

## For Amendment 1

The excellence of higher education in Texas hinges, in part, on the passage of Amendment 1 to the Texas Constitution Tuesday.

How can higher education be upgraded if there is no room for college students to study and live?

This is the problem the amendment attempts to solve by providing funds for state institutions of higher learning in Texas to build for the future.

Overcrowded classrooms and dormitories are the rule rather than the exception in Texas colleges and universities today, with more than 160,000 students seeking diplomas.

More than 335,000 students are predicted for these schools in 10 years—a 110 per cent increase.

If the institutions are to adequately accommodate this increase, they must have money.

And that is the purpose of Amendment 1: To provide funds for educational growth in the state.

Opponents will argue that ad valorem taxes will soar if the amendment passes, but such as far from the truth.

True, the proposal would add five cents ad valorem tax per \$100 evaluation or an additional \$5½-6 million additional tax revenue.

But this figure is less than 60 cents per capita increase, or \$2.40 for the average family.

Surely, education with all its benefits—better jobs, less poverty, more technological advancements—is worth the price of six packages of cigarettes.

## Unanimous Choice

Ranger must be the unanimous choice for a new mascot.

Having heard no opinion to the contrary, The Battalion assumes that the campus dog and unofficial mascot is everybody's candidate for the high position.

Ranger himself has issued no comment yet, but The Battalion has noted that the former presidential candidate has been continuing his politicking this week with the public.

At last account he was preparing a whistle-stop tour of Kyle Field during the A&M-SMU football game.

## Mortimer's Notes

**FOR THE RECORD:** The Aggie uniform that Corps members have displayed on recent trips to Fort Worth and Dallas has caused confusion in some parts.

One cadet, upon visiting Carswell Air Force Base for dinner during the Fort Worth Corps Trip, was asked, "What are you in—the National Guard?"

And another Aggie in Dallas was approached by a young girl who so candidly put the question, "What ARE you?"

Later another woman asked him, "Where are you from—South Oak Cliff?" (Dallas High School)

But perhaps the most confused was the man who asked an Aggie after the parade in downtown Fort Worth, "What is this—ROTC Day or something?"

For a good laugh, read the ABC's of Draft Dodging in this week's Newsweek.

Remember, Tuesday's the day to vote.

The 10 constitutional amendments have been explained in The Battalion, but just reading them isn't enough.

Perhaps you're one of those who is completely fed up with the bulky constitution.

But your dissatisfaction won't help correct the situations that the amendments will change.

So, poop yourself up on the issues and vote Tuesday.

The Great Issues Discussion Series will have a hot local topic for consideration next Wednesday.

Second of the discussion meetings, the subject will be "Corps-Civilian Relations" and will include a six-man panel of cadet and non-reg leaders.

The meeting will be at 8 p.m. and will contain only constructive discussion.

Trouble-makers are urged to stay at home. See Ya 'Round—Mortimer.

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## Sound-Off

**Editor, The Battalion:**  
On behalf of the University of Arkansas student body, I welcome the Corps and other Texas A&M students to Arkansas and to the Arkansas-Texas A&M game in Little Rock on Saturday night.

Most UA students are planning to make the weekend trip to Little Rock for the game. This certainly is indicative of their respect for the Aggies as a challenging football team. We are proud of the Razorbacks and know this will be another exciting game.

We invite as many of you as possible to come. We also invite you to engage in the activities in Little Rock in conjunction with the game.

Mac Glover, President  
Associated Students, UA

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**Editor, The Battalion:**  
I don't think The Lettermen had a legitimate gripe about Aggie reaction to their performance last Friday night. They were received as well or better than any group I have seen since Justin Wilson.

The majority of Aggies react to everything in a conservative manner whether it is good or bad chow at Sbis, the laundry eating up a new shirt, Randy Matson winning a silver medal, a winning or losing football season, a flush letter or practically getting run over on the way to 8:00 class.

Very few react personally in public which may or may not be good. Non-reaction does make life easier and requires less adjustment to fit life out of school.

Carl Lahser, '66

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**Editor, The Battalion:**  
I feel it necessary to reply to a comment made in "Mortimer's Notes" on Oct. 22 concerning the Great Issues Committee charging 50 cents for students who have already bought student activity cards.

The price structure for this series is 50 cents for A&M students with activity cards and also for public school students, which means that the activity card is not entirely useless at the Great Issues events because it still brings its holder a 50 per cent savings. Students without activity cards are charged one dollar.

But to go further into the question, why is this charge necessary? Great Issues is a student-operated, non-profit organization which presents the Great Issue Series, The World Around Us Series, The Discussion Series, Space Fiesta and sponsors the speakers which appear at A&M for SCONA. But even a non-profit organization must pay its bills—such things as honorariums to speakers, publicity, etc. It is true that the Great Issues Committee receives slightly less than \$5,000 from the Student Activity fee of which \$3,800 goes to pay the men who speak at the Great Issues events. This leaves very little to pay for increased publicity expenses and printing costs, etc.

Of course, the Great Issues Committee could drop part of it program or lessen the quality of its speakers; but as students, the members of the Great Issues Committee felt that the rest of the student body would rather have the best we could obtain. Therefore, it is necessary to charge a nominal fee to activity card holders for two of our five series. This fee is less than that paid by other students or by the general public, and the speakers for the Discussion Series, Space Fiesta and SCONA are still free.

Tom Tyree, Chairman  
Great Issues Committee

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**Editor, The Battalion:**

Recently I received a letter from my dad in Viet Nam asking that I help start a magazine-sending project for the men over there. He said servicemen are starved for reading material.

He asked for everyone to collect magazines suitable for men, place them in a cardboard box, mark the box "Magazines for Servicemen in Viet Nam" and send it to:

Transportation Officer  
Military Sea Transport Service  
U. S. Army Port of Embarkation  
Oakland, Calif.

Please, Aggies, join with men in this project for our men. Thank you.

Barbara Boyette,  
North Texas State

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**Editor, The Battalion:**

I attended the Baylor-Texas A&M football game last Saturday and was one of the many who was impressed by the conduct and attitude of the Fighting Texas Aggies. I crave ya'll's undying spirit, and no matter what rank Texas A&M receives from the conference, you'll still be big number one in the hearts of many! Thank you.

Betty Hess,  
Baylor Sophomore

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**Editor, The Battalion:**

I must commend you for your support of our servicemen in Viet Nam by your telegram. It is such action that upholds my high regard for Texas A&M.

As a woman, I cannot bear those who display their cowardice, as though it deserves merit, by demonstrating against the policy of the United States in Viet Nam. As an American citizen, I can only look on these so-called men with shame and disgust.

Thank you, Texas Aggies, for being the outstanding men you are.

Virginia Eve Barnes

## CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"We have a good chance of beatin' them! After all they haven't been tested yet! At the time it seemed an accomplishment to beat TU, but now we realize that anybody can do that!"

## State Schools And Religion

Lani Presswood

Just exactly where religion fits in at a state-supported college is not the easiest decision an administration has to make.

Most of the uncertainty about this subject dates back to America's traditional sensitivity about separating the church steeple from the smoke-filled room.

As a result, universities began developing with exactly opposite viewpoints toward religion. The church-endowed schools taught all their courses on the assumption that their particular faith was the true one.

On the other hand, the tax-supported schools too often took an ostrich-in-the-sand approach to the question and chose to merely ignore religion, or to pretend that it didn't really exist.

This is the non-controversial path, the easy path... and also the least enlightened path the state schools can follow.

Why the least enlightened? "Religion is one of the dimensions of human experience that

is tremendously significant, one that every educated man should know of."

These are Dr. James McCord's words, not mine, and they make a lot of sense. McCord, an East Texas native who's now President of Princeton's Theological Seminary, spoke on campus earlier in the week.

One of his contentions was that "Western thought is built on three great pillars—Roman Greece and Jerusalem, and the exclusion of any of the three results in an unbalanced view of history."

The eminent theologian also noted that religion is the key to understanding many current crises, in particular the India-Pakistan dispute and the Vietnam conflict. He believes the Hindu-Moslem and Buddhist-Catholic hostilities need to be grasped to gain any real understanding of these international problems.

All right now, if all this is granted and we declare that a true education must include instruction in religion, there still remains the question of how to accomplish it in a state university without bringing denominational wrangles into the picture.

To solve this problem, McCord offers three alternatives which have worked out well at other schools.

The first method is the one now in operation at Stanford. On the Palo Alto campus, there is no formal department composed solely of theologians. Instead, they are assigned to other departments closely related to their specialty. For example, a church historian might be placed in the history department while an expert in Christian ethics would wind up in the philosophy department.

One questioner asked McCord after his speech if he didn't think the Stanford system involved certain complications which would make it unworkable at A&M. McCord's response was quick and to the point: "I hadn't thought of Palo Alto as being any more godly than College Station."

Another plan besides the one used at Stanford makes the philosophy department the focal point of a school's religious education program.

And while discussing philosophy as an academic discipline, McCord observed: "I would think that the development of a philosophy department is an absolute must for a university. A university is not a university without strong philosophy offerings and administrative support for them."

As a third alternative to the philosophy department and Stanford method lies the avenue of a formal department of religion. Such a department wouldn't concentrate on Judeo-Christian specialists but would also develop strong faculty representation in the Far Eastern religions.

This plan is the one McCord predicted would be the most widely adopted by the state universities.

And why not? By taking a broad and objective approach to the subject, such a plan would insure a more balanced and complete education while at the same time avoiding sectarian disputes.

If those engaged in charting A&M's future are really concerned over this matter, they would do well to give a long, hard look at this third alternative.

Increasing acceptance of this plan on our nation's campuses reflects a more realistic attitude toward religion, an objective approach free from many of the historic evils of prejudice and intolerance.

This is unquestionably a healthy and much-needed development. But ironically, it appears to be a development resulting not from a genuine searching for truth but rather from a widespread rejection of all forms of faith.

By Charles M. Schulz

## The Great Pumpkin Rises Out Of Halloween Mystery

### Herky Killingsworth

probably drives a corvette and continually tries to get in the Lucy's favorite pastime is football which means she obviously has never been at A&M. Peanuts likes football too, but my hero Linus takes the cultural side of life and spends his time developing the traditions of the United States. History shows that Santa

Claus was begun by a character named Beethoven. Peter Rabbit came from Mozart, and Thanksgiving's Gobble, Gobble from Bevo. Like those same hero's come Linus and his hope of Halloween, the Great Pumpkin.

Now I realize this is all nonsense for you more sophisticated, scientific-minded students, but try letting your hair down just once. It's fun—just forget about those two quizzes you flunked today and get in line for an unscheduled meeting with the Great Pumpkin.

## ON OTHER CAMPUSES

### Minnesota

Roger Bloomfield is constructing a car in the basement of the student union at the University of Minnesota. He is presently putting a fiberglass body on the car. It resembles a Corvair Monza GT, an experimental car.

What is so unusual about this? The real question is how will he get the car out of the building when the work is completed. It will not fit through the doors.

### Houston

Students at the University of Houston are tired of promises of a good football team. Some of the disgruntled fans took it upon themselves to hang Coach Bill Yeoman in effigy.

When safety and security patrolmen arrived early Tuesday morning to raise the flag, dummies were already in place atop the flagpoles.

The Cougar football team is 1-5 in what was to be their best season in years.

### Oklahoma

Dr. Elroy L. Rice at Oklahoma University just can't keep a dry office.

The first flooding occurred last summer when a plug was left out of a drain pipe. Following a heavy rain, Rice found two inches of water in his office.

About a month ago, when the cage washer on the ninth floor of the Botany Microbiology Building was operated, the office in the building was again flooded.

Then on Oct. 22, the pipes on the fifth floor of the building all started leaking at once. The water traveled through the hollow spaces in the wall and ended up in guess who's office.

Dr. Lawrence Rohrbaugh was

## PEANUTS

