with a prominent New York law firm.

In general, nothing seems changed by admission of women to the law school.

"Of course, 40 among 1,400 isn't very many," Toepfer says, "but after three years, it seems as though women students always had been here. And we're glad to have them."

Bluebonnet Transfer to AF Is Near

AUSTIN, May 17.—(Spl.)—The transfer of the Bluebonnet Ordnance Plant from A&M College to United States Air Force to house a huge JATO manufacturing project moved closer here yesterday.

E. L. Angell, assistant to the chancellor of the college, worked with legislators to speed passage of a bill enabling the transfer.

Sen. E. M. Aiken Jr. of Paris shepherded the bill through the Senate Education Committee and said the Senate would pass it Tuesday.

The McLennan County delegation in the House, Reps. Tom Joseph, Sam Sellers and Bert McDaniel, were assisting preparations for passage there.

Bluebonnet is adjacent to McGregor. Phillips Petroleum Co. has begun operations on the JATO project on a small scale there pending acquisition by the Air Force of the 18,000-acre former bomb loading plant.

Negotiations between the Air Force and A&M are proceeding with approval of the House Military Affairs committee in Washington.

JATO units are rockets used to help lift heavily-laden airplanes off the ground in tremendous, temporary bursts of power. Phillips has performed a checkout process to make the units and plans call for large-scale manufacturing at Bluebonnet.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Military Discipline Is Bad Under Commandant's Rule'

Editors, The Battalion It is with some interest that I have been reading about the ups and downs of college life at your college.

A very good friend of mine has been sending me the college publications and other information that will never be printed. I consider his information completely unbiased since he—God help him—likes going to school down there.

I would like to give my regards to the boys who flooded Ross Hall recently. They should be given the

Medal of Honor, not for the deed itself because it was not exactly a praiseworthy deed, but for the courage they showed in doing this deed.

It has become apparent that if the students open their mouths without saying "Long Lived (Sic) the Commandant," they will be kicked out of school as a disgrace.

Having this axe hanging over their head they chose another way to express themselves.

Like all dictators, the commandant is seeking to detect and punish those who oppose him. He makes the feeble excuse that it is for the good of the college, and it is if the college is to remain a totalitarian military state.

The students in question had the courage to defy this military state, as indeed it should be defied in American colleges. Our colleges should be for the purpose of teaching

democracy and equality instead of military discipline. Elbert Little Iowa Park, Texas

EDITORS' NOTE: We do not feel that Mr. Little's source is entirely unbiased.

Prof Commends Honor Signers

Editors, The Battalion: I should like to commend three of my sections in Genetics 301 for having signed an honor code. It is good to know that in those sections the students have assumed equally with the instructor the responsibility for maintaining personal integrity.

Two sections signed the code as proposed by the Student Council. The remaining section proposed and accepted the modification that offenders be reported to a duly elected class committee whose purpose is to take whatever action is necessary so that the offense will not be repeated. The committee's decision is to be reported to the instructor.

It is my belief that a class committee will keep cheating in any form to a minimum, and I hope that an honor code will be extended to include the entire student body.

M. J. Garber, Ph. D. Assistant Professor

Pic Doesn't Show

Editors, The Battalion: Old Main never look like this while I was a student!

Ernest Langford

EDITORS' NOTE: Mr. Langford, head of the architecture department, does know his buildings. The building he was referring to was the one pictured on page 6 of the second section of the May 15 issue. It is not the old college Main Building but the old Assembly Hall which formerly occupied the site now covered by Hart Hall.

FSA Prexy Overlooks Point

Editors, The Battalion: I read with interest your recent editorial suggestion that the former students of A&M recruit high school graduates of high scholastic standing. I noted with even greater interest the letter to the editors from Mr. A. F. Mitchell. This letter is to let you know that although Mr. Mitchell is president of the Former Students Association, his letter does not represent the opinion of all former students.

I agree with you wholeheartedly that an effort should be made to encourage outstanding high school graduates to attend A&M. It seems to me that Mr. Mitchell has overlooked a point or two in reaching the conclusion shown in his letter. First, West Point graduates are so highly screened that most of them would stand in the top 25 per cent of A&M students on the basis of their mental ability. Second, I think it is debatable that being a general in the Army is a true criterion of success, particularly for a person who has graduated from West Point.

R. E. Helms Jr. '45

SLC Approves Budget

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An estimated income of \$6,360 is expected to enter the Student Activities Office next year through profits from the cold drink vending machines, graduation announcements, dances and other entertainment.

Club Aid received an additional \$300 over last year's appropriation because the money is available and needed.

W. D. (Pete) Hardesty, club advisor, pointed out that more money was needed to aid clubs. Thirty-six clubs asked for aid of \$5,469.57 last year, he said. Only \$4,200 was available after \$2,500 was granted to the Club Aid fund from President Harrington's institutional building coke funds, as has been done for the past several years, Hardesty said. The \$4,200 was the total available together with the president's grant and the \$1,700 allotted by the SLC.

Requests Exceed Money

"Requests far exceed the amount of money available," Hardesty said. "Due to the increased demand presented upon the Club Aid account, I respectfully request that \$2,000 be transferred from Student Activities fund to that of Club Aid and the SLC authorize the transfer."

The club advisor told the group that he hopes to have an aid fund of \$4,500 next year and also hopes that Harrington will grant the clubs aid of \$2,500.

"It would be impossible to operate Club Aid without such a grant," said Hardesty.

Howell Seconds Motion

Wallace's motion was seconded by Danny Howell. Wallace told the committee that the RVs had brought notable recognition to the college through their many trips and as Gov. Shivers' honor guard. He explained that many of the RVs had difficulty meeting travel and housing expenses on trips after having to pay for uniforms and RV fees.

Those opposed to the \$600 RV appropriation said that it would not look right if an organization of

100 men would get that amount of money while about 40 other clubs were to share in \$2,000 from the Student Activities funds.

Frank N. Manitzas, former Battalion Co-Editor, said that the RVs probably deserved the money but that it should not necessarily come from Student Activities funds.

Wallace pointed out that RVs had received aid in the past from President Harrington and from groups which asked for the RVs services but that more money was

needed. Since it is available, said Wallace, the money could be appropriated to the RVs and used in assisting the individual members who had to spend some of their own money for travel.

The SLC also approved \$760 for next year's Student Senate budget, a raise of \$60.

This is the report which was approved by the Student Life Committee on non-operational expenditures from Student Activities funds for the school year 1952-53, as of May 14:

Operating Grant to Student Senate \$ 700.00

Operating Grant to Club Aid 1,700.00

Traveling expenses of quartet and speakers to sing and speak at several East Texas High Schools 92.00

Details and orange tape for helmet liners 274.55

Yell Leaders Fund 184.29

Sportsmanship and student government meeting to Houston 12.75

Trip to Denton and Dallas by Cadet Col. or Corps for SMU 10.00

Flowers for sweetheart ceremony 25.20

Planners for sweetheart 9.19

Student Life Committee Meeting (Who's Who Selection Meeting) 42.30

Inter-council Committee Honor system meeting supper 21.25

Cadet Col. of the Corps Fund 100.00

Who's Who Keys 131.60

Student Life Committee steak supper 40.25

Bonfire Expense 297.96

3,000 All-College Calendars 248.70

Total \$3,879.98

\*Pending approval of motion. If not approved miscellaneous fund is \$3,000.

Constitution Changes

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mittee said. Paragraph (k) read: "The Student Life Committee shall serve as a liaison unit between all other student organizations and the college administrators and shall act on and forward any matter which needs approval of higher authority."

Assistant Director

6) Article III (Standing Committees), Sec. 3, para. (b) (1) was amended to read: "The committee, working with the assistant director of Student Activities, shall prepare and present a tentative social calendar to the Student Life Committee in the spring of each school year instead of at the beginning of each semester. The Calendar shall list all events . . . etc."

Confusion was centered around the changes proposed by the subcommittee to the Senate constitution. Many Committeemen felt that the SLC should not force anything on the Senate. It was shown, however, by Chairman Austin that the SLC was not forcing anything on anyone in changing its own constitution.

Next Year

The Student Senate Constitution changes proposed by the subcommittee but deferred until next year are:

1) Article Three, Sec. III, paragraph (h) is amended to read as follows: The Social Committee. The Social Committee shall consist of five members elected from its membership by the Student Senate. The assistant director of Student Activities shall be a member of the social committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to make recommendations concerning the social calendar to the Student Life Committee.

All Actions

2) Article Three, Section VII, paragraph 4, which reads: "All actions of the Senate which require the approval of higher authority will be submitted to the Dean of Men," be left unchanged, realizing the Student Life Committee could not possibly have the opportunity to review all such business of the Senate, but should consider items when the Committee deems it necessary or when referred to the Committee by the Dean of Men.

3) Article Four be amended for clarity to read as follows: "Amendments to this Constitution shall require a favorable vote of at least three-fourths of the members of the body concerned, and all amendments must be ratified by the Student Life Committee and then by the Academic Council."

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Hughes Wins \$50 From Caldwell CC

James Hughes, sophomore architecture major from Houston, won the \$50 first prize offered by the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce for designing a new building for downtown Caldwell.

Architecture students made several trips to the town to study locations and possibilities for remodeling the downtown area.

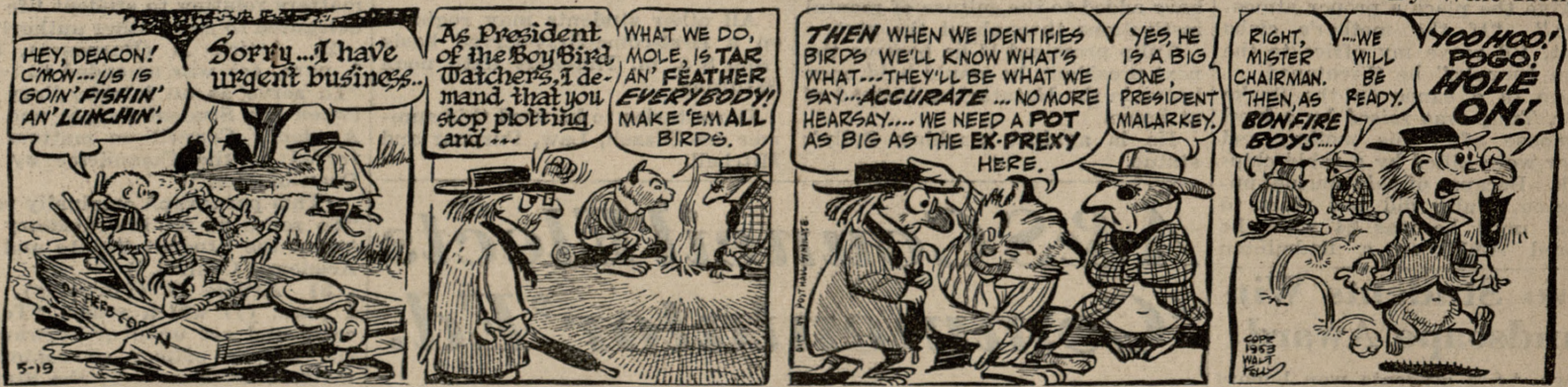
Other winners were second place, Marion O. Lawrence, \$25; third place Albert D. Scott, \$15; and fourth place, Fred C. Kirkham, \$10.

The designs were judged by members of the architecture department.

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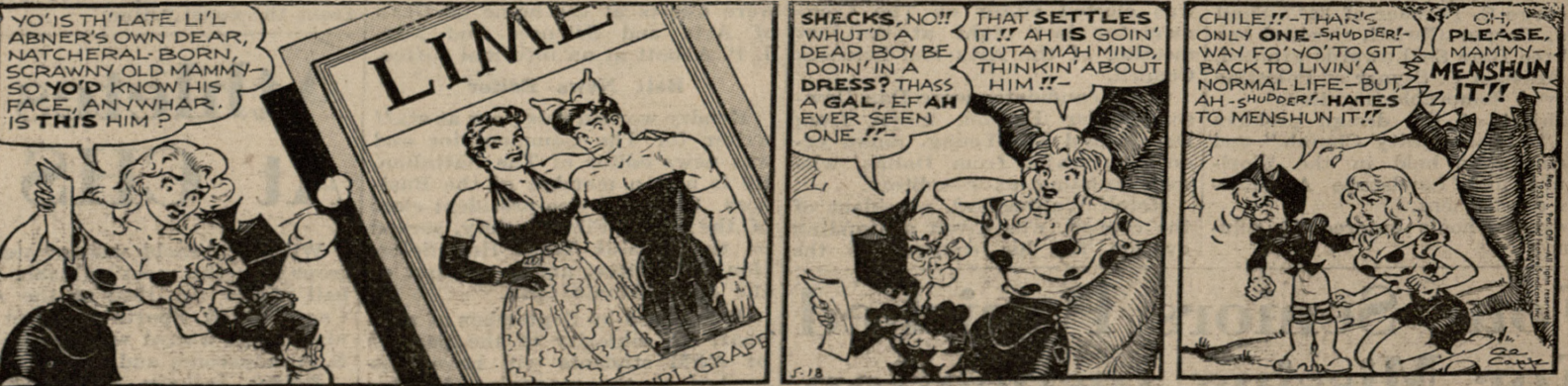


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