

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Texan Gives Second Best

Well, they did it again! No, not the Board of Directors, but the Daily Texan's ever so alert editorial staff.

However, we feel sure that they have come up with only their second best effort this time.

In an editorial dealing with A&M and the Board's recent co-ed decision in Tuesday's issue the Texan suggested, "Compulsory ROTC must be abolished..." and "For the same reason women must be admitted and two years of compulsory ROTC must be abolished, Texas A&M must open its doors to all students—without regard to race."

At this time we will not discuss any differences we might have with what was said, but rather with the fact that it was said. It seems that the Texan editorial staff just can't mind its own business.

Or on second thought, it might just be that the Texan is unable to handle its own business.

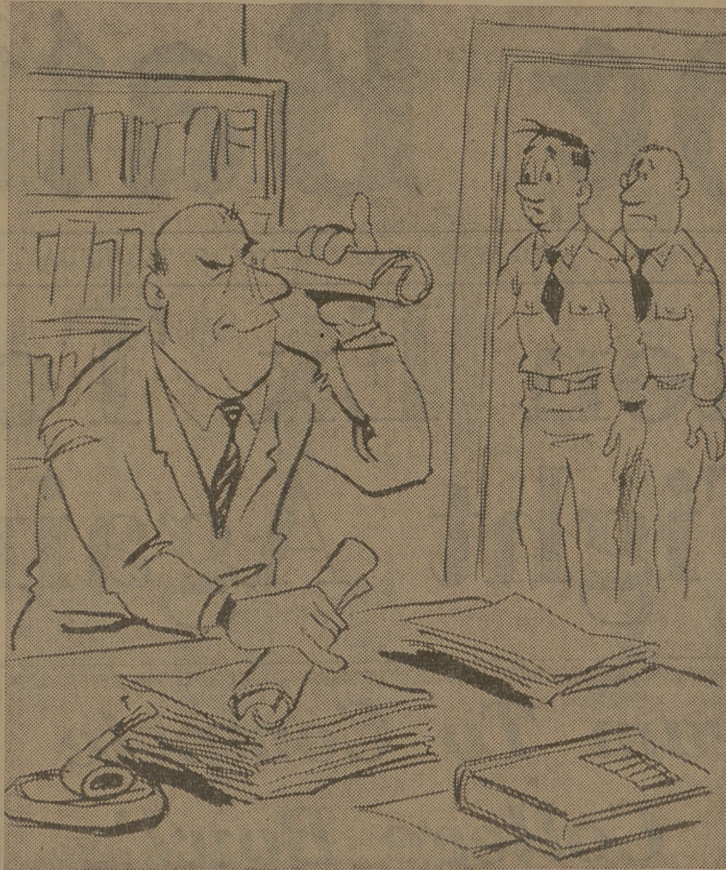
We said that the editorial was probably a second best effort. We feel sure that when the Texan got word of the Board's decision its typewriters were prepared for the worse. We imagine visions of demonstration marches and student protest meetings on the A&M campus (both fine UT traditions) danced in the heads of Texan editorial writers.

However, once again Aggies have displayed the rational, mature restraint which has prevented so many embarrassing events (such as fights with visiting student bodies in G. Rollie White) from ever starting.

We do wish that the Texan would be content to give us nothing when they can't give the best.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"... When he said he'd look through my paper, I somehow expected something more..."

House OK's Bill Creating Voter Registration System

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas representatives tentatively approved Wednesday an annual free voter registration bill designed to take the place of the present poll tax system.

Although the House acted on a Senate-passed bill, the measure must return to the Senate for acceptance or rejection of House changes — principally in removing a 25 cent charge for registering.

Efforts to make the radical change in Texas' voting system into a permanent registration system of once every four years failed by decisive votes.

"I am not trying to write a voter registration bill, I am just trying to update present state election laws so we will have something to go by if the poll tax is repealed by Constitution change," said Rep. Don Hefton, Sherman, House sponsor.

A proposed federal Constitution change banning the poll tax for voting was approved by Congress but has been ratified by only 30 of the necessary 38 state legislatures to put it into effect.

Boston To Experiment In Upgrading Education

By The Intercollegiate Press

Boston, Mass. — Boston University has become one of a handful of New England institutions participating in a unique, pace-setting program to upgrade school administration education.

The formalization of an agreement to offer a cooperative program of graduate study in school administration between Boston University and six New England colleges and universities went into effect recently.

The participating institutions are the Universities of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts, and Springfield and Rhode Island Colleges. Three other New England institutions are offering similar cooperative programs in school administration. They are Harvard University, Boston College and the University of Connecticut.

— Sound Off —

Editor,

The Battalion:

To the young men of Texas: Your questions as to why you must go out of state to attend an all male, military school brings bitter memories to many thousand graduates of a great institution that fell on April 27, 1963.

For it was on this day that the governing body of the A&M College of Texas bowed to the merchants of the small town of Bryan and voted to make the College co-educational.

My son, who has been raised to believe in the great tradition of the Aggies, will now never be an Aggie. If he must attend a co-educational college, there are many others that he can choose from, including three in his own back yard. However, if possible he will attend an all-male military college, out of state, because there is a need, now so more than ever, for the discipline and the training given in such an institution.

The young women of your state are more fortunate. They still may attend an all woman college in their home state.

And fellows, I doubt if there'll be any more former student sponsored projects on the campus such as the Memorial Student Center or the Chapel, because many former students feel as I feel, that they can no longer financially support something that does not exist.

Mark the date, 27 April 1963, for this is the date that you and I and the people of Texas were betrayed.

George Gray Jr., '52

Editor,

The Battalion:

Read your editorial "Liberal

Arts Lose Out" (April 23), and could not disagree more completely. I am a student in the Liberal Arts Department (history), and was not at all disappointed in Mr. Peterson's references to the obvious role of Texas A&M as the Southwest's leading institution in the fields of agriculture, engineering, architecture and the sciences. A&M was founded as a school of engineering and agriculture, and as such is more important to the state and nation today than any liberal arts college could possibly be.

The arts and sciences program here should be expanded and improved, of course, especially in those fields which hold particular interest for male students in general, and Aggies in particular. But let's not overlook the present situation. The Department of Business Administration, for instance, is one of the largest on campus. In liberal arts, the Department of History has recently begun to receive considerable attention from Aggies interested in careers in politics, the military and law. The recent addition of a curriculum in government point out the fact that the department is indeed expanding. Curriculum in other fields, such as political science, may come in the future. Our Department of Economics is one of the finest in the country, and also appears to be in a process of growth.

In certain fields of liberal arts, however, one cannot seriously claim that there is any demand, need or interest in instruction here. Curriculum in the fine arts, such as music, art, etc. are not missed here, and probably never will be by serious students. I seriously doubt that A&M loses many prospective students because it does not offer a pro-

gram in modern dance. The type of student that wishes to major in such fields will find himself welcome at such colleges at TU and TCU, which take great interest in these fields.

Engineering and agriculture are of utmost importance to the industry, economy and progress of Texas at this time, and it is certainly appropriate that the thinking people of this state should recognize the importance of maintaining an educational institution specializing in these fields. A&M has a very definite and highly important place in the overall educational pattern of Texas, and we must not weaken its primary programs by diverting attention unnecessarily to over-rated "problems," merely because a few shortsighted newspapermen, attempting to fill dead space, tell us we should. The

Arts and Sciences Department at A&M has a very definite and important place, and does not maintain a secondary status. It will expand and grow with the state and the school, but there is no sense in trying to force unneeded and disproportionate expansion on it, especially at the expense of this university's primary goals.

C. Chris Schaefer, '64

Debate Club To Meet

The Aggie Debate Club will hold a membership meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Birch Room. All interested persons have been invited to attend. Dr. John Q. Anderson, head of the department of speech, will be the speaker.

Bulletin Board

WIVES CLUB

Ch. E. Wives will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the South Solarium of the YMCA Building.

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Washington County Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the YMCA Building.

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South Louisiana Club will meet at 7:15 p.m. in Room 106, Academic Building.

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