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Figures and Conjectures

During the past semester, everyone suspected that students were leaving the corps of cadets and becoming civilian students, and everyone knew that there would probably be many more students changing over at the end of the semester.

Now the figures are out: 447 students left the corps, 133 during the semester and 314 at mid term. The civilian students, which had numbered 38 percent of the student body, now number 43 per cent, or close to one-half.

This is evidence of the new board ruling, which makes military optional for freshman and sophomores, instead of required, as in the past.

Of course, 107 of these men who left the corps graduated. But there are the other 340.

The corps of cadets will say that these men were the "undesirables," the men "we

didn't want in the corps of cadets anyway." Perhaps some of them were, but 340 is too large a number for all of them to be "undesirables."

This exodus is evidence that the corps still has some house-cleaning to do. It must be made attractive enough to hold good students, and still be an effective military unit. A difficult task, granted, but more maturity of judgment and action will do it.

And as for the civilian students, the figures are important to them, too. They now number almost half of the student body, yet their participation in school activities is far below this proportion.

They must step forward and become an integral part of A&M's student life, forgetting any past "forgotten man" theories.

In short, A&M is changing, and its students, both civilian and military, must change with it.

Cadet Slouch

by Earle



Says Richardson

Schools Told To 'Sit Tight'

By BILL FULLERTON
Battalion News Editor

Local boards of education in Texas have been advised to "sit tight" until the Texas Education agency makes a move about segregation in public schools, said Les Richardson, superintendent of Consolidated schools, at the Kiwanis club luncheon yesterday in the Memorial Student Center.

Richardson's topic was "The Status of Public Schools on the Local and State Levels," and he distributed a pamphlet containing information on Consolidated schools in comparison with other school districts. The pamphlet also included a summary of action taken, as of Feb. 1, by 16 states,

including the present status quo arrangement of wait and see in Texas.

He quoted Gov. Allan Shivers as recommending in his first address that "no change be made in our system of public education until—and maybe not then—the United States Supreme Court gives us its complete mandate."

According to Richardson's pamphlet, Shivers has advocated keeping segregation in the public schools, but that he has spoken out against those who would abolish public education to attain that goal.

The Legislature is apparently waiting upon developments in the Supreme Court tests before taking

action on segregation. One member is supposed to have tentative drafts of a proposal to maintain local option segregation, according to Richardson, but has refrained from introducing it so far.

Incident in Florida

Richardson pointed out actions taken by other states, and expressed disapproval of an incident in Florida in which a family was forced to remove its children from a white school on the grounds that they were part Negro. This story was reported on Jan 11, and concerned the twin stepsons of Monroe Taylor, a white man, whose wife is part-Indian. Certain persons in the community expressed doubts about her being part Indian—Taylor lost his job, and after a midnight visit from a "crowd of men" and a Ku Klux Klan warning, left the state. The children had attended white schools in South Carolina without incident.

Richardson told of other steps about the segregation problem in his pamphlet. In Tennessee, a parent-teacher group made a public stand in January for desegregation, and a civic club endorsed a proposal to maintain segregation.

The list of state actions on the question showed the usual hostile Southern attitude to desegregation, or in a few cases, a waiting attitude as shown in Texas.

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The South 'Stinks' Says Actor Douglas

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Actor Paul Douglas told Atlanta newspapermen he thought the South "stinks," and A&M's Town Hall almost lost the "Caine Mutiny Court Martial."

But Town Hall won out and got a new cast for the "Mutiny," the original Broadway cast.

It all started in Atlanta about a month ago. The road company of the show, starring Paul Douglas, Wendell Cory, and Steve Brodie, was starting on the southern part of its nation-wide tour.

Newspapermen asked Douglas the routine question of "What do you think of the South." Either in a moment of whimsy or a flash of truth, he answered succinctly, "It stinks."

The show moved South from Atlanta, heading for Texas, and everywhere they went Douglas was unable to live down the "stinks" statement, although he tried hard enough.

Finally last week the managers of the tour announced that it would be cancelled—the organizations sponsoring its appearances in the South were losing money, because Douglas' statement had hurt attendance.

But the managers offered the Broadway cast of the show to all the unfilled dates, including A&M's Town Hall, "if they still wanted the show."

The Broadway cast, including Lloyd Nolan, John Hodiak, and Barry Sullivan, is now playing in Chicago, but they are scheduled

to be finished this week. Then they will come to the South, and take up where the other cast left off, probably having the same dates everywhere.

The show is scheduled here for March 24 in the White coliseum; it may be changed, but tentative plans are for it to remain the same.

Incidentally, the new cast says it is all for the South, huh.

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● Thursday-Friday — Celanese Corporation of America—chemical engineering, mechanical engineering and chemistry.

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● Friday — Texas Eastman — chemical, mechanical engineering and chemistry.

● Monday—General Motors corporation — mechanical, electrical, industrial, chemical, aeronautical engineering, chemistry, physics, mathematics, business administration and accounting.

● Monday — Proctor & Gamble company — chemical, mechanical, industrial, civil, electrical engineering, business administration, chemistry, physics, mathematics, biology and bio-chemistry.

RE Week

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discussion groups of dormitory 15 and A-Ordnance of dormitory 17. The meetings will be in the dormitory 15 lounge and he will be available for conferences during the week.

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By Al Capp

