

Rogers Blasts Faculty Coed Position; Favors Student Petition

By TOMMY DeFRANK
Sen. Andy Rogers challenged Thursday the Texas A&M faculty stand against his limited coeducation bill and charged that the current faculty petition was initiated by "apple polishers" neglecting their primary task of teaching.

such a petition is being drawn up and will be circulated among the student body next week.
The Childress legislator's SB 290 gained Senate committee approval last week, and the House version, sponsored by Rep. Mack Edwards of Pattonville, is scheduled for an April 9 hearing before the House Committee on State Affairs.
"Many of the students told me last week that many profs spend

more time in class running down the A&M system instead of doing what the taxpayers are paying them for—to teach," Rogers claimed.
He also maintained that Gov. John Connally's coordinating board, signed into law recently, would be more harmful to the university's academic freedom than his bill, and he pointed out that the faculty made no effort to oppose the coordinating bill.
"It is certainly a strange group that would push a petition protesting interference in this one function while the new board will take many and more impor-

tant prerogatives away from the A&M Board," Rogers said.
The faculty petition voices objection to Rogers' bill "as it interferes with the right of the Board of Directors to chart the course of Texas A&M..."
Rogers emphasized that the student petition was proposed by students after last week's committee hearing.
"A lot of people wanted to do something and this was a suggestion that came from members of the Corps who were here last week. Those I talked with are firmly against coeducation and wanted to prove it," he contended.

"Since such an issue has been made of these polls, it would be a tragedy if we didn't have something more complete and accurate than the student poll," Rogers continued.
He was referring to a Feb. 25 student opinion poll in which a 25 per cent turnout of the student body narrowly approved full coeducation.
Dr. R. J. Freund, associate director of the Institute of Statistics and faculty spokesman, said Thursday that 260 signatures had been secured and that the final count would approach 300.

The faculty presently numbers approximately 500.
"Several of us felt that this was a way for the faculty to express themselves. If we didn't do anything there would be someone accusing us of not caring about the situation," Freund explained.
Rogers claimed public support for his bill has been mounting and the outlook for passage is becoming more favorable.
"Two members of the Board of Directors have told me personally that they are not opposed to the bill, and two others told a prominent member of the Former Students Council the same

thing the other day," he reported.
"In addition, I made a speech to the McLennan County A&M Club and was warned I would meet avid opposition. No one expressed opposition after hearing my explanation and several people spoke for the bill later. I think this will happen many places when people get a chance to read the bill and have it explained," Rogers predicted.
The bill upholds the current coeducation status which permits wives and daughters of students and faculty members to be admitted.



TITLE CUP
... to go to overall champion in Saturday's drill meet.

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Hayride, Ball Top Weekend

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The A&M campus becomes the focal point this weekend for Central Texas entertainment with the Louisiana Hayride, the Junior Banquet and Ball and the A&M Invitational Drill Meet.

About 3,000 guests will be on hand for the Saturday spectacles which open with drill competition at 8 a.m.

The largest Junior Banquet and Ball in recent years unfolds Saturday night with about 650 second-classmen and dates expected for the festivities.

The Louisiana Hayride, headlining George Jones and Jerry Lee Lewis, moves in at 7:30 p.m. for three and one-half hours. The G. Rollie White Coliseum performance should attract 5,000-7,000 persons including guests from as far away as Fort Stockton.

Nine drill units are entered in the first A&M drill meet, sponsored by the Association of Former Fish Drill Team Members under the auspices of the Department of Military Science.

A&M's Fish Drill Team, fresh from a convincing triumph at Louisiana State University last weekend, will host teams from Texas A&I, the University of Houston, the University of Texas, Sam Houston, Arlington State, Hardin-Simmons, West Texas State University, and Southern University and A&M College of Baton Rouge, La.

Marine Corps and Army Drill Instructors from the area will judge the competition which includes inspection, basic and precision drill.

The inspection and basic divisions will be conducted from 8 a.m. until noon, with precision competition starting at 1 p.m.

Awards will be presented at about 4 p.m. Trophies will be given the first, second and third place winners in each division, plus a title cup to the overall champion.

The meet will be held on the Main Drill Field. In case of rain, tentative plans have been made to hold it in the National Guard Armory in Bryan.

Nat Stuckey, Louisiana Hayride singing star and an announcer for KWKH in Shreveport, La., will be special guest at the Junior Banquet at 6 p.m. Saturday in the east wing of Duncan Dining Hall.

Members of the Junior Class will be special guests at the Louisiana Hayride show at 7:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The event, sponsored by A&M's chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic society, will feature Jones, Lewis, Stuckey, Connie Smith, Johnnie and Joanie Mosby, Don Bowman and the Louisiana Hayriders.

Tickets for the country and western singing show will be on sale in the Memorial Student Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Advance prices are \$1.25 for students, \$1.75 for adult general admission and \$2.25 for reserve. After 4 p.m. tickets will be 25 cents higher.

Coliseum doors will open at 6 p.m. and tickets will be on sale outside the Coliseum.

The Junior Ball gets under way at 9 p.m. in the Ramada Inn with Gill and the Brothers Seven providing music. The evening will be capped with the crowning of the Junior Sweetheart.

Candidates for the title include Miss Carolyn Cooper of Houston, escorted by Jerry Harbert; Miss Marcia Dycus of Beaumont, escorted by Mike Fritsche; Miss Nikki Gober of Nome, escorted by Chuck Kluge; Miss Carol Mikolas of Temple, escorted by Joe Bush; Miss Angela Pickett of Houston, escorted by Paul L. Ouellette, and Miss Betsy Balmer of Beaumont, escorted by Ray Wathen.

Other weekend activities include the A&M-TCU baseball game at Travis Park in Bryan at 2 p.m. Saturday and a benefit movie at the Campus Theatre at 11:15 p.m. for injured Aggie basketball star Paul Timmins.

Timmins was struck by a baseball bat while umpiring a baseball game in Brenham last week. He is in Bryan Hospital and proceeds from Saturday night's movie will help offset his family's expenses.

"Love—The Italian Way" will be shown, featuring Elke Sommers.



MARCIA DYCUS



BETSY BALMER



ANGELA PICKETT



NIKKI GOBER



CAROL MIKOLAS



CAROLYN COOPER

Cano, Hargrove Elected To Top '66 Class Posts

Narciso Cano retained the office of president of the class of '66 in the election held in the Memorial Student Center Thursday.
Jack R. Fickersson was defeated for the position.
Thomas R. Hargrove defeated Marion Tindall for the office of vice-president of the Senior Class.
The office of Secretary-Treasurer went to Louis Sabayrac over Charles McGinnis.
Roy L. May defeated Russel Stein for MSC Council Representative and Charles A. Mella defeated John D. Gaden for Historian.
President of the class of '67 went to William W. Gordon over

Donald J. Matocha. Neal C. Ward defeated Eddie Joe Davis for vice-president.
Secretary - treasurer went to Leroy Shafer over Robert J. Myers.
President of the Class of '68 was taken by Jack Ronnie Coleman over Benny G. Mays. Neal W. Adams defeated Stephen E. Mencer for vice-president.
Secretary - treasurer went to Henry G. Cisneros over Wayne J. Baird.
Social Secretary went to John Daly over Lee Horton, while Donald L. Allen defeated Clyde R. Westbrook for MSC Council Representative. One thousand and thirty-three votes were cast.

Candid Comments On Current Crises

Students Voice Disagreement Over Third Brigade Abolition

Question: Do you approve of the recent decision to dissolve the Third Brigade?



BOB HOLCOMB
Sophomore, Fort Worth
The deactivation of the Third Brigade was necessary for the good of the Corps of Cadets. In that respect, I am in favor of this move. It was, however, unfortunate in that many persons with ambitions in the Corps will be "cheated" out of possible positions, both on staffs and in companies. It has happened so we'd just better make the best of the tricky situation.



MIKE LAUGHLIN
Senior, West Columbia
I think this is just another move in the reorganization of the Corps of Cadets. The Third Brigade was formed when we were fish and now that we are seniors, it is being deactivated. This just shows the loss in the number of people in the Corps. This also shows that something is wrong somewhere when units are destroyed instead of created.



JIM BOURGEOIS
Senior, New Braunfels
Naturally, as the present Brigade Commander, I am disheartened to see the brigade deactivated. However, the large number of extremely small units in the Army element of the Corps of Cadets necessitated consolidating the three brigades into two. Let me point out that many former Third Brigade units will remain the same while functioning in another brigade.



JOHN W. SCHUEPBACH
Freshman, McAllen
I feel that this decision could have waited until next year, or until a better estimate of how many Army Cadets there will be in the Corps of Cadets next year. If companies must be moved, they should be moved intact. The smaller companies are the ones that should be broken up. The move could have waited until next year.



GARY GRAHAM
Freshman, West Columbia
I personally hate to see the Third Brigade broken up because a freshman learns to live and fight for his outfit. Now we will have to learn to live and fight in another company. I am saddened to see so many men having to give up the spirit they have for their outfit. Many of us will have a difficult time getting the Third Brigade out of our hearts.



DAVID W. MILLER
Junior, Fort Worth
I am sorry to see the change. Of course the change might have had to be made, but the decision could have waited until next year when a better estimate of how many Army Cadets there would be. I see the reason why the Department of Military Science is breaking up the Third Brigade. We juniors have seen many changes—some for the worse.



JOE DE PASQUAL
Senior, Dallas
I hate to see the brigade deactivated, but with the number of cadets deminishing the way they are I think that this is good. The consolidation into two brigades is practical and will result in more unity for the Corps of Cadets. I am sure the people who made the decision considered all circumstances and acted in the best interest of the Army elements of the Corps.