

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle

Letters To The Editor

An Editorial

Why 'Flunk'?

When Board Chairman W. T. Doherty dissolved the athletic subcommittee yesterday, he in part answered the cries of angered exes.

But indications are that more and more exes are asking "what's wrong with A&M?" Many are disturbed by not only the athletic picture but also the educational picture. They want to know: Why are our sons "flunking out" of A&M? They say, "When we were at A&M, the Corps was a lot rougher than it is now, but we made sure our freshmen kept their grades up."

These same exes will tell how they assigned certain upperclassmen to take responsibility for a faltering freshman's grades. That upperclassman was then held responsible if the freshman made low grades.

"We were proud of our freshmen and wanted to keep them instead of letting them 'root hog or die,'" they'll say. "We had fun, we got hazed, but made our grades, too," they say. "Why don't our sons make their grades?"

These are all good questions and worthy of answers. And here are some possible answers which might provide food for thought:

1. Inadequate high school preparation.
2. Not enough time to study, sleep and do other activities.
3. Insufficient study assistance.
4. Bad study habits.
5. Excessive absences from class.
6. De-emphasis on academic merit.

Do any of these answers apply to those "flunking out"?

Ike Doing 'Good', Students Say

Over half of American college students still think President Eisenhower is doing at least a "good" job leading the nation.

An Associated Collegiate Press poll discovered 42 per cent of college students interviewed felt the president capable to some extent. However, a sizeable number—30 per cent—felt he was doing only a fair job.

The students were asked the following question:

"On the whole, how would you rate the job being done by President Eisenhower? Would you rate it excellent, good, only fair or rather poor? Why?"

Only 13 per cent interviewed felt Ike was doing an excellent job and the same per cent felt he was doing poorly.

Equal numbers of men and women felt he was doing good,

but more women than men thought his job poorly done.

A Wayne State University, Detroit, sophomore rated the president "excellent" because of his "attempts to improve the position of the businessman and because of the civil rights bill."

At the same school a sophomore coed says his job has been "good" because the "country has prospered" and he is "a good leader."

A University of Vermont senior rated him "fair" because "his poor health is a handicap."

Reasons for "poor" rating, although in the minority, were that the president "has made the U.S. integration problem too big" as a Tyler Junior College freshman observes or that he "delegates too much authority," a reason given by a Bradley University, Peoria, Ill., sophomore coed.



'WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THEY WON'T HIRE ME? NOBODY ELSE WANTS TH' JOB!'

State Capital NEWS
 By Vern Sanford

LAND LEASING SET—School Land Board has set March 4 for sale of oil and gas leases on public lands.

Some 34,000 acres of tidelands plus several hundred tracts on state prison farms will be offered for leasing.

It will be the first time tidelands leases have been offered since the federal government filed suit contesting Texas' claim to land more than three miles from shore. State officials were unsure how attractive the land would be under the circumstances.

OPTOMETRISTS AT ODDS—Rival groups of Texas optometrists are apparently on their way to the Texas Supreme Court to settle differences over what practices are legal for that profession.

Disagreement centers on two issues: (1) whether optometrists

may advertise, and if so, who and (2) whether they may have offices in part of the space of a store.

Atty. Gen. Will Wilson ruled unconstitutional the portion of the Ophthalmic Dispensers law passed last spring that pertained to advertising. Reason, a familiar one: the topic was not mentioned in the bill's caption.

Members of the Texas Optometric Association disagreed with the opinion. They brought suit asking that the State Board of Examiners in Optometry be enjoined to enforce a no-advertising rule. Since the case involves constitutionality of a law, it can be appealed to the Supreme Court.

Another suit was brought by a group of optometrists protesting a state board ruling that an optometrist's office cannot share space in a store.

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What we need and unfortunately do not have is a pro-A&M editor who would support the Corps of Cadets, which is now and has been since 1876, the backbone of the college.

If you know so much about making men out of boys instead of separating men from boys, why didn't you stay in the Corps and do your part? (It is doubtful that you have accomplished much along these lines since leaving the Corps.)

Now that you have lost your battle to keep the Corps non-compulsory and to elevate the quantity of the non regs, you now have aspirations of instituting co-education. What's next—fraternities and sororities? We get the impression that you advocate these radical changes just to start a commotion or to make some sort of name for yourself.

Farmers Must Pay Self-Employment

Self-employed ranchers and farmers in this area are now covered by the Federal Social Security and must pay a self-employment tax, says Clarence E. Carlson, local Internal Revenue agent.

Social security taxes are paid by farm employees and their employers and a tax known as the self-employment tax must be paid by self-employed farmers, under Federal Social Security Law.

February 17 is the deadline for farmers and ranchers to file their income and self-employment tax returns in the event they did not file an estimated form Jan. 15.

Something New For A Delicious Treat?
 TRY OUR—
 SPUD SUNDAE
 The TRIANGLE
 3606 So. College

When you say you want to see a better Texas A&M you haven't accomplished one thing. Why don't you specifically state what you mean by the term better? Are you inferring that more Aggies would start shining halos instead of brass, or do you have some other vague picture of a better A&M?

Mr. Editor why don't you get off our backs? Why do you persist in advocating a change? We believe that A&M has a very commendable record as it is and can do nothing but progress with compulsory corps.

Highway 6 is still open and runs both ways for those whose ideas would be more readily accepted at T. U.

Ed Pigott '58
 Rusty Davidson '58
 John Foster '58

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After reading the Wednesday edition of the Battalion I decided to voice one female opinion on the issue of co-education.

No doubt co-education would increase Bryan and College Station business, increase enrollment and make it easier to recruit athletes. If this will make a better Texas A&M, then co-education will have accomplished something.

BUT—you know as well as I that the "proud heritage" and traditions that set A&M apart, and keep it from being just another school could not be main-

tained in a co-ed college. There is not one Aggie song that would be proper for a co-ed school—not even The Spirit. I suppose someone could write a new alma mater, something like "Dear Old A&M We Love Thee" and set it to funeral march music like that of all the other co-ed colleges. Very few of the traditional Aggie yells could exist. I can just see the girls doing "Lizzy" or "Old Army."

With co-education the very meaning of the word "Aggie" would be completely lost. But then a name could be found, something commonplace like all the other co-ed schools, say "Wildcats" or "Panthers".

The great thing for A&M, however, would be a woman's college here. It would be a boon to business and allow Aggies to "embrace the young women of Texas" in a much more pleasant way and still keep the great traditions and life at A&M.

Seriously, how can one make the statement that A&M is neglecting its duty to the state of Texas? As I see it, A&M is one place that should never go co-ed, not any more than West Point, Annapolis or the A. F. Academy. Sure, they produce "regular officers", but A&M produces the finest reserve officers in the world and ready reservists are the backbone of our military strength.

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 "An Aggie Wife"

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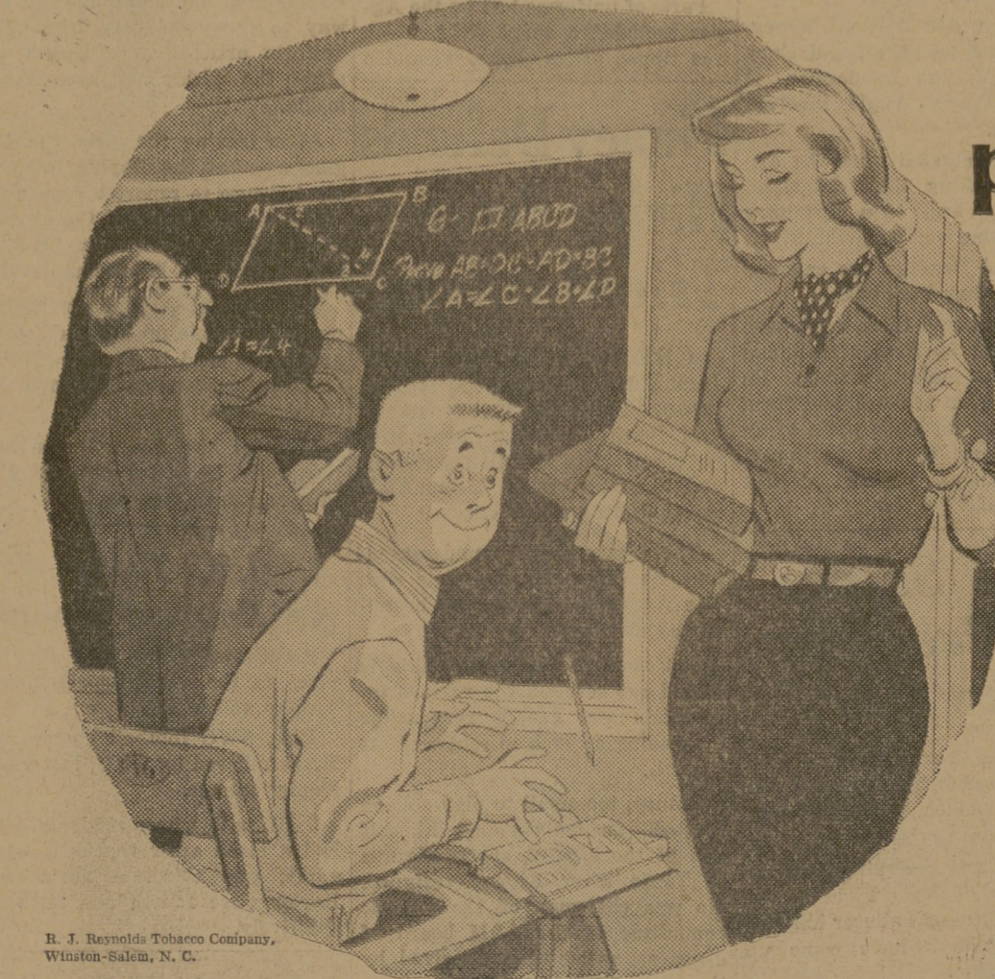
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