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## **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 di-rectly 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.

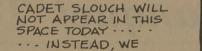
Attorney General Waggoner Carr told Board Chairman H. C. Heldenfels last week that A&M's present policy of limited coeducation would probably not be upheld if ever challenged in court.

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.

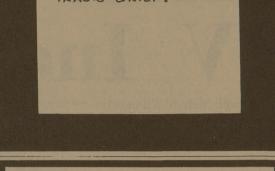
A&M's Directors now face three alternatives in deciding the issue:

Return the school to its all-male status.

2. Open the doors of Texas A&M to all females.



OFFER OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS 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 mumblings were heard.

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 wentwent, 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

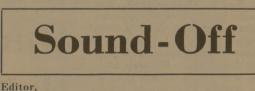
events ? Well, the Baylor game this weekend for one,

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.



#### 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 actvity 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?

# **Civilian** Criticism **Stirs Wide Comment** point out that about 280 1

Editor. The Battalion:

College Station, Texas

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

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The first question is who are these Non-Reg's? 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 decribed 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 or 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

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#### 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. De-Frank'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

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The Battalion: I read with interest Mr. De-Frank's column about the groady Non-Regs, and I am looking for-

As a point of fact concerning the result of such an article, notice the "groady" jodies yelled by Corps members of the north area as they marched to dinner, and the displeasure evidenced by civilian bystanders.

Alan Maples, '66 \* \* \*

#### Editor. The Battalion:

Tuesday, October 19, 1965

I am sure this will be just one of many letters you have received on the question of a Non-Reg being a non-Aggie.

I put in some time in the Corps and enjoyed it very much but am I no longer an Aggie because I am a "groady" Non-Reg? I have had fish tell me to shut up, they don't speak nor do the majority of them whip out. I asked one why he didn't whip out and he said he was, in effect, better than me because he was in the Corps. At this time he had been in the Corps a week as compared to the year I put in.

There, of course, are a few fish who whip out without being told to, and these I generally drop handles with it surprises me so.

As far as seeing Non-Regs on the grass, I myself have never seen one on the MSC grass and one on the All Faiths Chapel grass. There are some Non-Reg freshmen who don't know that some grass just doesn't get tread upon. We other Non-Regs are catching them one by one and informing them of their error. We Non-Regs are not too pleased of some fellow Non-Regs with beatle hair cuts and other indiscript items which make them look stupid. There is also no earthly excuse for not showing respect for our flag and desecrating taps.

As for Non-Regs not whipping out, when I was a fish some juniors and seniors couldn't take the time to meet me.

There are good Non-Regs and there are bad Non-Regs, but I believe the former outnumber the latter. The approximately 6,-000 of us are Aggies contrary to the opinion of 3,000 Corps boys. A Non-Reg and an Aggie,

Van A. Kent

Mr. Kent, please do not confuse the opinion of one member of the Corps with the opinion of the entire group. That is the same thing you are protesting. -Editor.

in the process. Not many non-Aggies would be proud of that. And how could I forget the U of H game?

When I first walked into my room three weeks ago, most of the upperclassmen in my dorm took it upon themselves to make me a full-fledged Ag. They always corrected me if I made a mistake contrary to tradition. Very little was said about this kind of civilian student.

Mr. DeFrank states that the school does not choose to enforce the rules. I don't think it should. In an honor system the school can do only so much. The rest is the responsibility of the student. Until the Corps and the civilian students make a concerted effort, articles like Wednesday's will only further bad relations. Let us see some on how the Corps and civilians can get along instead of those that instigate more rivalry.

It hurt me to have someone even ask me if I was a true Aggie. Why else would I come?

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Editor, The Battalion:

The article of Wednesday, 13 Oct. 1965, "Non-Regs: True Aggies?" infuriated me as I am sure it did many other readers of The Battalion. It is my opinion that Thomas DeFrank believe he is attending a private military school where all are under military rule - or should be lest they be ridiculed, shunned, and ignored. Texas A&M University is a state supported school where all have equal rights. The Corps is a part of the university, not the university a part of the Corps.

I, myself, come from a military family, and am now married to an officer in the USAF, so I am not (as you may be thinking) one who scorns the war in Viet Nam, nor favors the protection of the draft dodgers. I am only defending the rights of the students of Texas A&M who do not belong to your "group." The civilians are, and should be recognized as, Aggies. Sure, they're attending Texas A&M! And that gives them the right to be referred to as "Aggies." Just because they do not belong to the Corps does not mean they

Editor. should forfeit that right! ed school, the students have a liberation, and after testing t right to wear clothes as they feel consensus of civilians I know, fit. Who has the right to say would like to direct this letter what a person should wear? Just Tommy DeFrank as a rebut because it does not appeal to one to his hasty generalization prin person does not mean that everyone should dress uniformly (unless, of course, one belongs to a group that requires such dress; but then that is voluntary whether a person belongs or not.) The way a person dresses does not reflect, necessarily, how he thinks or the degree of intelligence . . . look at Albert Einstein. He was not known for being the neatest dresser! I disagree with you when you insinuate that the civilian group is composed mainly of lemons, although there are a "few who are definite assets to the university." I believe there are a few lemons, but on the whole, the civilians are only students trying to obtain a college education. I have seen some "Non-Regs" who are no credit to any institution, but I do not think it

fair to condemn all non-Corps

members as "draft dodgers." (It

might be of some interest to

feel there is an apology due t civilians of Texas A&M. The other problems; i.e. abu to the Corps on the part of civilians at football games, ski ping yell practices (whi strongly resembles a mob) walking on the grounds of MSC (which appear to be in r markable condition for the ab Ray J. Evans, '69 they take) are not what I a defending although I do m think those are things a colleg minded student should be from ting about. I am only defendi the rights of the American st dent, in a free country to atte a state supported university a

enjoy his rights of freedom fro "discrimination or segregat on the ground of race, color, ligion, or national origin" sex).

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(Who are we to judge?)

Also other Non-Regs may

When Texas A&M has an e ment within its walls that agree with your article it is not a cre it to the school, nor to the stat of Texas, much less to our cou

But, from the sound of you article, you are probably again women attending your scho and would therefore never let letter written by a member the opposite sex appear in you

newspaper. I do like to believe that we sti do have certain rights such freedom of speech, etc. But the what are rights anyway as lon as we have someone to deci for us what we are to rea dress, who we are to speak and who is the patriot.

Thank you! Mr. DeFrank. Mrs. Diane H. Owen

\* \* \* The Battalion: After careful thought and d

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 whch 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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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

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

ward 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:

Editor,

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

Editor.

#### The Battalion:

After supper each evening, I eagerly await the arrival of The Battalion. But Wednesday I was met by an article that sunk this infant Aggie heart.

Yes, I am a Non-Reg. Since I am no scholar, I decided it would be to my advantage to sit back and give the Corps a good look as far as study time was concerned before I joined. I went through three years of high school R.O.T.C., and even that took some amount of daily preparation.

So far my treatment from the Corps has been great. The "Howdy" tradition is really a great one, and taking part has been no chore. I love going to the school functions. The Town Hall presentation was terrific. There is only one reason why I would ever miss a yell practice, and that is studies. I will never forget my first midnight yell practice where I stayed right behind the band. I made it all the way, but I also lost a shoe and watch

ed in The Battalion for Oct. 1 I believe that I am as we qualified as anyone to prese this rebuttal since I am probabl as groady and spiritless as an two-percenter on campus. Since it is this type of person as you describe all civilians being, who is suffering from t fury of your wrath, I challen

your reasoning. My personal feeling abo A&M ranges from a violent, a tive hate to a proud, possess love, depending upon my mo location and circumstances. I lieve I am not alone in this r spect.

To answer your letter, y there may be civilians who we blue jeans and T-shirts to cla I have not seen many since t summer term, but I won't arg the point. I ask you to take cross-section of the civilian st

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