

Reynolds' Rap

by Mike Reynolds

Almost one month ago the Civilian Student Council passed a resolution stating they were in favor of changing the place of presentation of the Aggie Sweetheart to a home game. It has attracted very little attention on this campus and the council has been going quietly about its business of changing another tradition.

Letters have been exchanged between a member of the committee appointed by the council and Jane Sullins, president of the Student Council of Social Activities at TWU, and they are certainly stirred up on that campus.

First of all, why is it that every year some group, person, confab, conclave or committee decides that the Aggie Sweetheart activities are not being handled just right and that it is time to change them? Seems to me you get better results if you stick with one system and then work the bugs out of it.

Second, what are the advantages to presenting her at A&M? Sure it gives the civilians a chance to see the ceremony, but how many other people get the chance? Attendance at home games is the reason that the Aggies play only three or four games at home each year. If figures are counted, they reveal that we draw bigger crowds in Dallas or Fort Worth than we do in CS. Just as many eyes get together to go to the Corps Trip as they do to come down here too.

It is argued that we are stealing the fire from SMU's and TCU's Homecoming ceremonies. Does that mean that we should not take the Corps and the Aggie Band too? If we are going to press this to the limit, we should let the Cookie-pushers win the game so their exes won't go

home unhappy.

Down through the years, the Dallas-Fort Worth Corps Trip has always meant a little bit more to the Aggies because of the festivities at TWU. The Tessies must be considered also.

The sweetheart is just as much of an honor on their campus as she is a dignitary on ours. The Corps Trip is a time when the freshmen and unattached upperclassmen meet their "sisters" and it follows that it is the most logical time to present the Aggie Sweetheart to the student body.

Many of the girls don't even know an Aggie until the night before the game, and with Saturday classes they would never be able to find time or the means to come to Aggieland to be part of the activities.

If the civilians want to see the ceremony they should get off their posteriors and make the trip to Big D or FW. If they would concentrate their efforts on planning civilian activities in Dallas and getting a big crowd from the Suit Brigade in the stands, they would improve the ceremony much more than moving it to A&M ever would.

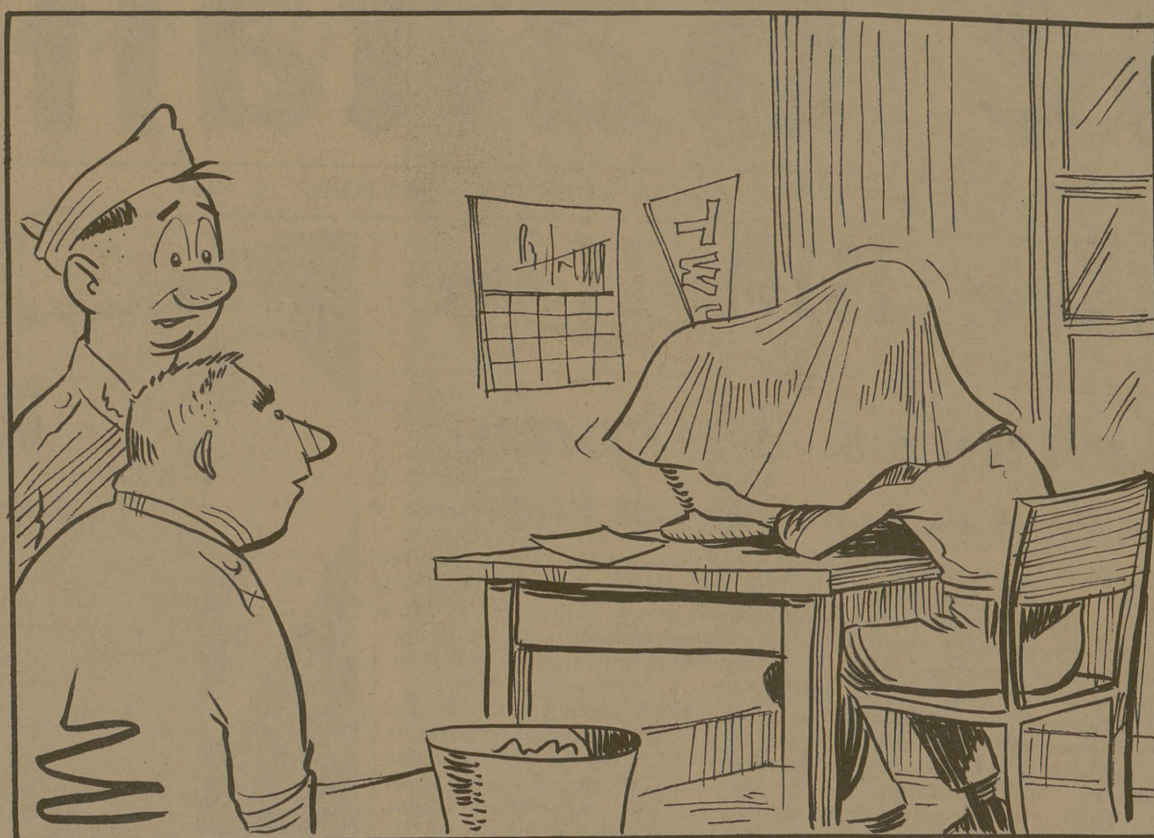
The traditions of this school are passing through a time of great change. It is time to stand pat and resist the tide. Just because someone got left out is no reason to change a very meaningful tradition — one that means a lot to both schools.

Lets make it better instead of tearing it down.

USELESS BITS OF MISINFORMATION: I met a fellow this weekend who actually got 89 shaves with one blade. Seem incredible? He was only nine years old though.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"It must be a personal letter!"

U. S. Defends Congo Policy; Blasts Rebel Suppliers

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) — The United States declared Monday that many of the countries criticizing U. S. Congo policy are openly engaged in supplying military aid to the Congolese rebels.

The U. S. views were laid before the U. N. Security Council by Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson, who deplored the injection of "black racism" into the Congo debate and protested against what he called "irrational, irresponsible, insulting and repugnant language" used by some speakers.

Stevenson defended the U. S.-Belgian intervention on behalf of Americans and others held as hostages by the rebel government of Christophe Gbenye as a purely humanitarian operation. He noted that critics had failed

to express any interest in the threats of Gbenye to kill the hostages.

"We have no apologies to make to any state appearing before this council," Stevenson said.

The council was debating charges of aggression brought against the United States and Belgium by 22 countries, 18 of them African. Stevenson said

that some of the countries and others as far away as Moscow and Peking were aiding the rebels in violation of U. N. resolutions.

Ambassador Achkar Marof of Guinea told reporters the sponsors of the complaint against the United States and Belgium will meet Tuesday morning to consider Stevenson's statements.

Electoral College Makes It Official

WASHINGTON (AP) — The seldom-used gears of the Electoral College meshed briefly Monday as President Johnson and Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey were chosen to be the next president and vice president of the United States.

The 538 members of the Electoral College, assembled in the 50 state capitals and the District of Columbia, voted in accordance with the popular votes cast by more than 70 million Americans Nov. 3.

Thus, 486 Democratic electors gathered in the 44 states and the District of Columbia which gave Johnson and Humphrey a popular vote plurality.

And 52 Republican electors met in the six states carried by Sen. Barry Goldwater and Rep. William E. Miller, the GOP nominees for president and vice president.

Unlike four years ago, when an Oklahoma Republican elector jumped the tracks, there were no reports of electors voting for other than the nominees.

But there was nothing that required them to. As Democratic elector Charles B. Garrigus, of Reedy, Calif., put it: "I'll honor my promise willingly, but I get

a little secret feeling of power of knowing I don't have to."

Gov. William W. Scranton of Pennsylvania, a Republican with some presidential visions of his own this year, had this advice for his state's 29 electors gathered in Harrisburg:

"Yours is the task of proclaiming what the people have already decided. You are here to confirm the judgment of the people, not to tamper with it."

And it appeared that electors across the nation did just that. As usual, there was criticism of the electoral system itself. Garrigus called it an anachronism and "right behind Goldwater as the closest thing we've got in American politics to a Currier and Ives print."

Criticism of the system devised at the Constitutional Convention is not new. However, efforts to abolish the Electoral College or make more than procedural changes have failed.

Only two more steps remain in the electoral process which began early this year. On Jan. 6 a joint meeting of the House and Senate will canvass the electoral votes cast Monday and announce the winners.



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Oceanography and Meteorology Wives Club will meet at 8 p.m. in the YMCA Building. Each member is requested to bring a

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