

**BATTALION EDITORIALS**

**Who Is To Say Who Is The Best?**

Believe it or not, there are eight colleges and universities in the Southwest Conference.

There is one school in this membership, however, that refuses to recognize this fact. This institution is the University of Texas. At least, the student publications of the school fail to recognize the existence of Texas Christian University, Southern Methodist University, Rice University, Texas Technological College, Baylor University, the University of Arkansas and A&M University.

This attitude has no place in modern education. School spirit in the SWC is perhaps greater than in any other organization of the same type in the nation. But, the Austinites often carry this spirit to the extreme; in that manner it can no longer be referred to as "spirit."

There is no school in the SWC that cannot lay claim to some achievement that has won national, and perhaps international, acclaim. All of them have graduated students that are now leaders in local, state, national, and world affairs. The Southwest Conference exhibits a pride in itself that is rarely found in other collective groups of institutions of higher learning in the United States.

Therefore, hearing the papers and publications at UT run down these other schools is becoming tiresome. More than once the newspapers of the University of Texas has proclaimed that there may as well not be a Southwest Conference; that UT is the only school worthy of being represented in such a select group.

Truthfully, this proclamation has been voiced more in connection with athletic events. A&M is in a position to say, at least for this year, that UT's so-called "dynasty" in this aspect of the SWC has been broken. But the attitude reflected by the University's blatant feeling of superiority has rubbed off on more aspects than just the athletic outlook. UT has elevated itself to the point at which it can criticize the students of other schools in too many ways. It is easy to say that there is not a school in the SWC that has not received a broadside from the University and felt the effects of such subjective criticism.

The University of Texas has the good fortune to have fine athletic teams. It offers excellent opportunities in liberal arts, law, engineering, business administration, and so on.

But so have other SWC schools had fine athletic teams. So do they offer the same opportunities. Some surpass others in certain fields.

But each student that attends these schools has a reason for doing so. He or she enters the University of Texas, SMU, Baylor, A&M, etc., because he or she feels that particular institution offers what he or she wants in an education.

The students of A&M are the first to say that school spirit is an integral part of higher education. What would an institution be without it?

However, the advocacy of one school as the leader, the top, or the god of all the others is an insult to a student's intelligence. It has no place in an organization that can boast of so many accomplishments, both individual and collective.

Numbers do not make an institution of higher learning. Nor do school spirit or academics. It is a combination of these that makes an alumni proud of where he spent four or more years of his life.

There is not a school in the SWC that cannot swell its chest with its pride.

Therefore, there is a need for more objectivity from the large university in Austin.—(R.G.S.)



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**CADET SLOUCH** by Jim Earle



"... With th' expense of th' Ring Dance, graduation and all, I gotta get a buyer lined up quick!"

**International Park Urged In Big Bend Border Area**

MEXICO CITY (AP) — An international park which could be among the largest in the Americas is being urged by the International Good Neighbor Council, holding its biennial meeting here.

President Adolfo Lopez Mateos Thursday opened the meeting attended by 400 delegates from Mexico and the United States.

The organization was founded 10 years ago to improve relations between Mexico and the United States. This is the 20th biennial session, the second to be held in Mexico City.

Jose F. Muguerza of Monterrey, president of the international organization, outlined progress to date and proposals for the future.

Among the plans being pushed, he said, was an international good neighbor park to include the present Big Bend Park and neighboring land south of the Rio Grande in the states of Coahuila and Chihuahua.

"We believe this international park will be a permanent monument to international peace and further, a tourist attraction for the entire world," Muguerza said.

**Republican Solons Attack Poverty On LBJ Farms**

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an indirect attack on the administration's antipoverty program, two Republican congressmen reported Thursday they found "deplorable poverty" among tenants on Alabama farmland owned by Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson.

Reps. Dave Martin of Nebraska and M. G. Snyder of Kentucky implied the First Lady is a callous landlord. And they said President Johnson ought to follow the Christian admonition to "put your house in order" before preaching the gospel of his antipoverty program.

Both Martin and Snyder are members of the House Education and Labor Committee considering the Johnson bill. Both oppose it.

Snyder said he and Martin toured the Alabama property last weekend at the expense of the Republican Congressional

Committee. They took photographs of six of its Negro tenant and sharecropper families.

Thursday, they told a news conference: "We saw nothing here that could not easily be corrected by the Johnsons themselves, without a nickel of federal funds or a single federal program — if, of course, they really cared."

At the White House, Elizabeth Carpenter, press secretary for Mrs. Johnson, said the First

Lady would receive far more profit from the land if there were no tenants or sharecroppers and she could convert it into timber crop land.

But, Mrs. Carpenter said, Mrs. Johnson, for humanitarian reasons, has refused to evict the tenants and sharecroppers from the land.

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