

# Board Ruining A & M Bryan Senator Knocks Ruling

By The Associated Press  
"If the A&M Board of Directors is allowed to continue its ruinous policies in another five years we'll have a classroom for every student," Sen. William T. Moore of Bryan said yesterday on the Senate floor in Austin.

Sen. Moore appeared before the Senate as a major opponent of the Arlington State full-college status bill. He argues that A&M has 1,500 vacant dormitory beds and many vacant classrooms and that there is no need for another 4-year college.

If the bill was passed, Moore predicted, "A&M will soon become a branch of Arlington."

Sen. Doyle Willis of Fort Worth, sponsor of the measure, turned a deaf ear to Sen. Moore's arguments that the bill should be amended to remove Arlington from the A&M Board jurisdiction.

Sen. Moore said that in 1940, A&M had 8,500 students and 10 million dollars in capital investments. Since that time, he said the college has capital investments totaling 40 million dollars and only 5,500 students.

The Board has supported the bill

as has the Texas Commission of Higher Education.

Sen. Moore is the same senator who in March, 1953, sponsored a bill which was unanimously passed making A&M coeducational.

After a week the Senate reconsidered the bill and defeated it 26-1, Moore casting the only dissenting vote. At that time he predicted that within 10 years (1963) A&M would be "coeducational at any rate."

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## No Coeds for Aggieland; This Time It's for Real

### Batt 'Extra' So A&M Remains Rolls In Tiny An All-Male Citadel Storeroom

Just because The Battalion does not regularly publish an issue of the A&M newspaper on Monday is no sign that it cannot be done. The Battmen did it yesterday.

No type was set. No pages were made up. No presses rolled. No advertising was sold.

In fact, the finished product hardly resembled The Battalion at all.

But when The Batt received the flash from the Associated Press saying that the prolonged coed case had finally been turned down by the United States Supreme Court, wheels began turning in Editor Joe Buser's head.

#### Regular Channels Fail

A quick check with the A&M Press informed him that it was impossible to publish a paper via regular methods by 5 p. m. But there was an alternative.

In a matter of minutes, two telephones were being utilized to call top officials directly connected with the coeds' attempt to enter A&M for on-the-spot comments, while other reporters busily activated typewriters.

When the copy was pushed across the desk, a stencil was quickly typed and slapped on a mimeograph machine crowded into a 3 by 9 foot space in a storeroom. In a number of minutes, 2,000 copies of the extra were ready for distribution.

#### Staff Delivery

Without tarrying a second, Battmen hopped into cars and delivered the one-sheet extra to 18 dormitories, the Memorial Student Center and the front door of Sbis Dining Hall. After a comparatively short publishing process of less than two hours, everyone on the campus had the opportunity to know that A&M, which has admitted nothing but male students for the past 83 years, will remain on an all-male basis.

All in all, the extra edition of The Battalion was no typographical masterpiece, what with several ink smudges and misspelled words sticking out in spots. But it did the job. As Editor Buser put it:

"It is just another example of the role of The Battalion '59—tell the whole story as soon as possible."

"Seldom do we get a chance to really 'break' a story on the campus. But you can count on it appearing in The Battalion when it happens."

All seemed quiet today on the campus of A&M after the Federal Supreme Court handed down its decision ending two Bryan mothers attempt to enter the all-male military school. No shouts were heard, no outrageous demonstrations were exhibited and classes continued in a normal pace.

The women, Mrs. Lena Bristol, 34, mother of two; and Mrs. Barbara Tittle, 20, a widowed mother of one, appealed to the Supreme Court from 10th District Court of Civil Appeals in Waco which rejected their bid to become Aggies. Dist. Judge W. T. McDonald of Bryan had earlier ruled they were eligible to enroll, but the state appealed.

The women contended that the A&M Board of Directors violated a constitutional guarantee of due process and equal protection under the law in rejecting them as students. The Texas appellate court had ruled that the Legislature had control over state institutions of learning and that it gave A&M power to rule on admission.

#### Not Suited for Girls

The Texas court said A&M had 7,474 men enrolled as students in October, 1957, and that the dormitories were mostly in rows and not suited for use by women.

The court said Texas had made substantially equal provision for both sexes in 16 other state institutions.

Both women said they wished to attend A&M because it is near their home. After the suit was filed, Mrs. Tittle enrolled at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, but continued to press the suit. Mrs. Bristol enrolled at Sam Houston State in Huntsville, but withdrew when it was impossible to commute.

#### Case May Flare Again

"I've been approached by two or three women who want to get into A&M, and it's possible the whole thing may start all over because of this."

This was the immediate reaction of John M. Barron, attorney for the two Bryan women, after the appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court was turned down.

Barron, however, did not indicate too much surprise at the decision.

"I think since the Supreme Court has passed on the matter, I'm satisfied that their ruling is correct. I just think it's unfortunate for A&M that the ruling is correct. The Supreme Court makes the laws and we can't do anything but stand by them," he said.

#### Officials Not Surprised

J. A. Amis Jr., college attorney who represented A&M in their first hearing in Bryan last year, said he was not too surprised, "just very happy at the decision."

President M. T. Harrington remarked that he was glad the decision had finally come, one way or the other.

"I'm certainly happy the Court happens."

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### Profs Receive A&S Council's Merit Awards

Three faculty members of the School of Arts and Sciences were recognized by the Arts and Sciences Council last night for outstanding work done within their individual departments.

Marion G. Daniels of the Department of Economics, Sidney A. Kerley of the Basic Division and Nelson A. Stewart of the Division of Business Administration, were each awarded a pen set and a citation by Council President Grady Barr.

The Council also passed a proposal submitted by a committee headed by Dick Scott to make final exams optional for graduating seniors in the School of Arts and Sciences.

In explaining the proposal, Scott said the measures was designed especially for those seniors who didn't have a high enough average in a course needed for graduation. Terms of the proposal call for such a student to be given a final examination in that course early enough so that his final grade can be sent to the college registrar before graduation exercises.

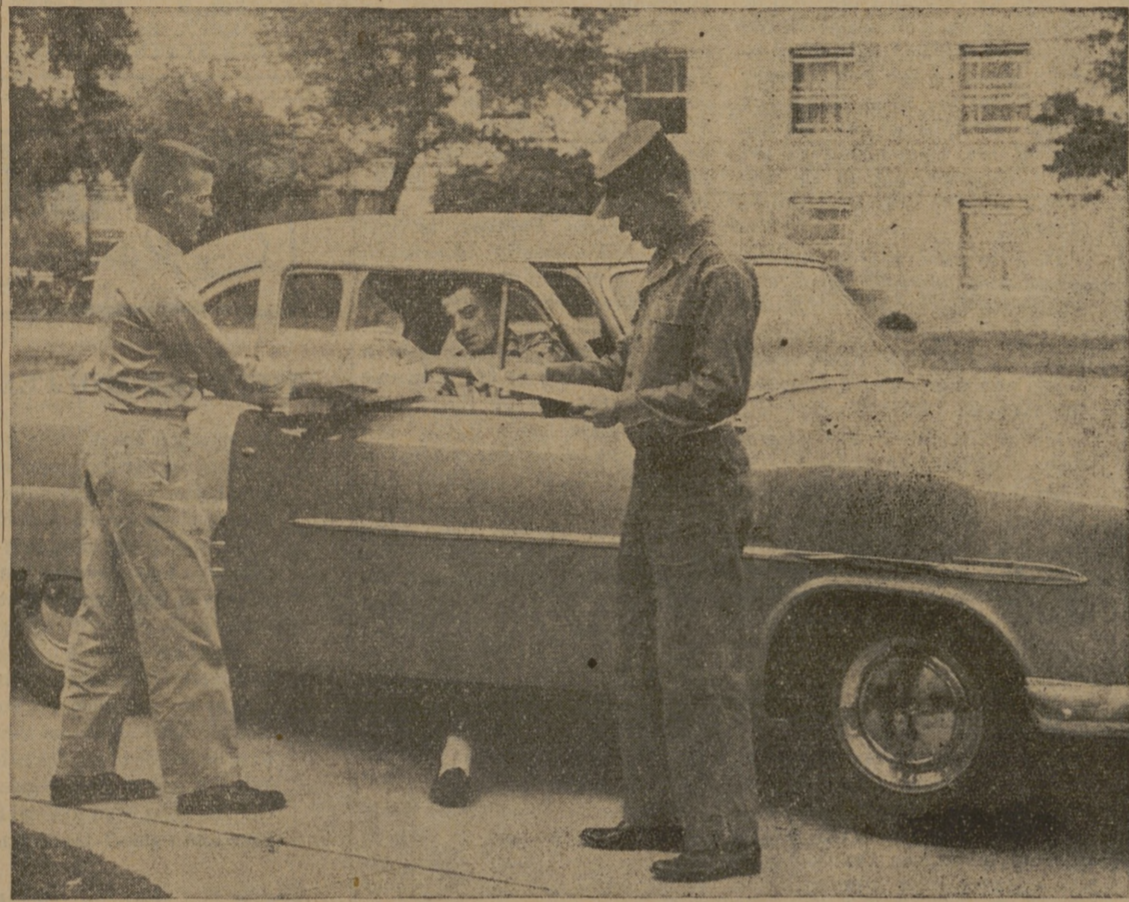
The passed proposal now goes to the Academic Council for further study.

In accepting the faculty award, Daniels said: "The School of Arts and Sciences is becoming increasingly important as a part of the college, as far as numbers are concerned."

Calling A & S a "structural change," Daniels continued that it is giving the School of Engineering a "run for the money" as far as campus leadership is concerned.

Kerley thanked the Council for the award saying: "Money cannot purchase this kind of recognition."

"For the first time in my life, I'm at a loss of words," commented Stewart. "I consider this one of the highest honors I've ever had."



Extra! Extra!

In less than two hours yesterday, The Battalion staff published an "extra" announcing the U. S. Supreme Court's refusal to hear the coed appeal. News Editor Bill Reed runs the mimeographing machine on the left, while Managing Editor Fred Meurer grabs a handful of "extras" from News Editor Dave Stoker, above, as deliveries are made. Scanning the paper above is Mel Glasscock.

## Class Elections Set Wednesday

Student elections will be held to-

morrow in the Memorial Student Center beginning at 8 a. m. and closing at 5:30 p. m.

All Aggies are expected to vote for the men running for offices in their respective classes. Seven voting machines have been set up in the hall between the bowling alley and the fountain room of the MSC.

"Because of the poor turnouts shown in past elections, I would like to urge all students to cast ballots tomorrow," W. D. (Pete) Hardesty, Student Organization Advisor, said yesterday. Last year at the same election, only 1,167 voters went to the polls.

Topping the election will be the Class of '60. They will elect a

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president, vice president, secretary treasurer, social secretary, historian, student entertainment manager and two yell leaders.

The Class of '61 will elect a president, vice president, secretary treasurer, social secretary and two yell leaders.

The Class of '62 will elect a president, vice president and social secretary.

One MSC council member will also be elected from each of the classes.

Run-off elections will be held April 15. If there are more than five people running, there may be three candidates in a run-off. If there are less than five people running, only two will be in the run-off.

For a candidate to win without a run-off, he must have 20 per cent of the total votes cast for his office in excess of the next highest opponent's votes.

### Guide Posts

Accustom yourself gradually to carry prayer into all your daily occupations. Speak, act, work in peace, as if you were in prayer, as indeed you ought to be.—Fenelon.



### Record Votes In Saturday Board Election

A record 628 votes were cast Saturday in the A&M Consolidated School Board election race that saw two Wellborn men and one College Station man gain seats on the panel.

One of the incumbents, C. A. Bonner, board member for 15 years, was defeated. The other incumbent who was seeking re-election, Milton D. Williams of Wellborn who has been on the board since 1946.

J. B. (Dick) Hervey was the College Station man gaining a spot on the board and G. B. Hensarling was the other Wellborn man picked.

The vote number was more than three years. In the 1958 election that have been cast during any school board election in the past three years. In the 1958 election only 146 votes were cast; 72 in 1957; and 180 in 1956.

Voters honored the "gentlemen's agreement" adopted by the board back in the 1920's which provided that two men from Wellborn be elected to fill the three vacancies.

Williams polled the top number of votes, 341; following in second place was Hervey with 291; and Hensarling drew 261.

### Juniors Excused From Duty Tours

All juniors will be excused from walking duty tours next Saturday, Lt. Col. Frank S. Vaden Jr., assistant to the Commandant, said yesterday.

No junior names will appear on the bull ring list, he said.

### In White Coliseum 'Li'l Abner' Show Tonight at 8 p. m.

The final Town Hall production of the year, the original musical comedy "Li'l Abner", will be presented tonight at 8 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The show will feature all of cartoonist Al Capp's famous hillbilly characters including Li'l Abner, Daisy Mae, Mammy and Pappy Yokum, Earthquake McGoon, the Skaggs Brothers, Moonbeam McSwine, Available Jones and his sister Stupefying Jones.

"This will be by far the most

### One More Day Left to Apply For \$250 Prize

Sixty entries have been submitted for the \$250 first prize in the Battalion-sponsored essay contest on "Texas A&M—What It Means to Me."

Deadline for entries is 5 p. m. Wednesday.

Prize money for the contest was provided by a former "Batt" editor, C. L. Babcock '20 of Beaumont. He plans to use some of the essays in connection with a program to inform the state about the college.

Judging of the entries will be done by The Battalion staff. Top 10 entries will be screened by a committee yet to be named. Winner of the \$250 award will be announced at the Mothers' Day parade May 10.

entertaining attraction ever offered by Town Hall," C. G. (Spike) White, manager of recreation and entertainment, said yesterday.

"Li'l Abner" is being presented by Lee Guber, Grank Ford and Shelly Gross in association with Norman Panama, Melvin Frank and Michael Kidd. Gruber, Ford and Gross are producers of the successful Music Fairs at Westbury, N. Y.; Valley Forge, Pa.; and Camden, N. J.

Panama and Frank are the creators of the book entitled "Li'l Abner." Kidd, director of choreography, is known for his dances in such productions as "Guys and Dolls", "Can-Can" and "Finian's Rainbow."

Johnny Mercer and Gene de Paul, one of the nation's most popular writing teams, created the musical scores for the show. Lyrics are by Mercer, music by de Paul, including such great hits as "The Country Is in the Very Best of Hands", "Love in a Home", "I'm Past My Prime", "Namely You" and several more.

Both Mercer and de Paul are famous for their Broadway productions, and Mercer has written various popular hit songs.

William and Jean Eckart created the scenery and lighting.

"I saw the show in New York a year ago and to me it was more entertaining than 'My Fair Lady', 'Westside Story', 'Damn Yankees', 'New Girl in Town' or any of the other big Broadway musicals," White said.



Profs Receive Service Gifts

Marion G. Daniels accepts a pen set from Arts and Sciences Council President Grady Barr as Sidney A. Kerley, right, and Nelson A. Stewart look on. The awards made last night were in recognition of outstanding service performed by the three faculty members within their individual departments.