

BATTALION EDITORIALS

**Education's Strength
Not Found In Numbers**

In conjunction with the Legislature's marathon to make all colleges and universities in Texas state-supported, the Senate Finance Committee included \$15 million for the University of Houston in its bill approved Monday.

In early opposition to legislation creating additional tax-supported colleges, William T. (Bill) Moore pointed out, "Texas has 20 four-year colleges now. This is more than any other state except California."

Moore rightly accused "a few local Chamber of Commerce and big corporations and industries who want to escape their fair share of taxation" of inspiring the legislation that "shifts the burden of taxation off their backs and places it in the state's general fund—to which all taxpayers contribute."

The crusaders for "improved higher education" seems to be motivated by the idea that the secret to academic success lies in the quantity of four-year state-supported schools rather than in the quality of these schools. Lately, the Legislature has been bombarded with requests to create more tax-supported four-year colleges, but little effort is being made on quality improvement.

It appears that the local "prominent citizens" enjoy the noise-making that accompanies getting a school established for their "growing community." However, when the game gets underway it is the citizens that cry out for state-support to their school.

Why should every community in the state which has begged permission to establish a college in its area be permitted to secure state funds to feed their faltering experiments?

There is no sound reason to be offered. None of these schools can offer anything in the form of higher education that cannot be obtained in one of the state's established schools.

What is the answer to the sudden increase in the desire to have a state supported school in every county?

It's just possible that some of the "brag abouts" who initiated the educational experiments would like to have the number of state-supported schools compete with the number of oil wells in the state.

**It's Time To Reconsider
Line That's So Definite**

There are some things that every student should be able to determine for himself.

One of these decisions has been taken from the Classes of '65 and '66.

In a meeting held last week the ring committee decided that in the event of a name-change to Texas A&M University, these two classes will have that name inscribed on their rings.

The Class of '64 would be permitted to choose between the present name and the one that would be adopted.

It is easy enough to see that the line had to be drawn somewhere, but in this case we question the decision rendered by the committee. Why deny students presently enrolled in A&M the privilege of making the decision?

It is true that if the current session of the Legislature passes HB 755 these classes will be graduating from Texas A&M University; however, we feel compelled to point out to the committee that the members of the Class of '65 and the Class of '66 enrolled in A&M under its present name and some of them might prefer to carry that name on their rings regardless of what the boys in Austin select to call A&M.

Of the committee we ask these few questions. Why can't the rigid decree be directed at the Class of '67? Or, if the name-change were not complete by next fall, why not issue the order to the first freshman class following the passage of the name-change bill?

When a line must be drawn it should be definite, as the line drawn by the committee is. However, it might be wise of the committee to reconsider the spot they have selected for their line.

Just received new order
H. I. S. merchandise

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North Gate

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CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"... Are you sure th' dean can't excuse me early for th' holidays?"

Editor,

The Battalion:

The series of thefts which has taken place in Law and Puryear Halls serves to point up one of the biggest farces on the campus—the Campus Security Office.

This aggregation of fops brings to mind the senseless antics of that famous group of the 1920s and 30s—the Keystone Kops. They make a great show of seeming to be in hot pursuit of criminals, yet only succeed in getting into the way of each other and other people in the process.

For weeks now there have been reports on top of reports of blatant thefts of valuables from the rooms of students on this campus.

Yet the Campus Security officers seem more intent on scampering gaily about the campus plastering their parking tickets on every vehicle in sight than upon catching the thieves who have stolen hundreds of dollars worth of property.

The main talent of these Ks seems to be their ability to transcribe the license number of a car onto a ticket pad. Their success at apprehending the thieves operating on this campus certainly leaves much to be desired.

Maybe the answer to the problem would be to call in officers of the Department of Public Safety to investigate the thefts and leave the Ks to merrily distribute their parking tickets, the job they do best.

Paul A. Johnson '63

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— Sound Off —

Editor,

The Battalion:

It is our understanding that the senior rings of the classes of 1965 and '66 will be required to have the name-change on them.

If this is true, it does not seem quite fair to us. We enrolled in the A&M College of Texas, and we believe we are entitled to have A&M College of Texas on our senior rings.

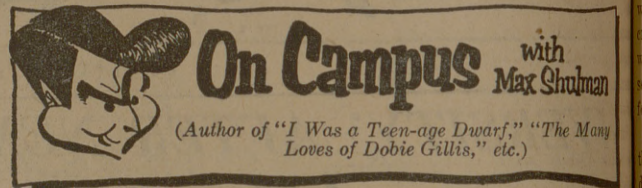
From available sources, we have found that the only people on the ring committee who voted to make the choice optional were Paul Dresser, '64, and Bill Millikin, '66. What about James Love, our sophomore class president? It seems he has voiced an opinion

solely from his own personal point of view, as we have not talked to one sophomore who is in any way being consulted this matter.

We, the classes of '65 and '66 will wear these rings proudly the rest of our lives, so we want it to be "our" choice, not the administration's, as to what will appear on our ring.

We hope some member of representative (?) ring committee sees this and does something about it. If not, it is up to the classes of 1965 and '66, to do something about it. What do you say?

William C. Bender
David A. Franklin
George R. Coakley



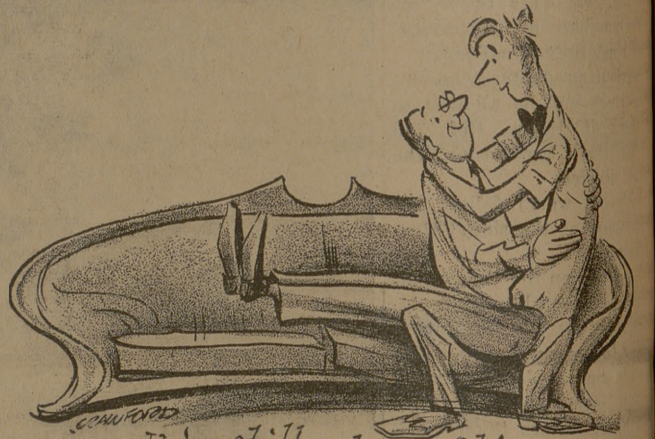
FILLING A WELL-NEEDED GAP

Although my son is a college freshman, I am glad to say that he is still not too old to climb up on my lap and have a heart-to-heart talk when things are troubling him. My boy is enrolled at Harvard where he is studying to be a fireman. From the time he was a little tiny baby he always said he wanted to be a fireman. Of course, my wife and I believed that he would eventually grow out of it, but no sir, the little chap never wavered in his ambition for one minute!

So here he is at Harvard today taking courses in not holding, mouth-to-mouth breathing, carbon tetrachloride, and Dalmatian dogs. It is a full schedule for the young man, and that, in fact, is exactly what we talked about when last he climbed upon my lap.

He complained that every bit of his time is taken up with his major requirements. He doesn't have so much as one hour a week to sample any of the fascinating courses outside his major—history, literature, language, science, or any of the thousand and one things that appeal to his keen young mind.

I am sure that many of you find yourselves in the same scholastic bind; you are taking so many requirements that you can't find time for some appealing electives. Therefore, in today's column I will forego levity and give you a brief survey in a subject that is probably not included in your curriculum.



It's still not too old

I have asked the makers of Marlboro Cigarettes whether I might employ this column—normally a vehicle for innocent merriment—to pursue this serious end. "Of course you may, crazy kid," they replied kindly, their grey eyes crinkling at the corners, their manly mouths twisted in funny little grins. If you are a Marlboro smoker—and what intelligent human person is not?—you would expect the makers of Marlboro to be fine men. And so they are—wonderful guys, every man-jack of them—good, generous, understanding, wise. They are each tipped with a pure white filter and come in soft pack or Flip-Top box.

But I digress. We were going to take up a topic you are probably unable to cover in your busy academic life. Let us start with the most basic topic of all—anthropology, the study of man himself.

Man is usually defined as a tool-making animal, but I personally do not find this definition entirely satisfactory. Man is not the only species which makes tools. The simians, for example, make monkey wrenches.

Still, when you come to a really complicated tool—like a linotype, for instance—you can be fairly sure it was made by Homo sapiens—or else a very intelligent tiger. The question one should ask, therefore, is not *who* made the tool, but *what* did he do with it.

For example, in a recent excavation in the Olduvai Gorge a large assortment of hominoid fossils was found, all dating back to the Middle Pleistocene Age. Buried with the fossils was a number of their artifacts, the most interesting being a black metal box which emitted a steady beeping sound. Now, of course, zoologists will tell you that tree frogs make such boxes which they employ in their mating activities (I can't go into detail about it in this family newspaper) but the eminent anthropological team, Mr. and Mrs. Walther Sigafoos (both he and she are named Walther) were convinced that this particular box was made not by tree frogs but by Neanderthal men. To prove their point, they switched on the box and out came television, which, as everyone knows, was the forerunner of fire.

If there is anything more you need to know about anthropology, just climb up on my lap as soon as my son leaves.

The makers of Marlboro Cigarettes who sponsor this column, often with trepidation, are not anthropologists. They are tobaccoists—good ones, I think—and I think you'll think so too when you sample their wares—available wherever cigarettes are sold in all fifty states.

Bulletin Board

Wives Clubs
Soil and Crop Sciences club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at 816 Enfield.
Professional Societies
American Meteorological Society will meet at 7:45 p.m. in Room 306 of Goodwin Hall. John Griffiths will speak.
Marketing Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Rooms 2-A and 2-B of the MSC.
Student Education Association

will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the YMCA Building. Dean Frank W. R. Hubert will speak.

Premed-Preudent Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 113 of the Biological Sciences Building. Dr. Howard C. Hopps of the University of Texas medical branch will speak.

Dairy Science Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 114 of the Herman Heep Building. Two films will be shown.

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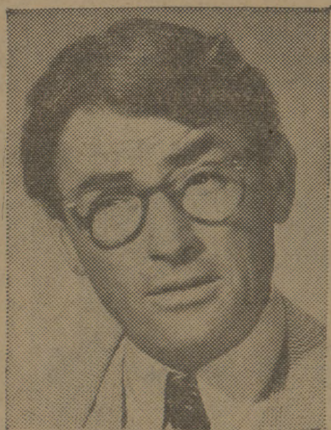
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