

GUEST EDITORIALS

House Seniority Rule Blamed For Inaction

Collectively, the United States House of Representatives is supposed to represent the will of a majority of the American people.

But the gains are less meaningful than they seem because the will of the majority frequently does not prevail in the House.

As a practical matter, it is necessary for most of the actual work on legislation to be handled by committees, and these small groups can be dominated or ruled tightly by a single man or a small clique that agrees with him.

It is here that the most pernicious obstacle is encountered, the House's long established seniority rule. Because of it, the chairman may or may not be in accord with the views of a majority of the members of the House or a majority of the American people.

As someone has said, all it takes to become a committee chairman is to live long enough and keep getting re-elected. Because of the one-party system in the South, Southern congressmen long have enjoyed greater job security than most of their colleagues, and as a result, a disproportionate number of committee chairmanships, particularly key ones, now are held by Southerners.

It is hardly surprising that in the wake of the Nov. 3 election, there should be a renewal of demands in congress, especially among frustrated liberal elements, that something be done to reduce the power of committee chairmen, and make them more subject to party discipline.

A strong case can be made for a change, but the chances of anything's being done are not very bright. Similar proposals frequently have been advanced in the past, and nothing has come of them.

But the fact remains that so long as the present seniority rule prevails, there can be no assurance that the House of Representatives actually will be representative, as the Founding Fathers intended.

The Houston Post

NAACP Leader Hits FBI

HOUSTON (AP) — Mississippi NAACP leader said Wednesday Federal Bureau of Investigation agents in Southern states are generally not in sympathy with civil rights.

"I'll go further than that. J. Edgar Hoover himself is not in tune with civil rights," said Aaron Henry, a Clarksville druggist.

Henry, here to address the Houston Pharmaceutical Association convention, made the remarks in an interview with newsmen.

He said the feeling among Negroes and civil rights sympathizers is that FBI men would be reluctant to take legal action against "their friends" in local

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"But yesterday was clear as a bell!"

— Sound Off —

Editor,

The Battalion:

This is in reply to Mr. Benson, who considers himself a leader. Like Mr. Wilson, I am a graduate student who did not do any undergraduate work at A&M.

In your letter, Mr. Benson, you made it sound like the policemen were occupied the entire evening throwing drunks out of the Arkansas section. I was sitting (excuse me (standing) next to that section, and I saw only one man escorted from the stands, and he didn't look very drunk.

If tradition includes being poor sports, you can have all your tradition, Mr. Benson. In the third quarter, when play was stopped by the noise from the stands, the other yell leaders tried

to quiet the crowd, but there stood Sportsman Benson, egging them on in direct defiance of the pleas from the officials, the public address announcer, and even the Aggie players.

Scouts" because of a few, or you'll be guilty of the same mistake Captain Sanders made when he called all civilians "dead weights and not Aggies."

Mr. Matthews, can you honestly charge the Corps with full responsibility for the crude language used on campus? I can't, because five semesters in the Corps and one and a half as a civilian have convinced me that the blame can be spread evenly over the majority of the student body, Corps and Civilians alike.

Maybe we're in a rut. Surely there is a better selection of scapegoats available than just the Corps or Civilians. Let's look somewhere else, the administration, the profs, the Board of Directors, the roommate, or as a last resort, ourselves.

Ed Durall Graduate Student

Editor,

The Battalion:

Tom Matthews, '65, seems to have some strange ideas about the Corps and about A&M in general.

Sure, there are a few men in the Corps who need a uniform to make them feel as tall as anyone else on this campus, but why not let them have their day? This is probably the only chance those few will have to be somebody big. They'll take that Aggie uniform off one of these days and find that they have to make it on their own record not on the uniform's or on A&M's.

But don't call them all "Boy

Honor Code Study Shows Doubtful Results

By Intercollegiate Press Ashland, Va. — A four-man faculty committee in the Division of Language and Literature at Randolph-Macon College appointed last spring to "study the effectiveness of the Honor Code" on this campus, according to a report released here recently, did not consider it to be the committee's responsibility to define in words which all will accept what an Honor System is supposed to be.

Their discussions brought them to the conclusion that it is easier to observe qualities of a true Honor System than to analyze just what the system is; and that a successful system is more dependent upon the corporate attitude of the gentlemen who establish the compact as students and faculty than upon the status which it has on paper.

Committee findings: 1. The Honor System does not operate in the secrecy which is a basic safeguard for all its participants.

2. Student leaders have been reported in The Yellow Jacket (student newspaper) as expressing doubt whether they would report violations.

3. Similarly, some faculty mem-

bers have lost confidence in the system, and are no longer willing to use the legal procedures through which the system functions.

4. There is ample evidence of cheating by students in at least two classes en masse, with student bystanders not acting to report violators.

5. Some recent actions taken under the present system have, this committee feels, had a detrimental effect upon the morale of both students and faculty members proportionate to their degree of contact with the system and their observation of the present application of the Honor Code.

The faculty committee's conclusion is that the Honor Code is seriously in need of reevaluation and restoration on the basis of its "original status."

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TONIGHT 11:30 P. M. Late Show

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"EVERYBODY LOVES IT"

OUR LATE SHOW FROLIC

"No One Under 16 Will Be Admitted"

CIRCLE

LAST NITE

Peter Sellers

In

"SHOT IN THE DARK"

&

James Bond

"DR. NO"

OUR SAT. NITE BIG 3

1st Show 6:30 p. m.

"FBI CODE 98"

2nd Show 8:30 p. m.

Chuck Connors

In

"GERONIMO"

3rd Show 10:15 p. m.

Tony Curtis

In

"PERFECT FURLOUGH"

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Sunday, Nov. 22nd, 3 p. m. - Bronco Field - Bryan, Texas

Queen Crowning and Other Half-Time Activities

Children Under 14 - 25¢ - 14 Yrs. and Over 50¢

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Aggies Cordially Invited

By Charles M. Schulz

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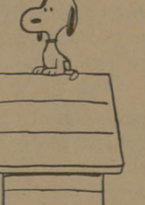
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THEY HAVE SOME PRETTY WILD PING-PONG GAMES DOWN THERE!



Ferreri's Triangle Restaurant Friday's Featuring Our FISH SPECIAL All the fish you can eat for \$1.00 at 12:00 noon and from 5:00 p. m. to 8:00 p. m.

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ATTENTION ALL HOMETOWN AND PROFESSIONAL CLUB REPRESENTATIVES The hometown club and professional club section of the "AggieLand" staff has announced that the last date for scheduling group pictures (dorms) will be 18 December, 1964.

ATTENTION All civilian dorm counselors and officers The civilian section of the AggieLand staff announces that the last date for scheduling group pictures (dorms) will be 1 December 1964.

PEANUTS comic strip panels showing Woodstock characters and their interactions.