

Seniors Act Disgracefully On Transfer Boot Decision

The senior class proved itself last night to be one of the most selfish and disgraceful groups to ever mar the campus of any college.

Its move to take senior boots away from transfer students who have not spent one semester as a corps freshman, sophomore and junior can never be looked upon with anything but shame.

The boots themselves are unimportant. They can be purchased by anyone with enough cash. It's the belligerent attitude combined with the ridicule and jeers which the seniors showed their fellow students that never will be forgotten. Their attitude last night shows only one thing. The myth that "all Aggies stick together" is nothing but a farce.

The transfer students have been treated as if they were so much trash. If any of them have any love left for the cadet corps after last night, they are better men than their supposed "buddies" who insulted them.

The seniors set up themselves last night as a master race. They turned on fellow

Seniors Pose Posie Question

Gals who like to see flowers sprouting from their evening dresses as well as in the back yard had better start looking for more fertile gardens if they plan to date Aggies this year.

The senior class has referred a motion that would do away with corsages to a special committee.

Some seniors feel that the custom of presenting the girl friend with a few posies has gotta go. According to one senior, West Point and Annapolis already have been sprayed with this social DDT.

If the committee nods favorably at the motion, a date's dress at A&M will be as bare of vegetation as the white sands of New Mexico.

It's too bad the gals have to suffer. If the senior class has any weeding to do, it might start trimming down some of its own mistaken importance.

Dance Classes Start Today

Registration begins today for dance classes sponsored by the Memorial Student Center.

This year's program begins tonight and will include twelve lessons instead of the ten offered last year. Manning Smith again will instruct classes.

The program will be highlighted by two dances. The first will be the regular formal Christmas dance, and the other will be the "Sport's" dance just before Halloween.

The price this year to make up for the larger number of classes and to defray the cost of the bands will be \$3.50, said Oscar Garcia, chairman of the MSC dance committee.

Any one interested may sign up for the classes in the office of Margaret Long, program consultant of the Center.

Aggies for nothing more than two pieces of leather. They have shown in one mass gathering that just because they have spent three years at A&M they think they are better than anyone else. Such a tragic misconception seldom is seen.

The seniors have done nothing but kick men who have done just as much for the college as any member of last night's angry mob. Transfer students have paid their money to go to school here. Many have made good records in their grades and activities not only for themselves but for A&M.

A man's college record is what his future employer considers when the graduate applies for a job. The business man is not interested in whether the graduate has been hazed for three years.

If a transfer senior is enrolled in ROTC and lives with the corps he should wear senior boots. To deny him this is to discriminate against a man who will do as much as anyone else in spreading A&M's educational value to the business and professional world. When men try to discriminate against fellow students who could bring praise to their school, something is wrong.

They are placing something above the school's greatness, its value as an educational institution. In this case it's the cadet corps and a pair of boots.

Members of the corps have never seemed to realize this.

Their principal idea of an A&M education seems to be a three year ticket to a leather shop. They seem to think boots make them superior.

If last night's example is any indication of the superiority a pair of boots gives a senior, the transfer students should not care whether they wear them or not.

Not enough can be said for another side of the injustice. Several transfer students already have bought their boots. What's going to be done about the money they've spent?

After the boot disgrace, one senior moved that a campus beautification committee be established. The senior class will need more than this to clean up the mess it left last night.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR About the Boots . . .

Co-Editors, The Battalion:
To, Aggie Seniors:

I voted wrong last night. I was a victim of a mass confusion that seemed to overtake the entire senior class. A selfish few don't want specific men to wear boots and others have to suffer.

I consider myself "Ol Army" and "Gung Ho." I also consider myself susceptible to mass hysteria, if I can call it that. I do feel some resentment toward transfer students who can come to A&M for one year and wear boots that I have worked for for three years. But, last night—I voted wrong.

Think it over Aggies, are you really against letting transfers wear boots after three semesters at A&M? Does it really make any difference whether they had one semester freshman, one semester sophomore and one semester junior

privileges? In either case they have been here three semesters.

The reason they didn't take sophomore privileges is because last year's Seniors gave them junior privileges after one semester as a freshman. This is not a mistake of the class of '54.

Or is it our mistake? In my outfit last year we saw that it wasn't the right thing to give transfers the right to jump the sophomore privileges. Those men know right now where they stand. They didn't buy their boots.

You all know that this mess is not solved yet. Let's use our heads. Nothing has been done that can't be revised if we want it revised. I do. Others in the class of '54 do.

Think about it, talk it over, then discuss it as a class again. I still say I am corps happy and I do feel resentment of some kind towards transfers, whether its right or wrong.

But the class of '54, my class, can straighten this foolish mess out. Then next year the seniors can install the one freshman, one sophomore and one junior semester rule.

Also we as seniors now, in the individual outfits, can deny transfer students the right to take junior privileges after one semester of freshman.

Then we can all rest peacefully, knowing that this class of '54 straightened out a mess that has been a thorn in the sides of Aggies for a long time.

My box number is 6829. I live in dorm 17 room 332. Let me know what you think.
Bill (Spook) Shepard '54

Col. Simpson Leaves For Marine Duty

Col. Ormond Simpson, USMC, a Bryan resident and one-time head of the student placement office at A&M, leaves Monday for a tour of duty in Korea.

Graduated from A&M in 1936, Col. Simpson entered the marines then resigned after several years. After heading the placement office he reentered the marines and served during World War II.

MSC Accepting Reservations For Meetings

Reservations for Memorial Student Center meeting rooms for 1953-54 are now being accepted in the social office in the Center.

Requests for rooms will be filled as they are received in the social office. All student organizations using MSC facilities must be recognized as such by the college.

If granted a reservation for an MSC meeting room, an organization is responsible for care of the room while in use. Failure of a group to take care of a room entrusted to them may result in cancellation of their reservation.

College regulations require that the following schedule be followed regarding club and society meeting days.

Monday—Honorary societies, school councils and other organizations not scheduled below.

Tuesday—Technical and departmental clubs and societies.

Wednesday—Religious activities.

Thursday—Hometown clubs and student senate.

Friday—Called meetings.

MSC facilities are always open to clubs which desire to have meetings during the day.

MSC Radio Show Aired Yesterday

The first of the fall series of "Showtime from the Center" was broadcast from 5:30 to 6 p. m. yesterday over WTAW.

In the past, the program has presented news of Memorial Student Center activities and selected recordings. The records played are usually either classical or Broadway show tunes.

Charlie Parker, chairman of the MSC public relations committee, was one of the participants in Monday's show.

The next broadcast of Showtime from the Center will be Thursday at 5:30 p. m.

News Briefs

Experiment Station Gets \$3,900 for Poultry Work

A CHECK FOR \$3,900 has been received by the Agricultural Experiment station from the Texas Poultry Improvement Assn. of Stephenville. It is a renewal of a grant-in-aid for poultry improvement work.

THREE NEW TEACHERS have joined the staff of the engineering drawing department here. They are W. F. Adams, associate professor, and L. T. McBeth and N. B. Bardell, instructors. Adams is on loan from the electrical engineering department. McBeth and Bardell are A&M graduates.

CHESTERFIELD cigarettes will have a convention of student sales representatives in this area in October at the Memorial Student Center. Steve Nall and Joe Lloyd of A&M will be hosts for the meeting. Colleges represented will be University of Houston, Sam Houston State Teachers college, Stephen F. Austin State Teachers college and A&M.

THE BATTALION will be delivered to military dormitories this year as they were last year. Non-military students will have them placed in their post office boxes because not enough payed student activity fees to make dormitory delivery possible.

A GRANT-IN-AID of \$2,500 from E. I. Du Pont de Nemours and Company of Wilmington, Del., has been renewed to the Agricultural Experiment station. The grant will be used in support of studies on the use of methionine in the feeding of growing chicks and

Boriskie, Parker Talk Over WTAW Today

Bob Boriskie, Battalion sports editor, will be a guest on Charlie Parker's radio program over WTAW at 5 p. m. today. Boriskie and Parker will discuss sports in general.

turkeys. J. R. Couch will direct the experiments.

HOWARD HAYNES '53, of Vanderbilt, was graduated recently from the navy's officer candidate school. He is now an ensign, a rank comparable with the army's second lieutenant.

ELMO WALKER, of Nacogdoches, was recently graduated from the navy pre-flight school at Pensacola, Fla., An A&M former student, he is now assigned to Whiting field, Milton, Fla., for primary flight training.

WILLIAM E. STREET, head of the engineering drawing department, has published "Drafting Layout Problems", series D. It is the tenth book Street has authored or co-authored.

THE ANNUAL Conference of the local and field staffs of the Agricultural Experiment station will be held in the Memorial Student Center Oct. 21-23. J. R. Couch will be general chairman for the conference. J. S. Rogers is program chairman; George L. Robertson, reservations; V. E. Schember, football tickets; and Couch, banquet.

COL. JOHN L. WILSON '26, is now engineer for the Western Area command in Germany. Wilson was an architect in San Antonio for 10 years before he entered active duty in 1941.

ALUMNAE of Texas State College for Women will meet tonight at 7:30 p. m. in the social room of the Memorial Student Center.

NAVAL PERSONNEL may maintain active contact with the navy by joining the Naval Reserve Research company in Bryan. The company meets every second and fourth Monday. Interested members of the naval reserve can see Cdr. Norman F. Rode, USNR, in Bolton hall.

ONLY FIVE student clubs have registered with the Student Activities office, said W. O. (Pete) Hardesty, business manager. He urged representatives of the clubs to come by as soon as possible and register with him in room 201, Goodwin hall.

A NEW COURSE is being offered this year by the electrical engineering department. It is electronics for non-electrical engineering majors, course 501. It is offered to graduate students.

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