

An Editorial

Coeds--Someday

Sunday the usually conservative Bryan Daily Eagle stepped into possibly the most controversial issue at A&M—co-education.

In so doing the Eagle has taken a revolutionary step toward what it thinks will be the best for A&M and the twin cities—Bryan and College Station.

The tragedy of the whole situation is the fact that it had to be revolutionary and could not be evolutionary.

A&M's Board of Directors' recent action undoubtedly did more to change this school's progress toward co-education from the evolutionary stage to the revolutionary one.

By putting the first two years of A&M College life back on the compulsory military training level and in so doing ignoring the faculty's desires, they have created the bitterness and strife which is now leading to opinions such as were expressed by the Eagle.

The ideal plan for co-education would be a continuance of the present non-compulsory military training coupled with increased responsibility by Corps leaders for the status of Corps freshmen especially and all cadets in general.

Along with this would go a continued earnest effort by civilian leaders to organize a better civilian student body and entrench the basic traditions of A&M, stressing education but not overlooking the college's heritage.

In possibly a year, A&M would be ready to admit women on a day student basis. A high ranking college official has indicated classroom facilities would accommodate 9,000 students now.

Later, possibly in 5-10 years, the housing facilities on the campus could be planned to accommodate women on a full-time basis.

During all this time, the whole program of the college could be planned and geared to accept the females on a full-time basis.

The result would be an A&M with a top-quality Corps of Cadets following closely the Articles of the Cadet Corps, a relatively well-developed and organized civilian male student body and coeds, who would probably have begun starting organizations of their own.

With such long-term planning and preparation, co-education would be achieved and the rich college tradition and heritage would be preserved.

Man to Man

By JOE TINDEL

Happy New Year! I know it's six days late but happy new year anyway.

Congratulations, Ags! Another Christmas holiday season has passed and no Aggie was killed in a traffic accident. Two years of traffic safety is a real record, and we can be sure it took the efforts of every student to keep it that way.

The state death total is below expectations also. This speaks well for Gov. Daniel's efforts to promote traffic safety.

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Before too long we will be welcoming our new vice president Earl Rudder to the campus. Rudder is a former student and athlete and has a distinguished military record. Rudder is not an educator however. He has spent most of his civilian life in politics.

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Time has come and for some is long overdue to really begin bearing down on the books and try to post as many grade points as possible by the end of the semester. Let's hit it and graduate on time.



State Capital NEWS
 By Vern Sanford

AUSTIN, Tex.—January is poll tax month.

Officially, poll tax sales begin in October. But nobody pays too much attention.

However, after the first of the year, organized drives get under way, in a deadline-month appeal to induce citizens to protect their right to vote by payment of the poll tax.

But a good percentage of potential voters ignore it all. Many, jolted at the last minute, flood into courthouses after knocking off work Jan. 31. Penalty for the putter-offers is usually a long wait in line.

Poll tax costs \$1.75 and usually may be secured at several different places in every community. No charge for 21-year-olds getting their first vote and those 60 years and over, but an exemption certificate must be obtained.

(Persons living outside cities of 10,000 or more may vote on affidavit without an exemption certificate.)

Deadline for poll tax payment is midnight, Jan. 31.

SAFETY PROGRAM PAYS OFF—Texas traffic deaths fell below the Department of Public Safety prediction for the Christmas-New Year holiday period, as a result of the concerted efforts of the Governor's Safety Program.

DPS predicted that 113 persons would die on Texas highways. Final number probably will be 103.

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Nat'l Poll Shows Students In Favor Of Integration

Seventy-three per cent of the students who returned a questionnaire to the Associated Collegiate Press Poll of Student Opinion favored integration in the public schools of the United States.

Of the men who returned the questionnaire 69 per cent favored integrating the schools while 29 per cent were not in favor of it. Two per cent were undecided. All the women had definite opinions one way or the other. Seventy-eight per cent of them were for integration. Twenty-two per cent were not in favor.

The question was asked in the following way:

"There has been a lot of discussion lately over the issue of integration of white and Negro students in public high schools and grade schools. Do you feel that white and Negro students should be integrated in these schools, or do you think they should not be integrated?"

Most of the students felt that integration should not be accom-

plished by the use of force. A Bradley University (Peoria, Ill.) student favored integration except in cases where force is necessary to enforce it. A senior at the Missouri School of Mines (Rolla, Mo.) felt the races should not be integrated if it must be done by force.

Many of the students felt integration should be accomplished slowly and carefully instead of by a sudden change.

"When integration is successfully completed, it will be a gradual process and the people will be ready for it," said a sophomore coed at Tyler Junior College. A University of Vermont (Burlington, Vt.) sophomore girl felt that integration should begin in the first grade, not in high school.

Those who were not in favor of integration expressed the feeling that neither race would benefit from it. Others felt the country was not yet ready for integration.

"Experiences the two races will

gain in going to school together will be of benefit in life," said a Wayne State University (Detroit, Mich.) graduate student. A sophomore at the University of Kentucky (Lexington, Ky.) seconded the belief by saying, "Segregation isn't fair to either race. Each race has much to learn from the other."

A Colorado State College (Greeley, Col.) junior summed up his pro-integration feelings with the three words, "This is America."

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L'L ABNER

By Al Capp

GOOD GIRL!! YOU'VE SIGNED CONFESSIONS THAT YOU WERE BIG STANISLOUSE'S ACCOMPLICE IN 6 KIDNAPPINGS AN' 12 HOLDUPS!!

HERE'S A MURDER CONFESSION. WILL YOU SIGN THAT?

WHY NOT?

SHE'LL BE THE FIRST GIRL EVER EXECUTED IN THIS STATE!!

WHY NOT?

ALL SHE ANSWERS TO ANY QUESTION, IS "WHY NOT?" — I'M CALLING IN A PSYCHIATRIST!!

L'L ABNER

By Al Capp

DOES THIS BLOT REMIND YOU OF A STEAM SHOVEL?

WHY NOT?

OR OF A BUTTERFLY?

WHY NOT?

NO JURY WILL SEND HER TO THE CHAIR!! — HER CONFESSIONS ARE WORTHLESS!! SHE'S IN A STATE OF SHOCK!!

SOMETHING HAS THROWN HER INTO SUCH BLACK, HOPELESS DESPAIR, THAT ALL SHE CAN MUMBLE IS ONE BITTER PHRASE — "WHY NOT?"

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

OH, YOU BLOCKHEAD!

YOU NOODLE-NECK! YOU BIRD-BRAIN!!

SOME PEOPLE JUST CAN'T TAKE CRITICISM.

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

THE TEACHER TOLD US TO MAKE A DRAWING OF A REAL DOG.

I'LL JUST HAVE TO TELL HER I DON'T KNOW ANY REAL DOGS.

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