

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Just Maybe, Someday,
A United Texas A&M

Since last spring and the Board of Directors' decision to admit females to Texas A&M University, The Battalion has had the fortunate misfortune to hear much of the discussion, both pro and con, on the Board's decision.

Tuesday night we heard an Aggie speak of co-education with as sincere a tone as we have heard from any student or former student. We did not agree with his ideas, but we do respect his opinion. We believe he expressed his ideas with sincerity.

The co-education decision has been made and is final unless at some time in the future the Board decides to reverse its own decision—this is not likely.

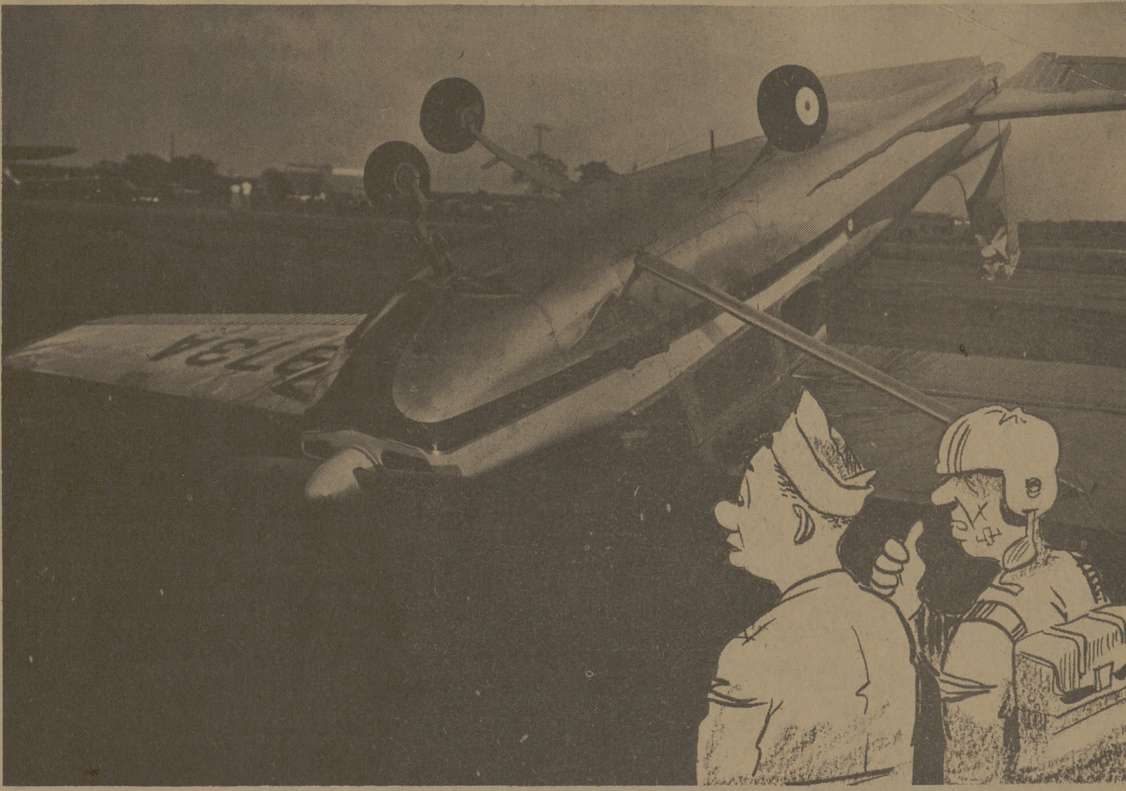
However, we are convinced that there is struggle ahead for A&M because of the co-ed decision. It is unfortunate that the institution of A&M University cannot remove itself from the struggle. It cannot. A&M must sit here helplessly and be ripped and torn by the struggle in a manner somewhat like a young lamb being ripped apart by two starving wolves.

If we had the wisdom of Solomon we would offer advice. But, because we don't, we will only plead with all persons of the struggling forces to tear gently and save the pieces. There are some of us who will be attempting to keep them together, and, just maybe, someday we can build another united A&M.

We will have a good start—the indestructible Aggie Spirit.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle Queens College Is



"I've given serious thought to switching from Air Force R.O.T.C. to Army!"

— Sound Off —

Editor,
The Battalion:

"Nothing is so silent as intelligence or so obnoxious as ignorance." That is a direct quotation of the opening sentence of the most obnoxious editorial I have read concerning what's left of Texas A&M.

Since my graduation from Texas A&M College I have been content to watch from the sidelines the amusing antics of Battalion editors posing as intellectuals. It is usually very humorous to note the "great strides" of A&M's progress. These have been enumerated for us by yourself as the great name change (didn't the whole world perk up and take note?), the admission of Negro students (this should really allow of TAMU to raise its educational standards) and co-education (son-of-a-gun Lizzie).

However, it somewhat galls me to see some wet-behind-the-ears junior-grade Bertrand Russell attack an Aggie who has forgotten more about Texas A&M since suppertime than his attacker will ever know. Your editorial roasting of Bob Rowland was the most brazen display of immaturity and naivety I have seen short of national politics.

Had you though, there were many good arguments to Bob's letter. For example, the mere introduction of co-education to A&M did not create the lack of Spirit that exists on the campus today. That all started long ago — before Bob and I arrived on the campus. New Army had replaced Ole Army even then. However, I much prefer the New Army treatment we received to the No Army pampering the students receive now. No, the Spirit was not killed by the advent of co-education, mad as that is. The Spirit has been slowly undermined by Gilchrist, Davis, Rudder and the like — politicians who were hoping to use the "progress" of Texas A&M to make political hay, caring not that they were destroying a great Texas heritage.

And Bob's prophecy that the next legislature or board of directors will remedy the situation seems a little optimistic. When the pendulum of change swings to one extreme it takes time and a wholesale realization of the harmful effects to bring to consciousness those who have allowed their birthright to be sold "for a mess of pottage." So the plight of A&M, I fear, is much like that of our republic, whose citizens have surrendered their rights and liberties to the left-wing liberals who are selling us out. But that is another matter.

That the Spirit is dead, however, cannot be denied. One can expect to hear a "Howdy" from a fire plug sooner than an A&M cadet on the campus today. Today, it seems, A&M students like other cookie-pushers, are content to let their football team show their Spirit for them.

Bob said that he knew of no Ex who encouraged young men to attend A&M this fall. For myself, the last time I encouraged a young man to enter A&M, in 1960, I did so with many reservations. Now I just tell them that there is still a college that builds men. It's called The Citadel. I regret that we have allowed that school to replace Texas A&M as "the West Point of the South."

However, in your editorial you seemed to skirt the real issue. How does the admission of co-eds to Texas A&M constitute "progress?" And while you're trying to dream up an answer to that, give us a logical explanation showing how integration (racial suicide) is going to bring a new, prosperous era to A&M. I hope I have not permitted myself to write a letter dripping of emotion. There would be no excuse. Any student of A&M, even a Batt editor, who thinks Aggie Spirit can be gauged by the number of students who gather to see off "their football team does not see enough of the issue to merit an answer to his editorial attempt at saying Ole Army, go to Hell.

As we used to say in earlier days, "Lend me your powder puff sweet Cherry Phosphate."

Lynn Pixley, '57

Editor,
The Battalion:

I was under the impression that the Daily Texas turned out the most sickening and slanted pieces of propaganda to be found in any college newspaper, until I read last Friday's Battalion Editorial.

I should think that Mr. Rowland, who variously referred to as "Old Noise" and "Mr. Rowlin," should be commended for being one of the few people left with

the "Spirit of Aggieland," after the stabbing in the back we received last year from the Board of Directors.

Mr. Editor, I see no reason to be upset by the fact that our former students are letting Mr. Rowland act as their spokesman, however, I would find great cause for alarm should either students or former students let you act as their spokesman, for then we could truly say that the Spirit of Aggieland is dead.

Mel Rogers, '65

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The Bay Area Hometown Club will meet in Room 205 of the Academic Building at 7:30 p.m.

The Hill County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Gay Room of the YMCA Building.

The Mid-County Hometown Club will meet after Yell Practice in Room 206 of the Academic Building.

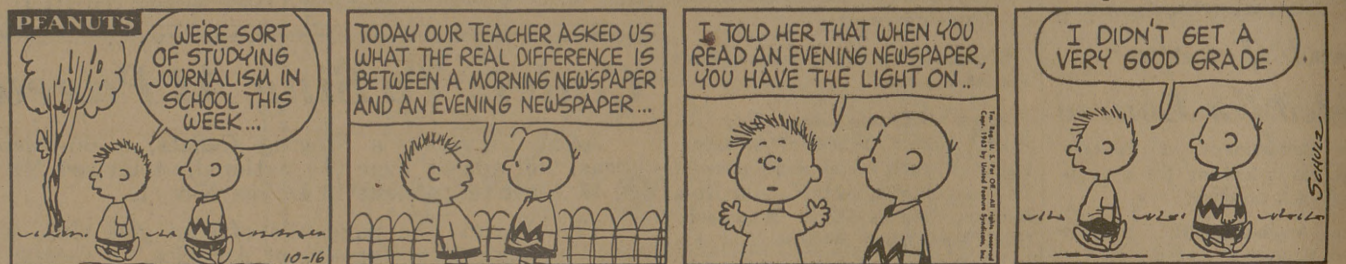
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CORPS FRESHMEN YEARBOOK PORTRAIT SCHEDULE
FRESHMEN IN THE CORPS will have their portrait made for the "AGGIELAND '64" according to the following schedule. Portraits will be made at the AGGIELAND STUDIO, one block north of the intersection at North Gate, between the hours of 0800 and 1700 on the days scheduled.
Uniform will be winter blouse, BLOUSES AND BRASS WILL BE FURNISHED AT THE STUDIO. EACH MAN SHOULD BRING HIS OWN SHIRT AND TIE. GH cap may be used for optional personal portraits.
(PLEASE NOTE: The studio will have NO BAND BRASS. Band members are requested to bring OWN BLOUSE & BRASS)
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