

Sound Off

Student Senator Reviews Senate's Responsibility

Editor,
The Battalion:
Last Thursday night at the Student Senate meeting, I was shocked to find that some of the senators who represent the student body of this university would not stand up to their responsibility to speak out for what they and the students they represent want.

THE BATTALION

Opinions expressed in *The Battalion* are those of the student writers only. *The Battalion* is a non-tax-supported non-profit, self-supporting educational enterprise edited and operated by students at a university and community newspaper.

Members of the Student Publications Board are: Joe Buser, chairman; Dr. David Bowers, College of Liberal Arts; Dr. Robert A. Clark, College of Geosciences; Dr. Frank A. McDonald, College of Science; Dr. J. G. McGuire, College of Engineering; Dr. Robert S. Titus, College of Veterinary Medicine; and Dr. A. E. Wooten, College of Agriculture.

The Battalion, a student newspaper at Texas A&M is published in College Station, Texas daily except Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, and holiday periods, September through May, and once a week during summer school.

The Associated Press is entitled exclusively to the use for republication of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited in the paper and local news of spontaneous origin published herein. Rights of republication of all other matter herein are also reserved.

Second-Class postage paid at College Station, Texas.

MEMBER

The Associated Press, Texas Press Association

Represented nationally by National Advertising Service, Inc., New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

News contributions may be made by telephoning 846-6618 or 846-4910 or at the editorial office, Room 4, YMCA Building. For advertising or delivery call 846-6415.

Mail subscriptions are \$3.50 per semester; \$6 per school year; \$6.50 per full year. All subscriptions subject to 2% sales tax. Advertising rate furnished on request. Address: The Battalion, Room 4, YMCA Building, College Station, Texas.

EDITOR GLENN DROMGOOLE
Managing Editor Gerald Garcia
Sports Editor Larry Jerden
News Editor Tommy DeFrank
Photographer Herky Killingsworth
Amusements Editor Lani Presswood

The issue concerned the cancellation of the Johnny Cash performance on Bonfire Night. True, the Senate could not get Cash back. True, the Senate could only voice its approval or disapproval of the administration's action in this matter. I had believed it was true that the Senate was "the voice of the Student Body." I found out differently!

Several members of the Senate (the author included) wished to discuss this issue and to bring to light the opinions of the students they represent. Due to a constitutional article, this matter could be discussed but no action could be taken without unanimous consent. This was because the issue had not been put on the official agenda by the Senate Executive Committee. The principal reason for it not being on the agenda stemmed from the fact that the issue came up after the last Executive Committee meeting.

This issue was discussed at length Thursday, much to the dismay of several who wanted an early adjournment. When unanimous consent was asked for to vote on the issue, several senators objected. Therefore, a motion to show the disapproval of the Senate for the cancellation of Cash's performance could not be voted on.

This letter is not intended to discredit any of those who objected to the motion. If they wanted to object, let them vote against — but at least let them vote!

I have heard of few issues that have aroused the interest of the student body as much as the Cash cancellation. I know the issue was clouded in rumor, doubt and downright ignorance of all the facts of the situation. But I do believe that the students here disapprove of the cancellation. I believe it is the Senate's responsibility to let the administration know we disapprove. And most of all, I believe it is every senator's responsibility to take a stand and vote on any issue.

In this case, a mere technicality kept the "student's voice" quiet as a church mouse, when it should have spoken with all the force and determination equal to its position on this campus.

James H. Morris, '66
Chairman, Welfare Committee

Editor,
The Battalion:
Please express our thanks to the members of the Sophomore Class for the beautiful spray of white asters that they sent to the service for our son, Joe.

The warmth of Texas A&M student body and staff have helped us in our grief. With grateful hearts,

Jean and Joe Wilson

Editor,
The Battalion:
We, the cadets of the Texas Maritime Academy, wish to convey our appreciation to the rest of the Texas A&M student body for its show of interest in the problems of the Maritime Academy as evidenced by the recent article in Aggie publications.

We began our college careers as fish at Aggie land, and are now attending school here in Galveston. Though we are far removed in distance from College Station, this distance is easily bridged by the uniting spirit common to all Aggies. Now we find the spirit slowly fading.

We are proud of Texas A&M University, and we want to remain Aggies. How much easier would it be to remain Aggies if we could keep the traditions that are the backbone of the Aggie Spirit? We are trying to correct this problem, and would appreciate the support of every Fighting Texas Aggie in our efforts.

The Cadets, TMA

Editor,
The Battalion:
To the thousands of Fighting Texas Aggies, I wish you the best of luck against Texas University this next week. To maintain the integrity you have shown this year should be your aim so that you will win the Good Sportsmanship Award.

Don't back down when others provoke you, but still try to maintain restraint toward "Mickey Mouse" actions of other schools. Thank you for being the best school in the SWC by proving it in everything you do.

Edith Jones
Texas Christian University

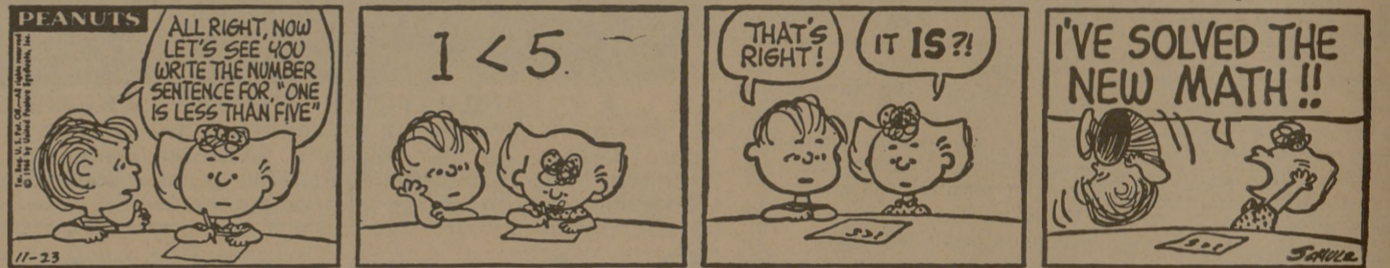
CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"This has been a terrible disappointment to my class! We'll never be able to live down th' fact that we built th' bonfire in good weather!"

PEANUTS



By Charles M. Schulz

LOOK FOR GIBSON'S BIG 16 PAGE CHRISTMAS CIRCULAR DELIVERED IN YOUR MAIL TODAY!

OPEN THANKSGIVING DAY NOV. 25TH 9 A.M. TO 9 P.M.

PLENTY FREE PARKING
PLENTY SALES PEOPLE
TO SERVE YOU

"WHERE YOU ALWAYS BUY THE BEST FOR LESS"
GIBSON'S
DISCOUNT CENTER

REDMOND TERRACE
SHOPPING CENTER
1420 HIGHWAY 6 SOUTH
COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS
OPEN 9 A.M. - 9 P.M.
MONDAY - SATURDAY