

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Unfavorable conduct by a very minor segment of the TCU student body may cost the Fort Worth school several votes when the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Committee meets this winter in Dallas.

At least the A&M delegates will cast their ballots for another member following an undesirable incident at Saturday night's A&M-TCU football game.

A group of TCU students apparently thought it was in good taste to display a sign ridiculing the new Aggie Sweetheart, Cheri Holland, both before the game and during halftime ceremonies.

The students' sign read "New Aggie Sweetheart" and was accompanied by a goat. They paraded around the field just before gametime, hoping to draw a few laughs, but very few were heard. Then, just as Cheri was to enjoy the spotlight for her coronation and presentation to the A&M student body, the students made their second entrance. They walked directly in front of her, with the goat trailing behind. Several Aggie fish made a gallant effort to suppress the ridicule, only to distract from the ceremony. Again, very little laughter was heard.

The new Aggie Sweetheart's big moment was partially ruined, although both the A&M and TCU student bodies rallied to give her a pleasing ovation as she left the field.

Certainly the TCU student body could not condone the actions by this minority, nor should they be blamed for the group's conduct.

But the incident left a very sour taste in Aggie mouths, and it is remarkable that a major outburst did not develop.

When a few Aggies get out of line, opposing schools blame this university for not controlling their action. So let it be with TCU.

A&M does not seek retaliation, but it does deserve and demand an apology from the TCU student body, although only a few of its members were responsible for this outrageous action.

Future relations between the two schools may depend upon it.

The Sex Question

The future of coeducation at Texas A&M will most likely be decided this year.

Attorney General Waggoner Carr told Board Chairman H. C. Heldenfels last week that A&M's present policy of limited coeducation would probably not be upheld if ever challenged in court.

The attorney general's opinion was that A&M could be either all male or full coeducation, in accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, but that limited coeducation is discriminatory.

A&M's Directors now face three alternatives in deciding the issue:

- 1. Return the school to its all-male status.
2. Open the doors of Texas A&M to all females.
3. Let a court decision determine whether the limited coeducation policy is actually discriminatory.

The board asked for Carr's opinion, and they got it. He did not, however, give them a clear-cut route to take in settling the long-fought, time-worn issue.

Heldenfels will appoint a committee to study the question, on which the board itself is divided.

This committee will report in February, and then the directors will make the decision.

The Battalion urges these men to examine all advantages and disadvantages of each alternative as they chart the course of Texas A&M's future.

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CADET SLOUCH WILL NOT APPEAR IN THIS SPACE TODAY... INSTEAD, WE OFFER OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS IN THIS PERIOD OF TRAGIC GRIEF.

Mortimer's Notes

FOR THE RECORD: This was the weekend that wasn't...

In College Station, Fort Worth, Denton and — yes — even Austin, these mummings were held...

Mighty Texas fell to Arkansas and the Austin fellows wept; surprising A&M didn't surprise TCU and it was the Aggies' turn for sadness...

The Maroon and White A-Go-Go is now went, the first Corps Trip this year is history and the Aggies have been virtually eliminated from the Southwest Conference championship...

So we must turn our thoughts to home and coming events, leaving behind either a mediocre or poor weekend depending on the individual evaluation of the situation...

And just what are some of these coming events?...

Well, the Baylor game this weekend for one, bringing with it enough activity to compensate for the rough week that professors are already making unbearable...

And the football game again brings up the question of where the Aggies and their dates will sit... er, stand...

FACTS AND FIGURES: The first A&M-Baylor game was played in 1899...

The Aggies won it, 33-0... OFF THE RECORD: That snowfall in Denton this past weekend wasn't very heavy in some corners... See Ya 'Round—Mortimer.

Sound-Off

Editor,

The Battalion: The editorial, "What Hath Rank Wrought?", is timely and upbuilding for those who have ears to hear. If senior indifference is being "tooted" as "old army," it must be one of those "new" "old traditions" unknown to the classes of '55, '50, '40, '30, '20, or even '03.

This "new" tradition is not exclusively "army." It infects graduating seniors all across the land. Here is an illustration of the aftermath in the lives of those ravaged by this attitude disease. When being interviewed for a job, too many seemed to be "bugged" by these three burning issues: (1) How much do you pay? (2) What are your fringe benefits—vacation in particular? (3) When do I retire? Would you hire and accelerate the career of one interested more in retiring than in producing?

"Old army" asked: (1) What's the future in this business? (2) How do I succeed in this vocation? (3) When can I go to work? This is the kind of Aggie tradition—American tradition that tamed the frontier, won two world wars, made us the most powerful people in history and caused employers to seek Aggies.

A senior, or any student for that matter, who thinks seniority is a passport to indifference, laziness and abduction of responsibility and leadership is in for a rude shock in either military or private life. When one becomes a senior, he may think of himself as a big man on campus, but he is a "fish" when he hits the waters of competition nine months later!

Consciousness of this pregnant nine-month reality should cause a thinking man to embrace and to apply the true A&M senior tradition of "follow me," not "carry me." That tradition calls for one to move to the front of the formation (whatever student activity it might be), support those of the student body given rank or position, and lead the cheer and charge into whatever is constructive.

Coach Stallings very well knows the real "old" Aggie tradition. He has expressed it to his team as, "Get out there and make things happen!" Gene and his fighting team are motivated by this "old Army" winning tradition, how about the rest of the student body?

Aggies, seniors in particular, have the greatest opportunity of this century to be someone, to do something great.

None will make the grade, however, who put their trust in the phoney philosophy infecting too many described in the editorial "What Hath Rank Wrought?"

Former students, your best friends, assure you that if you want to be a winner in life, don't let up in self-discipline, leadership, application and dedication for a minute, much less a year.

That editorial is meat and not molasses! Heed it, don't heckle it.

R. L. Hunt Jr., '50

Civilian Criticism Stirs Wide Comment

Editor,

The Battalion: The Non-Reg article of Wednesday, Oct. 13, has raised a few questions in my mind.

The first question is who are these Non-Regs? Non-Reg is a rather inclusive term. Does it cover graduate students, foreign students, ex-Corps members, and girl students? Some of my confusion might be cleared up if someone would give me a standard definition of Non-Reg.

My other question is what percentage of the A&M Non-Regs are the type as described in the DeFrank article? I was left with the impression that most of us are that way. Is this true? If so, then effort must be extended by both sides to help remedy the situation, but if not — well, no group likes to be generally condemned for the actions of a specific minority.

However, please understand that in no way do I condone the behavior of the disrespectful, Corps-baiting civilian students here at A&M. Majority or minority, these juveniles should be disciplined. The Corps, though, can get satisfaction from the fact that boys who have time to pester the military generally flunk out. (What usually happens to such boys nowadays?)

Finally, I had a feeling of horror about that riot predicted by the DeFrank article. Think how terrible and ironic it would be to have Silver Taps blown for both civilian and military students killed in a campus riot. This may happen, but I certainly hope that it doesn't.

Sam H. (Hal) Coleman, Jr., '69

Editor,

The Battalion: It would be easy to dive off the deep end and run Tommy DeFrank into the ground; but what for? He's not the only "Corps Fanatic" around. The real culprit behind Mr. DeFrank's article is you, Mr. Editor. It's the editor's job to determine what is fit for consumption and what is best left unsaid. You goofed!

Russ E. May, '66

Editor,

The Battalion: I read with interest Mr. DeFrank's column about the groady Non-Regs, and I am looking forward to the upcoming articles in this series: "Maggies Are Ruining Our School," "Academic Excellence Is a Communist Plot" and "Back When I Was A Fish..."

Edward Hannigan, '67

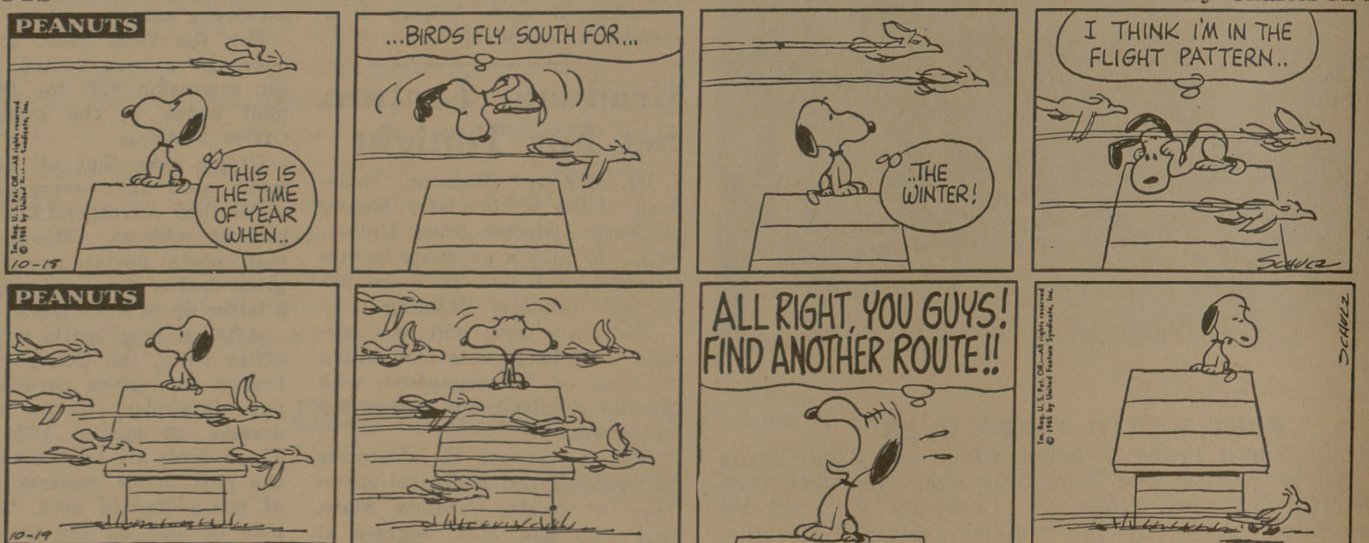
Editor,

The Battalion: In regard to Mr. DeFrank's article in Wednesday's Battalion, I feel a few comments are needed in rebuttal.

Though he may be enjoying the limelight of being a crusader for his style of Corps, I feel the ramifications of his very generalized accusations are forthcoming from many factions of the majority of the student body — the civilians.

If his article had been in any way constructive as praise for the Corps or certain individuals' accomplishments, his cause might have been just. But the destructive idea of alienating part of the student body against another part is neither uniting the school or aiding the cooperation needed between the two factions.

PEANUTS



By Charles M. Schulz

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