

**BATTALION EDITORIALS**

**CLASP Offers A Way To Finance Education**

If you want a great institution of higher learning you need one basic ingredient—money. So says Gov. John Connally, Chancellor M. T. Harrington and CLASP—the College Loyalty Alumni Support Program.

This organization of volunteer alumni from 21 Texas colleges and universities is presently conducting a fund raising campaign throughout the state to help bolster the insufficient funds allotted by the legislature for higher education.

To have the best, someone has to pay for the best. Unfortunately the state cannot carry the burden alone. The average gift given by other states' alumni last year was \$36.72 each. Texans gave only a little better than \$20 each for the support of their schools. This is not enough.

Texas' annual school salaries for full professors were \$972.00 less than the average for the entire U. S. Of the 50 American Nobel Prize winners, not one came from a Southern institution.

The real money and the real brains tend to gather in those states whose educational level is highest. If Texas is allowed to become an educationally backward state because of disinterested alumni, it will very soon become economically backward.

There is indeed a need for CLASP, as there is a need for more support for higher education. It is up to this year's graduates, future graduates and all exes to support this program. It will benefit themselves and their children to have schools in Texas at least as well off as those of the rest of the country.

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**Poor Crowd Gives Voting Dismal Start**

If Monday night's attendance at campaign speeches is any indication, today's election may be doomed to failure. Only about 50 students showed up Monday night to hear candidates outline their platforms. And only 13 of the 30 candidates went to the trouble to attend the session.

Most discouraging is the fact that this lack of interest comes immediately after efforts to enliven student elections by lessening campaign restrictions. Campaign speeches such as those held Monday have not always been permissible.

Admittedly, there were factors that could have accounted for Monday's poor attendance. Foremost is the fact that the speeches were held on a Monday, thus giving the student body an entire weekend to forget that they were planned.

But there can be no excuse for such a total lack of interest as was witnessed Monday. One can only wonder if the entire idea of having elections is really worth it.

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**CADET SLOUCH**



"A raincoat's really not hot if you don't wear clothes under it!"

by Jim Earle **BY ADMINISTRATION**

**Tax Broadside Readied**

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Kennedy administration is quietly loading up for another broadside in behalf of its tax program.

This one is designed to persuade state and local governments they would realize handsome gains in revenue from the President's proposals.

Indirectly, it also will challenge the argument that rising state and local levies would counteract the administration's plan to enliven the economy by diverting tax dollars into consumer and business channels.

Treasury officials look upon this year's \$2-billion increase in Social Security deductions and elevated state and local taxes as events that have already happened or would have happened anyway. In any case, they contend the administration program would turn loose \$10.3 billion by 1965.

A Treasury analysis reportedly claims the program's economic impact would enlarge state and local revenues by 8 per cent or more at existing rates. This would add between \$3 billion and \$3.5 billion, without boosting rates, to the \$40 billion collected last year from taxes and charges.

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— **Sound Off** —

Editor, *The Battalion*:

I read the article on Splash Day in *The Battalion* and also Mr. Dunlap's letter. Not only were both grossly misinformed, but Mr. Dunlap's letter simply didn't make sense. Dunlap said the Southwest Association of College Students has organized "an association of coordinate student activities" because Splash Day has supposedly been done away with. He goes on to outline these "coordinated" activities as small groups on the beaches, "singing and enjoying the company of other students."

I have but one question for Mr. Dunlap: Where's the coordination? The association is to be commended for taking such interest in promoting student goodwill on the Pleasure Island, but the activities suggested are nothing more than what young people (and old) have been doing for many decades past on Galveston beaches.

Another misconception of Mr. Dunlap, *The Battalion* and apparently many students is that Splash Day was done away with for the simple reason of preventing a recurrence of the riots

of two years ago.

First of all Splash Day wasn't eliminated, it was extended. No longer is Splash Day merely one weekend, but it now includes four consecutive weekends, each one filled with activities for the enjoyment of all visitors, including college students. The second part of the misconception is that Splash Day was changed because of the riots. This is not at all true. Indeed, if such was the case Galveston citizens wouldn't have waited two years to do so.

When the committee met to organize the 1963 Splash activities, not a word was spoken of the riots. The only reason the commotion of two years ago did occur was that a malicious minority succeeded in investigating the concentrated crowds of fun-seeking teenagers and because the unsuspecting Galveston police force was, at that time, neither trained nor equipped to handle such a situation.

The people of Galveston consider the riots simply an unfortunate incident. Furthermore, they believe that the common sense and intelligence of most Texas students will help prevent the recurrence of such a disgraceful display.

The city of Galveston welcomes all to her beaches, not only for Splash Month, but year round. And her welcome certainly doesn't exclude the college student.

Stanley Santire '66, Galveston

(Editor Note: To clarify this point for our readers, *The Battalion* still considers Splash Day eliminated. It has simply been replaced by Splash Month.)

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Editor,

*The Battalion*:

Several weeks ago the ring committee met in Mr. H. L. Heaton's office to discuss matters pertaining to the Aggie ring. As a result of this meeting, the committee recommended that without exception the name Texas A&M University will appear on the

ring beginning with the Class of 1965.

But it seems that the sophomore class as a whole rejects this proposal in favor of a choice, or—to maintain Aggie tradition—they desire to have the ring remain as it is. For this reason, a class meeting has been called to determine the preference of the '65 Aggies for the name their rings will bear. We will take this decision to responsible administration officials along with any other support we can obtain from around our state.

Through this meeting, we have some hope that our rings will not bear a name which we do not endorse and cannot accept. It is my hope that the members of the Class of 1965 will attend this meeting as responsible men, so that we may obtain a constructive resolution.

James Love '65  
Class Vice President

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*The Battalion*:

(Editor's Note: The following letter was originally written to sophomore David C. Slaughter.)

I have your recent letter relative to the possible change in the name of Texas A&M College. I cannot tell you at this time whether or not this bill will be finally passed through the legislature, or what the final effect of its passage might be.

I certainly agree with you that those Aggies who entered Texas A&M College prior to the name-change should certainly be granted the option of having Tex-

as A&M College appear on their senior ring. Being a graduate of A&M and being a proud possessor of an Aggie ring, I would hate to think of having it replaced with a ring with anything on it other than Texas A&M College.

I regret that I am not in a position to be of assistance to you in this matter, but so as to make my view known, I am sending a copy of this letter to the president of A&M and to the chairman of the Board of Directors.

Robert W. Baker '44  
Attorney, Houston

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5. "AH, HA! THEY'RE TRYING TO CONTROL OUR READING!"