

We've Got Them, Now What?

# Co-ed Question Disputed By Students

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As students gathered in classes, the Memorial Student Center coffee shop and hallways around the campus Monday morning, a major topic dominated their conversations—the pros and cons of limited co-education.

Although the opinions expressed by A&M students, corps and civilians alike, ranged from one extreme to the other, at least one thing was evident, everyone had an opinion. Some were more vehement than others declaring that they had been stabbed in the back during a "free weekend." Opposing

the situation with students who praised the action of the Board of Directors and called for further changes in the A&M way of life.

In an effort to record some of these views The Battalion discussed the situation with students representing all four classes.

The results of the impromptu opinion poll indicate that the majority of students, both corps and civilians, are not sympathetic with the decision made by the Board of Directors on the co-education question.

Of the total interviewed, 60 per cent disagreed with the Board's

decision to accept co-eds on a limited basis starting June. On the other hand 30 per cent completely agreed with the ruling and 10 per cent said that it didn't make any difference to them one way or another.

Recognizing the inaccuracies of a small sample, lets look at what the students had to say.

Some students were still irate over Saturday's action. James Brown, freshman math major from Baytown, stated "I came here for the corps life and there are plenty of other colleges in the state which are co-educational."

While others were not in agreement with the Board, they had begun to resign themselves to the situation. "I don't like it but there's not much we can do about it now," pointed out Chris Schaezler, junior marketing major from San Antonio.

"I think that it is a good thing for the school but I hate to see it come," related a civilian clothed student who asked to remain anonymous.

Some students appeared to think that much of the co-education issue stemmed from opportunities in the School of Veterinary Medicine.

"I am a veterinary medicine major and I think that it is a big inconvenience for women to have to go out-of-state to study veterinary medicine," said John Robertson, fourth-year student from Killeen.

Taking this argument to task was George Fell, freshman prelaw major from El Paso, who stated "I do not believe that there are enough female veterinary medicine students in the state to warrant changing the whole school."

Comments showed that students were concerned with the growth of A&M. "I think that co-education will help the school to grow, although non-co-education isn't the

only reason for its lack of growth," pointed out Mike Shaw, junior history major from San Antonio.

Jack McKin, english major from College Station, had strong opinions on the co-education subject. "It is pretty damned late for them to do it. I just wish that they would hurry up and change the name now," he said.

"I am in favor of co-education, racial intergration and non-compulsory Corps. The name change doesn't really make any difference to me," related Bob Stark, senior personnel major from Dallas. In stating his reasons for his views Stark stated "I think that a non-

compulsory Corps would raise the standard of the Corps, and full co-education will eventually raise the standards of education here at A&M in the field of liberal arts."

Jerry Lee, junior entomology major from Kaufman, also gave the green light to full co-education. "We might as well let them in all the way if they are going to do it like they are," he said.

The whole controversy was dismissed by Al Ginzle, junior accounting major from Bryan, who made the view "It doesn't make me any difference. By the time there is enough girls to be of any significance, I'll be out."

## 4,000 Needed To Run Corps, Says Dresser

"It takes 4,000 men to run the Corps." With this in mind Paul Dresser, junior history major from San Antonio, will assume command of the Corps of Cadets in September.

Dresser's selection for the top position in the Corps of Cadets was announced Monday by Bill G. present Corps Commander.

Nix also announced that the new deputy Corps Commander will be Richard Railston, a psychology major from El Paso, and presently First Sergeant of Squadron 14.

DRESSER, presently Corps Sergeant Major, started his A&M career in the summer of '60 at the cadet in Junction.

He was chosen outstanding freshman in '61 and outstanding sophomore in '62. During his sophomore year he was awarded the Department of the Army award.

He has been a distinguished student four out of five semesters. Asked if he would initiate any new policies when he assumes command of the Corps, Dresser replied that he did not wish to commit himself at this time.

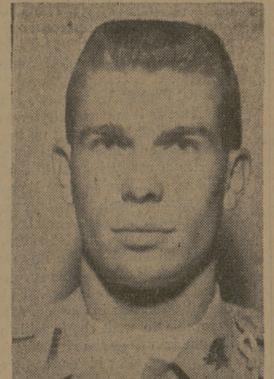
HE DID SAY, however, that he was for standardizing certain procedures and policies of the different outfits in the Corps.

He said that he had just returned from Washington and wished to give time to settle down and reorient himself for his new position. Railston is the president of the senior class. He is also a member of the Ross Volunteers.

During his freshman year Railston was selected outstanding freshman of Squadron 14. The following year he was outstanding sophomore of Squadron 14 and the Fourth Group.



PAUL DRESSER



RICHARD RAILSTON

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## Carr Can't Say Much, No Co-ed Study Underway

### Smith Promises To Back A&M Despite Co-Eds

T. L. Smith Jr. of Houston, the self-appointed former student representative against co-education at A&M, said Saturday he would continue his support of the college, even though females will be enrolled as regular students beginning June 1.

"We as good Aggies must follow the decisions of constituted authority and according to our best traditions, and I'm quoting, 'we've seen 'em win, we've seen 'em lose, but we've never seen 'em quit,' he said.

SMITH NOTED, however, that he was "shocked and surprised," at the Board of Directors' Saturday decision.

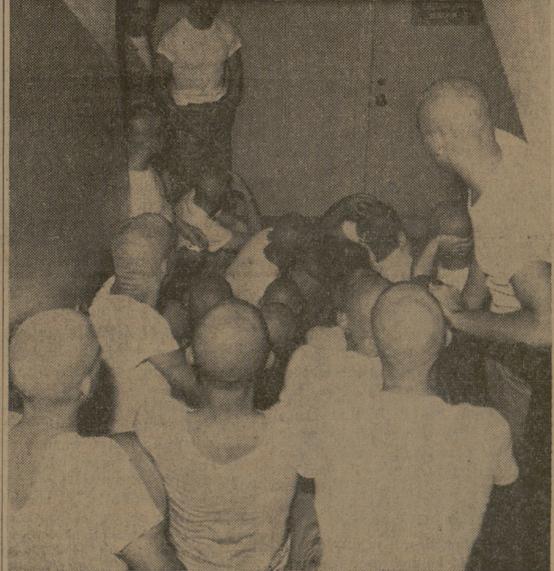
The 83-year-old member of the Class of 1898 began his local campaign on campus Friday when he spoke in an informal session to a group of about 200 civilian and military students in a lounge in the Memorial Student Center.

He told the group that during the last two weeks he had mailed 172 questionnaires to former students asking for their opinions on coeducation, receiving a 97 per cent response in opposition to admitting women to A&M.

"THE HARM that will come through (with co-education) exceeds the good by 1,000 per cent," he declared.

"In the first place," he said, "girls divert the attention of boys. Thousands of parents do not want their boys to go to school with girls." He said he based this on personal observations.

He added, "some selfish people in Bryan" and politicians hope to gain from co-education. He didn't give any names.



New Army?

Squadron 11 freshmen display heads shaven in protest of Saturday's co-education decision. The talk of course is about co-education.

### Injunction Needed For Legal Action

Attorney General Waggoner Carr told The Battalion Monday afternoon that the 1960 ruling of the State Supreme Court giving the A&M Board of Directors complete authority in the matter of admitting women to the school will remain in effect until that court or a higher one reverses the ruling.

Carr said, "There is really not much I can say on the matter. We have not been requested to examine the matter for any reason.

He said that anyone seeking to take legal action to stop the Board's ruling would need to obtain an injunction in a district court.

DISTRICT JUDGE John M. Barron said Monday night that any legal action taken would probably have to be initiated in a district court, either covering Travis county (Austin) or Brazos County. Barron pointed out, "If anything on the co-ed question comes up in my court I would have to disqualify myself. I'm openly in favor of co-education at A&M."

Barron served as attorney to three women who in 1960 went to court in an unsuccessful effort to enter A&M.

"Another judge would have to take my place," he added.

Robert W. Rowland, '57, has said that he and other exes may seek legislative or civil court action to reverse the decision to admit women at A&M.

ROWLAND ACCOMPANIED T. L. Smith Jr., '98, to the campus last Friday in an effort to stop the Board short of admitting females.

After the Board announced its decision Rowland stated that he would give up his Aggie ring because it stood for "the A&M that is no more."

Smith, who led organized opposition to co-education, said after hearing the decision, "After the tradition of good Aggies we must accept the decision of constituted authority."

BOARD PRESIDENT Sterling Evans, '21, told reporters after the announcement that the change was made to primarily accommodate the wives of about 1,800 Aggies.

Evans said the board was also prompted to make its decision because there are efforts being made to establish another veterinary school in Texas because the A&M Veterinary School was not open to females.

The Board ruling, which will become effective June 1, 1963, stated that all qualified women would be admitted to the graduate program; and that the wives and daughters of faculty and staff, the wives of students in residence and women staff members to the undergraduate programs. The announcement stated that students would be admitted on a day-student basis only.

### Rudder Says Board Decision Is Final Word

A&M President Earl Rudder told the student body Monday that Saturday's decision by the Board of Directors to allow co-education on a limited basis was "final." He called for the support of those opposed, asking them to join with other Aggies in contributing to a "program of excellence" at A&M. Rudder spoke at the meeting at 5 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum in an attempt to answer protests and questions which have come from students.

DURING A question and answer session after his brief opening statement, Rudder told the group, "The future of the Corps of Cadets is mainly in the hands of the Corps of Cadets itself."

He added that he felt the outlook for the military organization was "bright" if "a few things that are not a credit to the Corps are eliminated."

Student body president Sheldon Best told the audience that he was the only student to express an opinion at the board meeting. He added that it was his opinion and that he had gone as an individual rather than a representative of the student body because not enough people had voted on the issue in an election last spring.

CORPS MEMBERS wanted to know why a petition, prepared late last week, had not come to the attention of the board. They were told that the list of names, which shows 1,700 of 2,400 contacted opposed to co-education, is not yet completed.

Rudder told the group that he was sure members of the board would consent to meet with student representatives to explain why the decision was made.

## Wire Review

By The Associated Press

WORLD NEWS

VIENTIANE, Laos — Some western diplomatic observers said Sunday, Undersecretary of State Averell Harriman's mission to Moscow was hopeless from the start.

"It flopped before it began," the western observer said. "There is very little Russia can do today to influence the situation positively in Laos."

Another source suggested the mission "will probably show how little influence Russia now has in Laos and how little we should depend on the Soviet Union to carry out agreements that affect other areas."

RIO BRAVO, Mexico — Fifty per cent of the farm crops in Northern Mexico has been lost because of a major drought, a federal government agriculture expert said Monday.

Manuel Carnero Hernandez, agricultural engineer in charge of the Rio Bravo experiment station, said all crops not under irrigation are practically lost in all of Northern Mexico.

MIAMI, Fla. — A cargo ship brought another 675 Cuban refugees to Florida Monday amid a warm reception from officials at Everglades where the vessel landed shortly before noon. "We're just hurting ourselves

and worsening out critical unemployment problem by bringing these people in here," said Richard Bassinger, a Broward County port commissioner.

"They could easily have been taken to Savannah, New Orleans, or Beaumont, and distributed throughout the country."

U. S. NEWS

President Kennedy will welcome Grand Duchess Charlotte of Luxembourg Tuesday on her arrival for a two-day state visit.

## TWU Panel Calls For Manners

A panel of four Texas Women's University co-eds and their sponsor told approximately 200 students and visitors Monday night that the practice of good manners is an example of individual respect and consideration for the worth and dignity of other people.

The panel was composed of Lynn Parks, '62-'63 Aggie Sweetheart; Jane Sullins; Mary Johnson and Edna Perry. Gertrude Gibson was the moderator for the program.

The panel told the group that when writing a letter to always be sincere. Miss Parks said writing letters was a means of communication and one should write with a purpose and get to the point.

MISS SULLINS said when writing for a blind date you should in-

clude where it is to be, when, what it is to be about and what to wear. She added to always tell the girl about yourself.

Miss Johnson said thank you notes should be sent as promptly as possible to the people with whom you spent time. Thank you notes show your consideration for people.

When you call a girl for a date, do not play the guessing game with the girl and let her guess who you are. Tell her who you are and what you want. Miss Perry said to talk plainly because the telephone is only a mechanical device and problems arise when it is hard to understand the caller.

FLOWERS SHOULD always fit the occasion. Miss Perry said the date is the main concern. Miss

Parks added that girls understand financial problems better than boys realize.

Miss Perry said to always make introductions no matter how you make them. Always present the girl first except with officials, Miss Parks added.

Miss Parks said display of affections are private and should not be used in public. When display of affections repulses the people around you, it is wrong. Always be considerate, not only for your date but with the people around you. The panel agreed that the length of dating time does not excuse public display of affections.

"REMEMBER WHEN saying good night that you are in a public

place and be sincere in saying goodnight," Miss Parks said.

Miss Sullins said common interest in dating is not always the best thing but "similar interest in dating helps continue the relationship." She added differing interest is educational.

Miss Sullins said meeting a girl you do not know is the best way to get a date instead of trying to get one without her knowing who you are.

When asking for a date, the boy should consider the girl and the time element which she has to prepare for the occasion. Miss Johnson said sometimes it takes time for the girl to get the clothes or other necessary objects from home.