

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Future Can Be Shaped If Students Act Now

What would a good Aggie do with a person who continually moans and groans about the situation around him, but refuses to avail himself of the opportunity to improve it?

Supply your own answer to the above question, but do so with some care because you could be passing sentence on yourself.

Four thousand or more Aggies were more than ready Monday to gather and protest a decision of the Board of Directors when it was too late for protests. However, from the entire student body it appears that for the second time this year filing for student offices has failed to attract candidates for some posts.

Even if candidates do file for all positions before the Thursday deadline, the show of individuals will still be too small to merit praise.

We can't help but wonder where all the individuals are who have been so anxious to take action on a decision that they can no longer affect. Could it be that these same people will once again sit back and let history be made without them, only to stand at a later date and ask why they weren't given a chance to protect their interests.

The most efficient way students have of protecting their interests is through their student government, class offices and other positions of leadership on the campus. Those who really have the interest of A&M at heart should seek these positions or make it their business to see that people are in these positions who they are confident will protect their interests.

May 8, is the date for class elections.

Blood Drive Earns Praise

The A&M student body deserves to be commended for its response to the call for blood made by the Wadley Research Institute and Blood Bank in their visit here last week.

The 605 pints of blood which the Aggies willingly gave to the Institute set a new one-stop record for the Wadley bloodmobile which average 38 trips a year to locations throughout Texas.

In contributing their blood, A&M students played their part in the vital research fight against leukemia, hemophilia and other diseases of the blood.

Recognition should also be given to the work done by Ken Stanton, chairman of the Student Welfare Committee, who with the assistance of members of the Student Senate and Alpha Phi Omega supervised the blood collection program.

Miami To Try Co-ed Dorm

By College Press Service MIAMI—The University of Miami has announced plans to experiment with a co-educational dormitory during the coming summer sessions, provoking "endless amazement and debate," according to the Miami Hurricane, student newspaper.

At the time the announcement of the experiment was made, the planning committee working on the proposal had not reached any definite decisions, but expressed hopes that restrictions in the dorm would be limited to the "bare necessities."

At the completion of its study, the planning committee announced that it looked on the project as an "experiment in student self-discipline." No restrictions on student activity will be imposed at all by the school,

but administration and rule-making will rest with a committee, or council of residents of the dormitory, both male and female.

The plan was reported as designed to develop the students' respect for rules which will eventually be established by their elected representatives. The administration plans to deal with the governing student council as a mature and responsible unit of the academic community, and will allow it full control over its own activities.

Bulletin Board WEDNESDAY

Newman Club will meet at the St. Mary's Student Center after 7:30 p.m. services. There will be election of officers.

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CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"I figured co-education would bring problems, but I didn't think they'd come to th' laundry this soon!"

Higher Education In Need Of Help

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Welfare Anthony F. Celebrezze told senators this week "the condition of education in the United States calls for action" now by the federal government.

"For a nation accustomed to living with the threat of thermonuclear war, it is perhaps difficult to think of crisis in terms of education," Celebrezze said.

But, he went on, "Lack of adequate education and lack of opportunity for education are major contributing factors to our present high rates of unemployment, dependency, delinquency and crime."

"They lie at the root of our inability to meet urgent needs for skilled and highly trained manpower."

"In science and medicine, engineering and agriculture, in education itself, and a host of other occupations requiring special or advanced training, these manpower shortages are major barriers to social and economic progress."

Celebrezze was the opening witness as the Senate Education subcommittee began hearings, expected to last several weeks, on President Kennedy's 24-point, omnibus education bill.

Celebrezze said one important reason that federal aid is needed is that it no longer is realistic for local communities to rely on the property tax for school revenues. "The burden of the regressive property tax is becoming too heavy on the homeowner and small-business man," he said.

He listed these as evidences of present education shortcomings: More than a million children

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Editor, The Battalion: We are in the dawn of a new era. The good ole days have been slowly disappearing for quite a few years and I guess that now they are officially gone. In a few years the Corps will probably be just an ordinary ROTC. The Corps is the last remaining tie, and when it is gone, A&M will be no more or less outstanding than any other ordinary college or university.

Certain changes have recently been made, or will shortly be made, in the hopes that the educational standards of A&M might be improved. Though many of us may oppose them, I am sure that since these changes are here, that we all hope for their success and that they will not have been made in vain. Texas and the U. S. will probably gain a much better educational institution, but I feel that they have also lost an awful lot, considering that Texas AMC and all that it stood for was the only one of its kind in the entire world.

After having heard of inter-outfit rivalry, company pride, "good bull" incidents, trashless halls, floors shiny enough to be used as mirrors, and many others, I was rather disappointed after my first few weeks here in 1961. Later on I finally decided to give up trying to live in the good ole days and concentrate on avoiding membership in the Sco-pro Club.

Many times an Aggie fish is asked if he came to A&M because his father, or his brother, or a friend is an Aggie. If such were the case, he was probably very disappointed when he came to College Station and could not find Texas AMC anywhere. Perhaps those of us who felt that way should have been thirty years older. But this is not the '20's or '30's and A&M must not be allowed to fall behind in its educational standards. Thus, many believe that the Texas A&M that became so famous prior to the end of World War II must be

replaced by a new and different university to meet the requirements of the modern world. The TAMC that so many people know, means much more to some of us than to the rest of us and we just simply hate to see it go even though we realize that it might be necessary. I do not mean to say that the changes in Texas A&M are bad and should not be; but rather, that I am sorry that the situation was such that changes were necessary.

Aubrey Martin, '65

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Sound Off

Battalion has to practically vertise for people to run the offices, I think we have things go too far. If we would spend half time evaluating candidates, pressing our ideas publicly voting, as we do compare among ourselves about our ent leaders and the administion's muffling of the voice, we would have a student body that would get together for common beliefs, liefs developed and supported, Aggies, not non-reggs and Nick McGuffin.

Editor, The Battalion: I am pleased with the college opening to women. There should be no voting the letters A&M now. We Texas Aggies and Maggies, 'em Maggies!"

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