

BATTALION EDITORIALS

What To Do?

It appears from comments on campus recently that Texas A&M no longer has the prerogative to call itself an institution of higher learning; that a militarily dominated campus is seeking to suppress freedom of thought and expression and release to society a generation of human robots.

A significant observation in listening to the discussions regarding the supposed "downfall" of Texas A&M is the comparison that is invariably made to other colleges and universities. These "comparison" institutions are always pictured as utopian schools where the students and the faculty and the administration all live in complete harmony; where every student, by mere fact of residence on the campus, possesses the wisdom of a Solomon and the oratory ability of a Webster.

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Do you recall that these are the same schools that Texas A&M used to scorn for their petty quabbles just a few years ago?

Perhaps the students of Texas A&M have become so entangled with the strife on this campus that they have lost perspective. As the familiar adage goes: "You can't see the forest for the trees."

Texas A&M is not, by any means, unique in problems. Colleges and universities across America are undergoing their own problems. Take a look around: at the University of Texas students are picketing in protest of what they feel is an unfair discrimination against a segment of the student body; at Southern Methodist University student race sit-ins are attracting attention; on the West Coast the problem of compulsory versus elective ROTC is a primary problem; student demonstrations in California against the House Un-American Activities Committee have brought national attention and concern.

No, Texas A&M is not unique in internal strife. For that matter, we challenge you to find one that is.

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There is one primary factor to consider in regard to the problems: they don't just go away; they are solved.

That has been a fallacy on the Texas A&M campus. The criticism is plentiful, but the suggested remedies are virtually non-existent. Naturally no one person or group of persons can wave the proverbial magic hand and erase all problems. Final results will ultimately come from an aggregate of suggestions.

What to do about the name-change? What to do about the supposed lack of academic freedom? What to do about education?

There are a number of the criticisms and questions. As yet few have offered suggestions or means to correct them, if they need be corrected.

Still, we maintain that criticism is healthy. But it takes more than that to accomplish the desired aims of criticism. What Texas A&M needs, if the problems are as weighty as the criticism discloses, is thinking and suggestions.

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A Bulletin

Editor, The Battalion:
Recently I was shown a bulletin, published by a local chapel near the campus, which warned members of its congregation of the film "Operation Abolition." The context of this warning was that the film did not present a true picture of the San Francisco student riots, and such riots did not actually occur.

This warning is a direct attempt to both discredit the film itself and to draw attention away from the fact that the demonstrations were both Communist inspired and led.

J. Edgar Hoover's report, "Communist Target-Youth" gives a true, clear and concise picture of the complete proceedings in San Francisco last May.

I would suggest that the writers of this bulletin inform themselves completely before they start instructing others.

Corkey Brown, '63

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Not Enough Facts

Editor, The Battalion:
Speaking of Jackasses! If the letter written by Malcolm Hardee to John Farrell is a typical example of the men graduated from this institution, then God save the nation because our Armed Forces never will.

To the best of my knowledge and according to the College Catalogue, this institution of higher learning was established in 1876 by the Legislature as the Agricultural and Mechanical

College of Texas; not as a military institution for the training of our nation's military leaders. It was designed for specific study in the fields of agriculture and engineering but later expanded to include liberal arts, science, education, business administration and veterinary medicine (page 48 of the Bulletin of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, 1960-61). A School of Military Sciences was added to supervise the ROTC program.

"The Army and Air Force at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas offer ROTC courses which supplement the student's civilian curriculum and offer him the opportunity of planning his civilian and mili-

tary careers on a mutually supporting basis." (Page 201 of the Bulletin.) Students in the Army ROTC program may apply and be granted the same type of commission as is given graduates of the United States Military Academy at West Point. No where can I find reference to the statement that this is a military college.

It is my understanding that the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas is a military college in name only and only because the Corps of Cadets periodically undergoes a rigid inspection at which time they receive a specific military rating. This rating is conferred upon the college which the cadets represent. This rating entitles the

college to call itself a military college—a complete misnomer in every meaning of the word.

As a unit the Corps of Cadets is a fine group but it is not or should not be this institution's main drawing card. We are an educational institution and not an institute for the training of military leaders. It is our asset that our military program has turned out such men who later became commanding generals of the Air Force. It is not an asset to have men who degrade the institution by writing silly, asinine letters of personal misguided feeling.

Facts, not emotions, speak for themselves.

Paul VanNieuwenhuize, '62

INTERPRETING

Canada, Britain Involved In Big Red China Question

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst
As the new administration is attempting to shake down its policy toward Red China, other countries, especially Canada and Britain, are trying to get into the act.

The Communist bloc and the neo-Communist bloc are always asserting that this or that U.N. agency or committee cannot work effectively without Red China, and that is true at least about disarmament. Even about Chinese participation in the United States is thinking-disarmament discussions.

Britain and her associated nations have always fretted under the U.S. policy of isolating Red

China, since trade restrictions cut across their traditional business lines, Japan will sooner or later break the restraints, as Canada proposes to do.

But getting Red China into the United Nations is another matter, Red China's admission. But Britain has not said what she would do about another fact of life which is also involved, and that is the difficulty of ousting a permanent member of the Security Council, and by inference recognizing Peiping's sovereignty over Formosa.

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