

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Captain Still Sailing

We have often heard it said that a person can discover his real friends when the going gets rough. We believe that the members of the Texas Maritime Academy have a real friend in Capt. Bennett M. Dodson, superintendent of the Academy.

While many people in the state were mourning the loss of the maritime academy because of the lack of funds being appropriated by the House of Representatives in Austin, Capt. Dodson stood fast and assured his cadets that they would have an Academy.

The men in the Academy continually expressed no fear of losing their academy, because, "Capt. Dodson said that he would not let that happen to us."

Few men have ever had the distinction of gaining the trust of so many young men as has Capt. Dodson. But no one can help but believe that he deserves every word of praise that has been given him by the Cadets in the past few months.

By no means can we say that the Maritime Academy has its head completely above water. However, we can be sure that the Academy has a captain that will sail the ship or go down with it.

Capt. Dodson is a real credit to A&M and to Texas. We would receive more of his kind on the A&M campus with open arms.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle

Sargeant Shriver 36, Studies Problems Give

By COLLEGIATE PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON—Seven hundred Peace Corps volunteers—all charter members of the new frontier program—are beginning to wonder what their next step is after two years abroad.

Wondering about the same problem is Peace Corps Director Sargeant Shriver, the Carnegie Corp., and the American Council of Education.

Only a handful will be completing their hitch this year, but 5,000 will be returning next year, and more than 40,000 will be coming home during the next ten years. The Peace Corps and the American Council on Education decided to sample future plans of volunteers in the field. The results of a questionnaire showed that:

More than 60 per cent wanted to continue their education—88 per cent at the graduate level and 12 per cent at the undergraduate level. Thirty-three per

cent said they could not do further studies without financial aid.

About 34 per cent want to work for the federal government. Most of them pinpointed service with the State Department, U.S. Information Agency and Agency for International Development.

Twenty-nine per cent want to teach after service. More than 25 per cent want to make teaching their career. Sixteen per cent in all fields want to teach after service.

Twenty per cent want to work for an international organization; 10 per cent for a private firm.

Sixty-five per cent of volunteers want to work, some later, abroad.

The State Department agreed that volunteers receive appointments as Service officers will enter service at a higher level.



"... Remember men, our cause is bigger than each of us! We must put all of our effort into our campaign... Right Men?... Men... Men"

— Sound Off —

Editor,

The Battalion:

Aggies all over the campus have their heads low—most Aggies anyway. Their pride is hurt.

The Corps received its death dealing blow Saturday morning. It won't be long now—just wait and see if you can stand it that is. One, two, possibly even three years remain till the Corps is a past memory.

Have you ever heard the crying voice of an Aggie mother who has lost her son in a war while you were marching through the streets of downtown Dallas, Ft. Worth, Houston or Austin. How about the mother who lost her son during the past year in Muster last week. The Corps brings them fond memories.

Maybe you look into the future—people at home saying she's an Aggie—sounds just a little strange. I wouldn't want my daughter to break the long, long traditions of this military school. It's just not right.

Have you ever heard of a Muster for a woman?

How about making them members of the Fighting Texas Aggie Band—maybe we could increase the size of the band to 500 or 600 strong.

I will always remember A&M, but only as a military school.

Will my class be the last to wear senior boots or will '65 or '66?

Think about it!

Joel Reynolds, '64

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Editor,

The Battalion:

The recent decision of the Board of Directors to make A&M co-educational on a limited basis seems to have caused quite a controversy. We believe there is no valid argument against this decision. Girls will cause keener interest in classwork through more competition as has been indicated in summer school. We believe they will force a needed improvement in our liberal arts department and bring about the creation of a much-needed department of fine arts.

The women of Texas are taxpayers too and should have the right to attend state-supported institutions just as men. There is no reason for making local women drive to Huntsville every day to attend a relatively expensive teachers' college when they could attend A&M easier and for less money. We have a very fine school from which it is an honor to graduate. Besides that, we offer several degrees not found anywhere else in the state, one

of which is veterinary medicine. We must admit that many high school valedictorians are females, and we could compete for them as students through co-education.

Our faculty favors co-education, and certainly their wishes should be given due consideration. As increased enrollment would mean increased state aid, and the college would not have any extra expenses if women were day students because dormitories would not have to be built, ladies' rest room facilities are already available, and many of our classrooms are underfilled at present. An official spokesman said that the decision would not affect the Corps in any way except by changing a few minor practices.

Therefore, the Corps need not be unduly concerned.

The Corps does not run this school, the civilians do not run this school, the exes do not run this school. But, the Board of Directors does, and they are certainly capable of doing what is best for the future of A&M. Why don't we Aggies accept their decision in good spirit and try to do

our part to make this a better institution of higher learning. Before we go all out to save the tradition of being an all-male institution, maybe we should ask ourselves if it is worth saving at the expense of progress.

William A. Haines, '66  
David Moody, '66  
Bill Falco, '66  
Thomas E. Moon, '66

Bulletin Board

SUNDAY

The Unitarian Fellowship will meet at 8 p.m. in the Hillel Building.

MONDAY

Petroleum Engineering Wives will meet at 8 p.m. at 1001 Windomere, College Station.

Electrical Engineering Wives will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home service center of the Brazos County Courthouse.

A&M Journalists

Set Panel Confab

"The Press Today... Its Virtues and Shortcomings" is the topic of a panel discussion to be held Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3, Nagle Hall. The session is sponsored by the Society of A&M Journalists.

All interested persons have been invited to attend the discussion. Coffee will be served.

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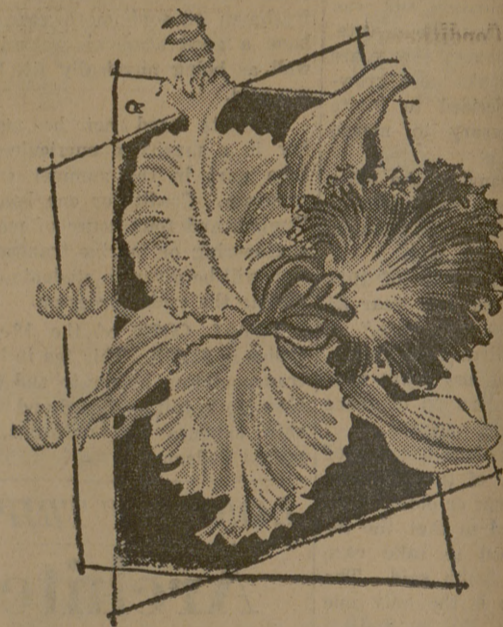
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