

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Poll Tax Repeal Held Up By 25 Cent Registration

Judging from reports coming out of Austin, it seems to be the general consensus of opinion among legislators that Texas' outmoded poll tax is ready for retirement. However, state politicians just can't seem to make up their mind with respect to exactly how they want to replace the tax.

Although it appears to be a rather minute thing, the question is hanging on a 25 cent registration fee. Senate members are determined to ask for 25 cents from each voter to repay counties for the work involved, while the House wants free registration.

Surely this should not present so much of a problem that the proposed constitutional amendment repealing the \$1.75 tax cannot be submitted to Texas voters in November and thus bring in a voter registration law which has long been needed.

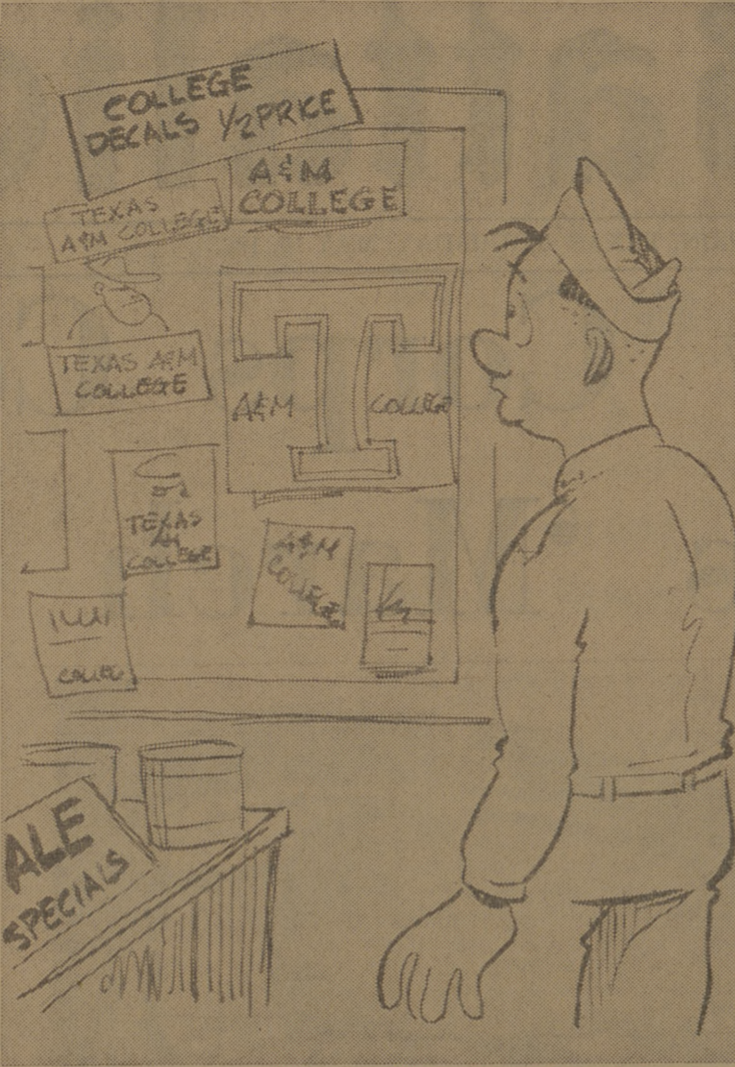
Whether the house and senate members decide to get together may determine the size of the vote in the upcoming presidential elections of 1964. With the poll tax no longer acting as a prerequisite for voting in federal elections, a larger and more representative vote could very well be the result.

Should the legislature fail to take action before time runs out, the federal government may decide the question for them. An amendment to prohibit the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting in federal elections has been ratified by legislatures in 34 states, Missouri having accepted the amendment last week. Only four more states are needed for ratification.

We have less than two weeks to abolish our poll tax, or we can wait around and force the federal government to solve our problems for us.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle Dean Calls ASU



Outstanding System

State Press, campus newspaper at Arizona State University, recently published an eight-page student government supplement designed to give a picture of Associated Student government here.

According to Dean of Students Weldon P. Shofstall, "ASU students government is one of few outstanding governments in the United States, because we have a

separation of powers, a system of checks and balances, a constitution, established legislation and published statutes.

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— Sound Off —

Editor,

The Battalion:

Monday night several hundred Aggies appeared at a hearing before the State Affairs Committee of the House of Representative in support of an anti-co-education resolution.

I spoke against the resolution. I just want to say how much I appreciate the conduct and behavior of those in attendance. They were a credit to A&M.

David Hanes, '51

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Editor,

The Battalion:

Certainly, the 1963 Bigotry Award must be given to the University of Texas. They have virtually wrapped up the Concut Trophy. And I, personally, would like to nominate the staff of the Daily Texan for the Most Assinine Group on Earth presentation.

It seems that The Daily Texan staff considers itself ready to replace the North Central Association as the accreditation organization for the Southwest.

These half-witted typewriter jockeys have declared that they and they alone are qualified to say whether A&M is or is not a university. They have taken it upon themselves to establish the criteria which this school "must meet."

In their frantic efforts to seize upon some topic for criticism of the honest efforts by A&M to re-evaluate its goals, the staff of The Daily Texan has overstepped even the most liberal bounds of common sense.

Declaring themselves second only to God in wisdom, The Daily Texan has set forth an array of qualifications which it says A&M must meet before it will accept the school as a university.

I say let A&M proceed at a

pace established by A&M and let the braying of the Austin Jackasses be damned.

Paul A. Johnson, '63

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Editor,

The Battalion:

Silver Taps is one of the most cherished traditions at Aggie land. It is also one of the most solemn. All lights are turned off, and there is no smoking or talking. It is an occasion marked with dignity, as we pay our final tribute to a fellow Aggie who has passed on.

Yet, for all this, the ceremony is also marked by something we would do well to try to correct. At every Silver Taps ceremony, and especially so at the one May 6, a good percentage of the student body appears in clothes better suited for the athletic field.

There are two items in particular which I don't believe are suited to the dignity of the occasion. The first is T-shirts and sweat shirts. The second is ragged and torn clothing. I saw one man who, I feel sure, would have been quite embarrassed had he been caught in mixed company. I feel that the type of dress worn to Silver Taps should be at least such as to be in good taste in public.

Men, shall we correct this situation, or will Silver Taps become just another symbol of mediocrity. If it is the later; if it is too much trouble to appear in a dignified manner; for the sake of Aggie land and those of us who still care about our tradition, stay in your room and lock your door. At least you will not disgrace this ceremony and the memory of the Aggie called away.

Charles H. Maurer, '63

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