

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Sex On The Campus: Who Has The Burden?

As if colleges and universities don't have enough to do, one scholarly journal has suggested that the burden of sex education be shouldered by higher education.

Citing an increase in premarital sexual experience among college students, the National Association of Women Deans and Counselors devoted an entire issue of its monthly journal to the sex education problem. The women editors offered this solution:

"It is the counselor, not the clergyman, who must develop youth's conscience; it is the educator who is called upon to take the leading ethical role."

Strangely enough, the association placed blame for the increase of sexual activity on "adults." Adults, the editors wrote, set moral standards for youth which they do not themselves follow, and are evasive and dishonest when issues involving sex arise. Another important factor, the magazine noted, is that college youth are very much on their own, because at the late adolescent level adult control has practically disappeared.

We would be the last to claim that there is not a real problem involved. But does education hold the answer, especially at the higher levels? We believe not. By the time a student reaches college, his moral standards are well enough established that educators might find themselves banging their heads against a wall.

It is quite clear that there is no really clear answer. But if the National Association of Women Deans and Counselors is going to place the blame on adults, why shouldn't adults be called upon to right their own wrongs? Surely the first step toward an answer should begin in the home.

More Still To Come

State legislators facing the problem of appropriating funds for Texas' higher education are placing emphasis on improvement of current programs, and rightly so. But will Texas, A&M and our other colleges and universities be prepared for the huge influx of new students due in the next two or three years.

Already enrollments throughout the state are crowding present facilities, but according to statistics from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, we haven't seen anything yet. High school graduates in the U. S. are expected to increase by 4.9 per cent this spring, by an additional 17 per cent in 1964 and by 8.6 per cent more in 1965. A projection of these figures shows that college enrollment could double by 1975.

Meanwhile back in Austin, college and university officials are seeing their requests for more funds cut back to what one official called, "only an acceptable minimum." College requests for an additional \$98 million have been reduced to \$80.4 million by the Commission on Higher Education, to \$68 million by former Gov. Price Daniel and to \$47 million by the legislative board. Gov. John Connally's proposals are still to come.

Even now most legislators seem to admit that there is no way to avoid considerably more spending. The upcoming boom in enrollment certainly offers no immediate relief for the weary taxpayer.

First Test Was Success

Aggie-University of Texas basketball games usually put the two student bodies to the year's severest sportsmanship test, and Tuesday night's encounter in G. Rollie White Coliseum was no exception. As is not always the case, students from both schools appear today to have passed this year's first test with flying colors.

Extracurricular activity both on the court and in the stands was practically non-existent Tuesday. There were no disagreements at all on the playing court, and only the most minor of misunderstandings in the stands.

And except for one incident, the playing court was kept void of foreign objects, namely pennies and paper "airplanes." Only once did we see an object—a paper airplane—land on the coliseum floor.

Credit for Tuesday's good display of sportsmanship should go to many persons—more than we could ever list. These people know who they are, however, and certainly have every right to consider their task well done.

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"... Speaking of computations—could you give me some help with Calculus 209?"

BY BOOKMAN

Solons' Question Causes No Sweat

Bill Barnhart, head Aggie bandsman, shrugged off a question the state legislature jokingly asked—could the A&M band play "The Eyes of Texas" if it were made the official state song?

"Oh yeah, we could play it. But we haven't had an occasion to play the other state song yet," he said.

The capitol crowd is currently tossing around a proposal to change the state's official song from "Texas Our Texas" to "The Eyes of Texas," which is the Austin school's trademark.

Rep. Bill Walker of Cleveland made the suggestion saying that people don't know and don't recognize "Texas Our Texas."

In a committee session pondering the change, Rep. Sam Collins of Newton asked Walker whether the A&M band could ever learn to play "The Eyes of Texas." Other points the legislators raised included the fact that people would think "The Eyes" was "I've Been Working On The Railroad."

Aggie Barnhart, stalwart that he is, commented that the legislature may as well change the name of the state song to "The War Hymn," if they wanted a school song.

It is evident that what the legislature needs to do here is to compromise. Perhaps fit words from "The Eyes" to "The War Hymn's" music. Or vice versa.

Or better yet, chunk out both UT's and A&M's songs and make "Texas Our Texas" the school songs as well as the state song.

That would solve the problem of no one knowing the words, and in addition, provide a little friendly rivalry on the gridiron or court by promoting a contest to see who Our refers to in "Texas Our Texas."

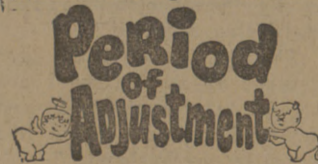
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Chemical Engineering club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the South Solarium of the YMCA Building. A talk will be given on communism.
Architecture club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Gay Room of the YMCA Building.
Hometown Clubs
Abilene club will meet at 7:45 p.m. in the MSC lobby. Pictures will be made.
Waco-McLennan County club will meet at 7:15 p.m. in front of the MSC. Pictures will be made.
Cherokee County club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Cabinet Room of the YMCA Building.
Hill County club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Reading Room of the YMCA Building. Club sweetheart will be chosen.
Guadalupe Valley club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the main lobby of the MSC. Pictures will be made.

Port Arthur club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the lounge of the YMCA Building.
Amarillo club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the YMCA Building.
Cen-Tex club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of the MSC.

Deep East Texas club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Art Room of the MSC.
Bell County club will meet at 8:45 p.m. on the second floor of the MSC. Pictures will be made.

Mum's The Word . . .

WASHINGTON (AP) — Official Washington adopted a policy of discreet silence Wednesday on the fall of John G. Diefenbaker as prime minister of Canada. There were no cries of approval but neither were there any loud lamentations.
The fact is that relations between Canada and the United States have been tense much of the time since Diefenbaker became prime minister. U.S. leaders obviously were not upset by his political misfortune.
What does seem to have distressed President Kennedy and Secretary of State Dean Rusk is that the United States played such a role in bringing about the collapse of Diefenbaker's Conservative party regime on a confidence vote in Parliament Tuesday night.
Administration authorities insist the U. S. action was not a political bombshell at least that much of a bomb shell.
Twenty two different groups were on the campus for the month of January representing 52 visitors.

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