

— Sound Off —

(Editor's note: Following are three more letters from candidates seeking election to various Student Senate posts. The election will be held tomorrow in the Memorial Student Center.)
Editor,
The Battalion:

'... objectives'

As a candidate for vice president of the Student Senate, I would like to take this opportunity to discuss some questionable points in our student government. According to the 33rd edition of the College Regulations, issued in September, 1960, the objectives of the Student Senate are:

- To act as the official voice of the student body.
- To democratically represent the various interests in the student body of the college.
- To provide opportunity to train students in the responsibility and mechanics of democratic government and citizenship.
- To promote sound leadership in the formulation of student body attitudes.
- To promote the welfare of the student body.
- To provide a liaison between faculty, administration and students.

These objectives are very impressive, but are they being carried out? Was the Student Senate the official voice of the student body during the name change controversy? Has the Student Senate democratically or dictatorially represented the interests of the student body?

Has the Student Senate trained students in governmental responsibilities and mechanics? What has the Student Senate done this year to promote sound leadership in student body attitudes. And under what issue has the Student Senate provided a liaison between faculty, administration and students?

Perhaps our Student Senate has been performing miracles. But unless you are a member of the Student Senate, or unless you are wire-tapping the lines at the MSC, you just don't know what is going on. Our "governing body" is either working under cover or simply taking up space in The Aggicland.

What is our Student Senate doing? What issues do they consider? What are their issues and how are they voting?

If you put me in the office of vice president Thursday, I will consider that keeping the students informed is not secondary to anything. I will not only act as a messenger, but as a true public officer, whose supreme obligation is to those who have put him in office. I hope to see you at the polls.

Rick Graham, '63
Candidate for Vice President of Student Senate

'... fullest extent'

Editor,
The Battalion:
What are the qualifications for the office of vice-president of the Student Senate? Under the rules set by the election commission a

person must have a 1.50 overall grade point ratio and be a classified junior next year. But to me there are numerous qualifications, probably the most important one is having an interest in student affairs. Moreover, not just a personal interest, but an interest in getting the students to take an active part in the fine student program that the Memorial Student Center offers.

Another qualification is that the candidate should have a working knowledge of how the different branches of the Student affairs are related and what power belongs to which group. I have worked intimately with the MSC directorate and other branches of the MSC Council.

I agree with the present Senate leaders about changing the rules for campaigning so that the men running can present their platform to a majority of the students. Under our present system most students do not know what type of programs the individual candidates are supporting. Only a very few who have the opportunity of meeting him personally on the campus. I believe the student body has a right to know what the man that they vote for believes in rather than just blind voting. Also I believe that if an active campaign could be made a larger number of the students would get out and vote.

Upon these few words I rest my platform for the office of vice-president of the Senate. If I am elected I will make a conscientious effort toward expressing the opinions of you the student body, and I will work toward a better, more publicized, and more efficient type of student government. I will sincerely appreciate the vote of you the individual voter.

Ronald Fix, '63
Candidate for Student Senate Vice-President

'... qualifications'

Editor,
The Battalion:
The Student Senate can represent the students of Texas A&M. But does it? Yes, it does to an extent, but not to the fullest extent. There is room and need for improvement. There must be a better means of communication between the students and their senate representatives. A senator cannot be expected to represent his constituents if he does not know what they want. Conversely the constituent can't be expected to voice their opinions on

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Cuban Says U.S. Would Attack Cuba

By The Associated Press

subjects before the senate if they aren't informed of the subject until after it is voted on.

It is my platform as candidate for chairman of the Student Senate Public Relations Committee to increase the communication between students and their representatives. I propose to do this through releases to The Battalion concerning the organization and functions of the Student Senate, such as the purpose of the Campus Chest, and the functions performed by the different committees. I would also have published in advance, issues to be presented before the Senate so that the student body could have a chance to let their feelings on the subject be known.

I would further challenge the students of Texas A&M to let their opinions be known to the Student Senate by means of letters to The Battalion or directly to the Student Senate. All students have their own ideas of how the student government of Texas A&M should be run, but unless the Senate is told of these ideas, the Senate must go on its own initiative. I also believe there should be a closer relationship between the class officers and the Student Senate on items of mutual concern.

I would therefore do everything within the power of the position of Public Relations Committee chairman to change the Student Senate from a "farce" to a governing body which represents and serves all the students of Texas A&M.

Jimmy Carter, '63
Candidate for Chairman of Public Relations Committee

KEY WEST, Fla.—A man interrogated on Cuban TV said Tuesday night that U. S. intelligence agents told him the United States would intervene in Cuba if the rebels' invasion failed.

The man, described by Havana propagandists as a captive from the ill-fated invasion on April 17, said FBI and Central Intelligence Agency officials told him direct intervention in Cuba was necessary because Soviet rocket bases had been established there, only 90 miles from Florida.

The witness' name came through to monitors in Key West only as "Pablo." He said the statements were made to him by a man named Gomas, whom he called an aide to CIA Director Allen Dulles, and Francis Ryan, described by Pablo as the FBI's second in command in New York.

He said he was impressed into the U. S. intelligence service on a threat of being deported to Cuba. He said CIA agents were with the invasion force and that the rebels had instructions to shoot themselves if in danger of capture because Fidel Castro's men would "pull out our nails."

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"... I don't think they have a division for that kind of flying in th' national intercollegiate flying meet!"

On Campus with Max Shulman
(Author of "I Was a Teen-age Dwarf," "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis," etc.)

A ROBE BY ANY OTHER NAME

As Commencement Day draws near, the question on everyone's lips is: "How did the different disciplines come to be marked by academic robes with hoods of different colors?" Everybody—but everybody—is asking it. I mean I haven't been able to walk ten feet on any campus in America without somebody grabs my elbow and says, "How did the different disciplines come to be marked by academic robes with hoods of different colors, hey?"

This, I must say, is not the usual question asked by collegians who grab my elbow. Usually they say, "Hey, Shorty, got a Marlboro?" And this is right and proper. After all, are they not collegians, and, therefore, the nation's leaders in intelligence and discernment? And do not intelligence and discernment demand the tastiest in tobacco flavor and smoking pleasure? And does not Marlboro deliver a flavor that is uniquely mellow, a selectate filter that is easy drawing, a pack that is soft, a box that is hard? You know it!



"What has Mr. Sigafoos got that I haven't got?"

But I digress. Back to the colored hoods of academic robes. A doctor of philosophy wears blue, a doctor of medicine wears green, a master of arts wears white, a doctor of humanities wears crimson, a master of library science wears lemon yellow. Why? Why, for example, should a master of library science wear lemon yellow?

Well sir, to answer this vexing question, we must go back to March 29, 1844. On that date the first public library in the United States was established by Ulrich Sigafoos. All of Mr. Sigafoos' neighbors were of course wildly grateful—all, that is, except Wrex Todhunter.

Mr. Todhunter had hated Mr. Sigafoos since 1822 when both men had wooed the beautiful Melanie Zitt and Melanie had chosen Mr. Sigafoos because she was mad for dancing and Mr. Sigafoos knew all the latest steps, like the Missouri Compromise Mambo, the Shay's Rebellion Schottische, and the James K. Polk Polka, while Mr. Todhunter, alas, could not dance at all owing to a wound he had received at the Battle of New Orleans. (He was struck by a falling praline.)

Consumed with jealousy at the success of Mr. Sigafoos' library, Mr. Todhunter resolved to open a competing library. This he did, but he lured not a single patron away from Mr. Sigafoos. "What has Mr. Sigafoos got that I haven't got?" Mr. Todhunter kept asking himself, and finally the answer came to him: books.

So Mr. Todhunter stocked his library with lots of dandy books and soon he was doing more business than his hated rival. But Mr. Sigafoos struck back. To regain his clientele, he began serving tea free of charge at his library every afternoon. Thereupon, Mr. Todhunter, not to be outdone, began serving tea with sugar. Thereupon, Mr. Sigafoos began serving tea with sugar and cream. Thereupon, Mr. Todhunter began serving tea with sugar and cream and lemon.

This, of course, clinched the victory for Mr. Todhunter because he had the only lemon tree in town—in fact, in the entire state of North Dakota—and since that day lemon yellow has of course been the color on the academic robes of library science.

(Incidentally, the defeated Mr. Sigafoos packed up his library and moved to California where, alas, he failed once more. There were, to be sure, plenty of lemons to serve with his tea, but, alas, there was no cream because the cow was not introduced to California until 1931 by John Wayne.) © 1961 Max Shulman

And today Californians, happy among their Guernseys and Holsteins, are discovering a great new cigarette—the un-filtered, king-size Philip Morris Commander—and so are Americans in all fifty states. Welcome aboard!

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