

## Slouch Writes A Letter

Today, on this page, readers will find a letter to the Editor from Cadet Slouch and his buddy, Simp.

In this letter, they tell of their enjoyment in bringing out "the lighter side" of Aggie life during the last three years.

It's good to know they enjoyed their role for certainly they were worth much as morale lifters and will be remembered by every student coming through A&M during their reign.

But now, Slouch and Simp have moved on to the Air Force where they happily slide through life as airmen.

They were discontinued in The Battalion not because of their worth or ability, but mainly because it is vital for cartoons to come from students here on the campus.

In the past few weeks we have been using a national cartoon. But although it is funny, it can't beat local talent.

In lieu of this, we now make a plea for local cartoonists to help inject a little humor into campus life here via the pages of The Battalion.

## Help A&M-- Write Home

Write home and urge your parents to vote for amendments 3 and 4.

Tell them how badly classroom and dormitory facilities are needed on the campus and that amendment 3 allows up to 50 per cent of the Permanent University Fund to be invested in corporate stocks and bonds, thus bringing in a bigger, faster income to enlarge the Fund.

Only money from this Fund is used for building purposes and it isn't big enough to meet present needs, much less for the future.

Write home and urge them to vote for amendment 4, the one increasing the retirement earnings for teachers. Tell them how badly teachers are needed because industry and richer schools are luring them away.

This amendment allows the teachers to put more money into their retirement fund, thus making their future seem a little brighter.

We alone, as students, know the true conditions existing under these problems and it is up to us to do our best to solve them.

We will be doing our part if we urge our parents and friends to vote FOR these two amendments.

## What's Cooking

Hometown Clubs will meet tonight as follows:

7  
Wheeler-Collinsworth Club will meet in room 102 of the YMCA to plan pictures and Christmas holidays.

7:15  
Texarkana Club meets in room 226, of the Academic Building to plan a Thanksgiving party.

Tri-County Club is to meet in the reading room of the YMCA, to discuss Thanksgiving party.

7:30  
Henderson County Club will meet in Bagley Hall to plan Thanksgiving dance.

Northeast Texas Club meets in room 203 of the Academic Building to plan Thanksgiving Party.

Waco - McLennan County Club meets in the YMCA to make plans

for Christmas dance.

Rio Grande Valley Club meets in the Biology Building to lay plans for Thanksgiving.

East Texas Club will meet in room 207 Academic to plan New Year's party.

Hill County Club meets in room 3D of the MSC. The A&M-TCU game film will be shown.

Houston Club meets in the MSC Social Room to make final arrangements for Christmas dance.

Brazoria County Club meets in room 303 Academic.

Bell County Club will meet in room 125 Academic to plan for Thanksgiving party.

Beaumont Club is to meet in room 3D of the MSC.

Bosque County Club meets in room 228 of the Academic Building.

# Proposed State Amendments Worthy Of Consideration

By DAVE McREYNOLDS  
Battalion Managing Editor

With all the hullabaloo of election year most persons are familiar with the names of their favorite candidates for the offices in our state and federal government. But how many of our voters are familiar with the proposed constitutional amendments that will be on the ballot in Texas next Tuesday.

These amendments go unnoticed by a large per cent of our population. And yet, much of today's advertisements, shop talk and idle gossiping is devoted to a person's future security.

Two of these amendments propose to give the average Texan more security for his money. One, AMENDMENT 3, is asking Texans to approve a way to add increased allotments to the college building programs at the state-supported colleges and universities, WITHOUT adding to the burden of the already overburdened taxpayer. The other, AMENDMENT 4, will provide added retirement benefits and is designed to attract more teachers to our under manned school systems.

Our Democratic way of life is based on education. Both of these amendments are designed to ease the strain that is being placed on our state system of education.

How many have stopped to think what condition our schools will be in 1960 if the citizens of our state don't see fit to change some of the conditions found here today?

By the year 1960 there will be an additional 350,000 pupils in today's already-crowded, under-staffed schools.

Here on our own campus one can easily see the effects of over-crowded rooms, not only in the teaching areas but in the dormitories.

If you are "from Missouri" and have to be shown these facts just visit one of the history classes. These used to be

interesting and enjoyable, but it is seldom that a student enjoys a class where he is a number, instead of an individual. Some of these classes number well over 200 students and have to hunt all over the campus for a room large enough to accommodate this large gathering.

AMENDMENT 3 will add Texas Southern University and Lamar State College to the list of colleges included in the College Building Fund financed by the present five cent ad valorem tax and would transfer Texas Western College, Tarleton State College, Arlington State College and Prairie View A&M College to the Permanent University Fund.

The University of Texas System and the A&M System would be made responsible for financing the building and permanent improvements programs of their branches through the Permanent University Fund rather than the state's General Revenue Fund. This proposal would also allow a broader investment base for the Permanent University Fund to take care of the added building obligations of the two systems. Specific limitations for handling the investments are set in the amendment. These safeguards will keep

the investments within the safe limits of conservative business. At present, limited to investment in government bonds, the fund earns an average return of 2.7 per cent. The more liberal investment base will allow a gradual increase in returns to 3.7 per cent to meet increased responsibilities of the two systems.

AMENDMENT 4 is designed to increase the benefits of the present retirement system of employees of public schools and state-supported colleges and universities. It would also add disability and death benefits for these people. State and employee contributions into the retirement fund would each be raised to 6 per cent of the employee's salary, with a maximum of \$504 per person per year.

With the number of children in our schools growing by leaps and bounds each year, the profession needs something new to attract new teachers to the field. It is estimated that 15,000 new teachers will be required by 1960 in our state schools and, in addition, 7,000 teachers leave the field each year. These must be replaced or persuaded to stay in the profession.

## Letters

Editor,

The Battalion

Slouch, Simp and all the gang have enjoyed portraying the Aggies' jokes, attitudes, opinions and nonsense in The Battalion. The cartoons have never been meant to ridicule or persecute, but rather to bring out the lighter side of campus situations.

We regret that you have seen fit to discontinue our cartoons in your paper. The last three years of cartooning for The Battalion have been highly enjoyable and we won't forget them.

Slouch, Simp and Jim Earle

Editor,

The Battalion.

The Arkansas game weekend is almost here and Sully is still covered with orange paint. He's been painted orange since Sunday and it looks like he will stay that way until some juniors or seniors clean him off. Its apparent by now that no freshman or sophomore is intending to do anything about it. He's been painted numerous times since he was placed on that granite block, but he's been cleaned and polished even more. Shining Sully isn't doing personal service for someone or being physically hazed because your arms get sore. Shining Sully should be like cleaning one of our prized possessions. He belongs to us.

Army, what has happened to our Spirit, pride and traditions? Why did Sully get painted in the first place? Who did it, TU students or Aggies?

Leroy Hyltin Jr. '58

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