

BILL CALLED 'STARTING POINT'

Name-Change As Viewed By Senators

By BOB SLOAN The bill, introduced this week by Sen. W. T. Moore, '40, of Bryan calls for changing the name of the College to Texas State University and the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Senate signed the bill as co-authors. They are Sens. Andy Rogers, '46, of Childress; A. R. Schwartz, '47, of Galveston; George Moffett, '16, of Chillocothe and Ray Roberts, '41, of McKinney.

BATTALION EDITORIALS

No Suggestions

The Texas A&M student body and exes have expressed varied opinions these past months over the controversial name-change issue. But now, when the matter has come out of committee in the Texas Senate and is on the verge of being put to a vote on the floor, the comments, opinions, suggestions and desires of the students and exes have been visibly lacking.

It is true that a petition has been authored to be passed among the student body for endorsement if they agree with the stipulation: the name of Texas A&M should not be changed to Texas State University and the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

With the State Senators seeking and awaiting suggestions, none are submitted.

It should be emphasized that SB 302 is now on the Senate calendar and possibilities are excellent that the bill will come before the Senate sometime next week.

As it stands now, there will be but one opinion from the students given to the Senate before they vote on the all-important bill. And that opinion simply opposes SB 302; it offers no suggested names or solutions.

It is quite difficult to accept the fact that, after months of controversy over the issue, the student body and the exes will choose to be silent when the issue is actually under consideration.

We have already concluded that the name of Texas A&M will be changed and the present bill is but a beginning for measures that will ultimately select a new name for Texas A&M. The Battalion earlier this year supported the change for a new name for Texas A&M. In fact, The Battalion suggested the very name presented in SB 302. But we feel that this name will not be accepted because the majority of the student body, the exes and the Texas A&M College System Board of Directors evidently do not approve of the name. But they have not formally said so.

We could easily be wrong and SB 302 could pass. It goes without saying that the influence of the student body and the exes could weigh considerably on the eventual outcome of SB 302—especially with the State Senators seeking suggestions on which to base their legislation. That is, if the students and exes have any suggestions.

The Battalion has had telephone interviews with all but one of the bill's co-authors. Sen. Roberts was in a committee meeting and unavailable for comment.

Rogers, Schwartz and Moffett all said they signed the bill at the request of Moore.

"In a bill of this nature," Rogers explained, "the author, (in this case, Sen. Moore), will usually ask several other senators to sign the bill as co-authors."

"Moore explained the bill to me, but most of the responsibility for the arrangement of wording came from him," Rogers said.

Moffett said none of the senators knew a lot about the bill.

"It needs to be discussed," he said. "I'm in favor of some full, free, open discussion, then decide what to do."

Moffett said that by "discussion" he did not mean talk on the Senate floor when the bill comes up for a vote, but serious thinking by all groups interested in the bill—students, ex-students, administration officials and anyone else.

"I expected to hear a lot out of the ex-students when the bill was first introduced," he said, "but as yet I haven't even had a phone call."

Moffett said he had received one letter from a Texas A&M student "who demonstrated he hadn't done much thinking before writing."

"I answered him today," he said. Schwartz said he only recognized that "there is a need for a name change."

"This bill is only a starting place," he said. "It can be amended."

Both Moffett and Rogers said they were not "married to the name in the bill."

All agreed the bill was only a starting point for future discussion. Schwartz said he signed the bill with the intent to join in any serious discussion on the floor. The senators expressed concern at the apparent lack of interest by students and ex-students over the bill. Rogers said he had received a phone call from a member of the Board of Directors and Moffett said he had received one letter.



"... we had to shut him up somehow. Every time someone mentioned that the Kilgore Rangerettes were gonna be in the Intercollegiate Talent Show, he'd go wild. And there he goes again!"

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All the senators agreed the proposed name change for Texas A&M was part of a national trend to change "colleges" to "universities." Besides the Texas A&M bill, there are two other college name change bills before the Legislature this session.

North Texas State College at Denton wants to become the University of North Texas, and West Texas State College at Canyon wants to become West Texas State University.

A few years ago the trend was to take the word "teachers" out of state teachers colleges; now colleges want to become universities, Rogers said.

Early reports were that the bill would be brought up before the Senate for a vote Monday or Tuesday of next week. Moffett, however, said there "is no telling when it will come up. There are many bills before the House."

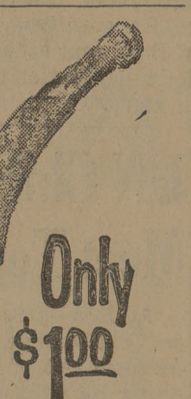
Moffett said the bill could come up early next week, but added it was likely it could be weeks. Moffett summed up the general feeling of the senators when he said:

"I'm for whatever is best for A&M. That's my only guide. This bill needs to be discussed, and I'm willing to listen."

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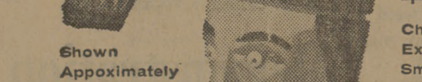
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