

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Sportsmanship Trophy: Mercy Killing Needed?

The Southwest Conference has produced great athletes but poor sportsmen. At least this is the case if competition for the conference's sportsmanship trophy is any indication.

The respective representatives of the conference schools met in Dallas during the Christmas recess to butcher Robert's Rules Of Order and select Texas Tech as the victor of this year's trophy.

To be the proud possessor of this prize can mean several things in the eyes of the seven other conference members: (1) The winning school had such a poor showing in basketball and football that they could afford to be "good sports". (2) The winner was no better sport than the rest, but completed the massive amounts of paper work necessary to comply with the complicated and ambiguous regulations of the SWC Sportsmanship Committee. (3) This school just didn't get caught being poor sports.

In this spirit, the University of Texas has proposed the abolition of the SWC Sportsmanship Committee and the retirement of its trophy.

They voice several arguments in their support: (1) The SWC Sportsmanship trophy is not really coveted by any of the winning schools.

(2) The SWC Sportsmanship Committee is a do-nothing congress which has no power to enforce its wishes upon member schools.

(3) The methods of selecting the winner of the trophy are not practical.

Because The Battalion was the originator of the sportsmanship committee, it feels impelled to come to its defense. True, there are major defects in the committee's organization, especially in reference to penalizing schools for non-participation. This is not a fatal disease though, and can be cured by strong leadership in the executive secretary's post.

The University of Texas has never won the sportsmanship trophy and this could be a major bearing on their decision. Still inflicted with the "Super Conference" idea, they appear to leave the sportsmanship to the losers. But regardless of their reasons, they do present a valid case, and strangely enough it will be up to A&M whether or not Texas can kill the committee.

For A&M is the host school to the sportsmanship meeting in May, and an Aggie sits in the hot-seat of executive secretary. Only with a dynamic and powerful leader can the committee and its ideals survive.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"Would you believe it—three days ago I was tired of turkey!"

Bulletin Board

THURSDAY
Waco-McLennan County Hometown Club will meet at 8 p.m. in the Gay Room of the YMCA Building. AggieLand Pictures will be taken.
El Paso Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3-B of the Memorial Student Center.

'SENSE OF DEPRESSION' Northern Riots Leave Mark On Still-Troubled Ghetto

By BERNARD GAYZER (AP) Newsfeatures Writer

While the scars of last summer's riots in Northern Negro areas have been salved over, there are still deep wounds for many of the people who were caught up in the violence.

The depth and bitterness emerges obliquely. One afternoon, talking to three dope addicts in a Harlem loft, I felt an easiness as they recalled the nights of rioting and how they found it a great opportunity to do some looting. Here were three men without any concern for anyone or anything. For them, civil rights and integration were just words. Heroin was all that mattered.

The talk became brittle; and one started saying, "Man, I need the merchandise. I need something to put me together." And the others began the typical addict's squirming, body stretching, yawning. "You listen easy but you don't come up with any bread (money), man. We could be out making it, but we just talking."

"Damn, man, come up with it," said one, and another said, "There's a small panic, baby. It's 8 cents (\$8) a bag, an' you ain't hardly going to feel even one bag."

In Harlem, also, the white storeowners along 125th Street tended to turn away from any questions. Some would talk, however, on a pledge they would not

be identified. "I'd sell out right now, but who would pay what I put into this place?" said a jeweler. "I lost \$13,000 in the riots. A white man would be crazy to come in. A black man can't afford to."
But in other stores, there was resentment, such as that expressed by a barber, who said, "You lousy reporters come up here and you make trouble. Who needs you? If you want to do something good, why don't you write about how they need to double the cops here. Nobody is safe."

However vivid the memory of Rochester's violence may be, it is difficult to get the sense of disorder or terror on revisiting the city. There is something very placid, very upper middle-class about it. And yet, later on a snowy afternoon, visiting the place on Nassau Street where the riot began, the same belligerent wine-soaked Negroes are confronted on the corner of Nassau and Joseph Avenue. One man is howling and leaning against the window of Nussbaum's, a store that suffered extreme damage and is now empty, and on seeing me yells a curse. Why? Who knows? Perhaps any white man on Nassau Street at 4:30 in the afternoon is a threat.

In Philadelphia, there is a terrible sense of depression. The city center looks exciting and the old colonials dolled up so beautifully

Medicare First In 'Great Society'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A revival — and possible early decision — of the titanic struggle over hospital care for the aged under Social Security took top billing Tuesday in the new 89th Congress.

Backers of the so-called "medicare" bill figured their chances of putting it across this year were excellent in view of the Lyndon B. Johnson landslide.

There was gloom among foes of the administration bill. One said his side lost 88 House votes, Republican and Democratic, in the November election, and thereby lost a "sure majority."

President Johnson, pressing for a big package of measures he said would lead eventually to "the Great Society," is planning to send the first of his special, detailed messages to Congress on Thursday.

This will deal with health, and officials said it probably would include a health care plan, the beginning of a "massive attack" on such killed diseases as cancer, heart attacks and strokes, and steps to deal with mental ailments.

Organized "senior citizens" were rallying their lobbying forces for the health care bill. But the American Medical Association, which regards the administration bill as socialistic interference with the doctor-patient relationship, was not giving up its opposition. It plans a last-ditch struggle.

In rapid-fire order, Johnson will send to the Capitol next Tuesday his aid-to-education program; two days later his plan for a new immigration law "based on the work a man can do and not where he was born or how he spells his name"; and then, before the inauguration Jan. 20, messages on space and foreign aid.

Doubt arose, however, as to how soon the Senate would be able to get down to legislative business. At a strategy meeting Tuesday, Southerners decided on an all-out struggle against a proposal to make it easier to choke off filibusters. Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., said the fight could last a couple of months.

The "Great Society" program outlined by the President in his State of the Union message Monday night was more sweeping than some had anticipated. While many Congress members applauded it, others asked where the money is coming from for what is termed this "blueprint for paradise."

— Sound Off —

Editor, The Battalion:
The A&M System has spent several million dollars for new dorms in its quest for academic excellence. These modern new

dorms not only lack heat, but the lights nightly go out for at least an hour, and one has to grit his teeth to take a shower in water which fluctuates from hot to cold, either scalding him or

causing him to shiver from the cold.

When it rains, the wind blows water under the "air tight" doors and noises from the other side of the dorm are not muffled, but actually accentuated. The very fact that work crews are daily replacing faulty materials on making repairs to the work done by the builders shows that these modern structures are inferior in quality.

We are paying ten dollars extra each month for conditions which are inferior to those in the old dorms. If we are going to pay for the extra comfort of a new dorm, why don't we get it?

Mike Nabors, '66
Gene Duchamp, '66
Andy Denny, '66

Editor, The Battalion:
Houston airport. It was Jan. 4, 1965. I had just come in from New York. I had almost five hours before my flight to AggieLand. The first thing I did was to make a phone call.

"M. D. Anderson Hospital. May I help you?"

"Yes, this is Mr. Smith. Could you tell me how Bill Taylor is doing?"

"I'm sorry, sir. Mr. Taylor expired two days ago."

"You mean he's dead!"

"Yes sir, I'm sorry."

TAYLOR, WILLIAM, student, University of Texas

DIED—Jan. 2, 1965

CAUSE—Aplastic Anemia

Bill Taylor was an Aggie. Maybe a student at tu, Bill was an Ag at heart. Maybe he didn't want a career in the military and felt A&M wouldn't be the same if he wasn't in the Corps, so he went to tu. No one will know. His fish buddies didn't consider him a Sip. Faithfully, they raced to Houston each time it looked like he might slip away. They got blood released for him from the Aggie Blood Bank. They gave their own. Squadron 4's upperclassmen who were in his outfit his fish year went to see him.

Bill Taylor is dead, but he died with the love of an Aggie outfit. He may have lived a few months as a tu student, yet he died an Aggie.

Ronald A. Smith, '66

ATTENTION ATHLETIC CLUBS

The AggieLand staff has announced that the last date for scheduling Athletic Club pictures for the 1965 AggieLand will be Feb. 10, 1965. Pictures are to be scheduled at the Student Publications Office, YMCA Bldg.

ATTENTION Picture Schedule AggieLand '65

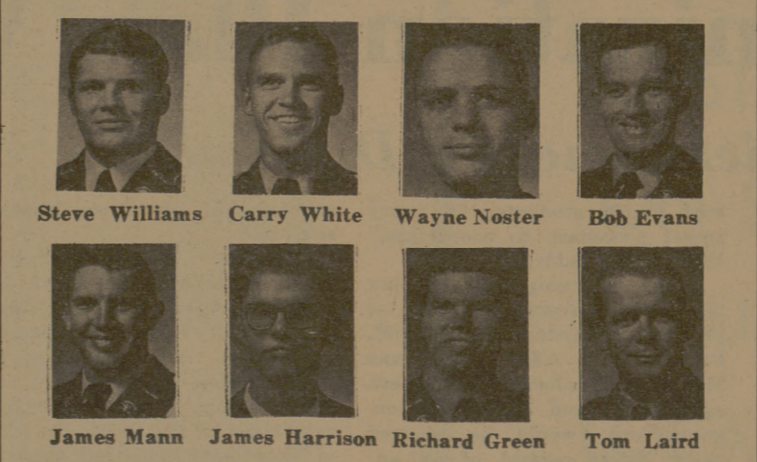
Individual pictures for the AggieLand will be made at the AggieLand Studio according to the schedule below.

Coats and ties will be worn.
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Jan. 6-7 A, B, C, D
7-8 E, F, G, H
11-12 I, J, K, L, M
12-13 N, O, P, Q, R
13-14 S, T, U, V
14-15 W, X, Y, Z

CIVILIAN JUNIORS & SOPHOMORES
Feb. 1-2 A, B, C, D, E, F
2-3 G, H, I, J, K, L
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Filibuster Rule Battle Shapes Up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., the Senate's new majority whip, lined up with his Southern colleagues Tuesday to battle against changing the rules so choking off filibusters would be easier.

The move for a new rule that would permit debate to be limited by a three-fifths majority of senators voting is being spearheaded by Sen. Clinton P. Anderson, D-N.M. He was the senator who placed Long in nomination for whip, or assistant Democratic leader.

At a meeting Tuesday in the office of Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., 15 Southern senators decided to wage an all-out fight to preserve the present rule under which a two-thirds majority

of senators voting is required to cut off debate.

Long told a reporter he realizes he might be criticized for attending the meeting, following his election to a leadership post, but he said that if he did not go, he could not "be a moderating influence."

He said that, if he had been invited, he also would have attended a meeting Sunday in Anderson's office of a small, bipartisan band of senators pressing to tighten the present antifilibuster rule.

"I don't think it is a civil rights question anymore," Long said, adding it now has been established that debate-limitations can be obtained on a civil rights bill.

Last year's comprehensive civil rights measure was passed after a 15-week Senate battle in which the two-thirds rule was successfully invoked for the first time to break a Southern filibuster.

Russell also emphasized this point in calling it "unfortunate that Southern senators have had to take the initiative in preserving the rule of the Senate" and preventing what he called the imposition of "gag rule."

PICTURE SCHEDULE 1965 AggieLand WHO'S WHO

Appointments must be made with the AggieLand Studio and pictures will have to be made before February 15 anytime between the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m.

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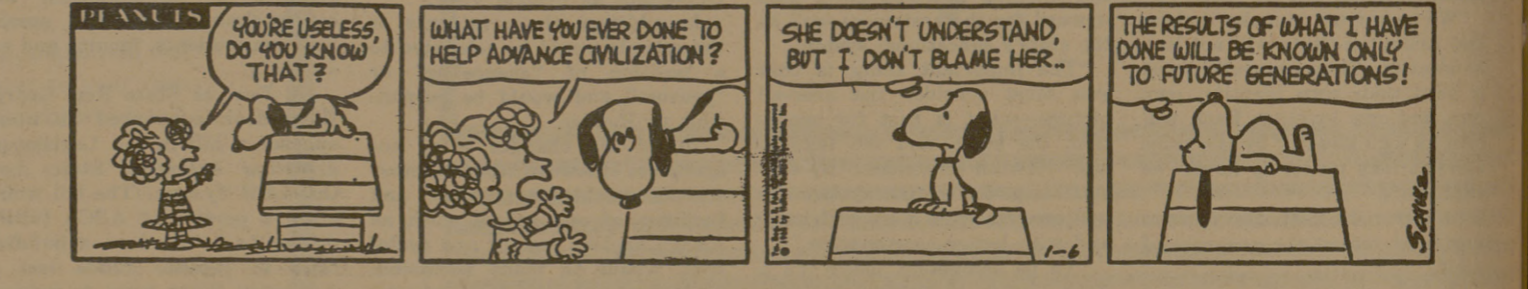
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