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Student unrest: Part 2.

Youth has always been a period for experiment, excitement and education. The present unrest on campus — though perhaps more widely publicized than earlier exploits — is hardly anything new.

Each generation has had its problems with "young rebels," for it is not youth's nature to accept the status quo without question.

Writers as far back as Biblical days have depicted the restlessness of youth. This basic nature has changed very little to the present time.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE defined his youth as "my salad days, when I was green in judgement."

Robert Louis Stevenson termed youth "wholly experimental." Ivan Sergeyevich Turgeniev called it "that air of superiority to the rest of the world which usually disappears when once the twenties have passed."

William Butler Yeats said, "When we are young, we long to tread a way none trod before."

And in Gamaliel Bradford wrote:

"Youth is alive, and once we too were young, Dreamed we could make the world all over new,

Tossed eager projects lightly from the tongue, And hoped the hurrying years would prove them true."

WE CAN LOOK back to where unsatisfied youth such as John and Charles Wesley, Ben Franklin and William Randolph Hearst produced such significant contributions to the nation as Methodism, crusading journalism and sensational newspapers.

But it was not until after World War I that generalities were tagged to youth's activism.

Gertrude Stein started the whole thing when she classified the post-WW I youth the "Lost Generation."

Educator Mark C. Ebersole states that the entire generation was considered only as "high living, madness, devolution, frivolity, wildness, petting parties, tennis, jazz, flamboyancy, kicking, roaring, flag-pole sitting, vamping, bobbing, frank-talking, dancing, smoking, synthetic gin, coonskin coats, recklessness and whoopee."

"Although presumably they felt forsaken, one would not have known it by looking at them," he noted. "With happy abandon they gave themselves to outlandish propositions and to zany ventures, to easy diversions and to naughty play."

THE LACK OF resources during the Great Depression kept sweeping titles off youth's back temporarily, until things began to get better and the "New Generation" emerged.

"Their only principal," one critic wrote, "is that there is no moral principle at all, their only slogan that all statements of policy, all appeals to standards, are nothing but slogans, and hence frauds and deceptions."

This behavior began about 1940, lasted through World War II and in the decade that followed. It was generally recognized — especially by the youth themselves — as a sophisticated generation. Instead of loud, they were subdued; they drank cocktails instead of straight from the whiskey flask.

"The students had been on Guam, at Monte Cassino, in Normandy, over the Hump, and they knew all about life and death and sex and radar," Ebersole recorded.

ABOUT 1950, however, Jack Kerouac reclassified the "New Generation" as the "Beat Generation" which prompted William Styron in his *Lie Down in Darkness* to have a young girl say: "Those people back in the Lost Generation. Daddy, I guess. Anybody who thought they were lost was crazy. They weren't lost. What they were doing was losing us."

Then came the "Religious Generation" of the late '50s, as Ebersole calls it.

"During the years immediately following (the Beat Generation)," he writes, "piety on the campus — and off, for that matter — surged to unprecedented heights."

Students began questioning their relationship with the Supreme Being, their existence, their birth and their consequences after death.

DURING THIS ERA, a theological school president decided, "Nowhere does the tide of religious awakening flow more powerfully than among the younger generation, especially on college and university campuses."

Then came the Committed Generation of the 1962-63 Kennedy influence, with their interest in the welfare of humanity, their civil rights crusades and their involvement in the Peace Corps.

They were termed "vital, alive and ardent young people."

Then the "Tormented Generation" generation appeared, according to Ebersole's "The Rise and Fall of Student Generations."

"Students of this generation were distraught, beset with confusion, misery, frustration and failure and preoccupied with their personal plight," he wrote.

"THEY SEEM RELUCTANT to participate in the world in which they are living," a critic noted.

The rapid turnover of "generations" continued, with the fall of 1964 producing the "Political Activist Generation" with its active sometime reactionary, participation in politics, education and government affairs. A Berkeley erupted. And a rumble of dissent began to be heard on other campuses.

Political activism continued into this academic year, but more and more the generation is slipping into the "New Left" classification.

SO FROM LOST to New to Beat to Religious to Committed to Tormented to Political Activists to New Left, college students have always had a ready-made category to fit into during this century. Their particular individual philosophies and ideologies have not mattered — they have only been part of the whole.

As individual students break away from their current classification, others follow. And a new "generation" is born.

Perhaps this partly explains some of the unrest that accompanies each movement — an individual struggling against society's tag, only to win the struggle and gain another tag.

Thursday: Size of schools.

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Political Club Issue Readied For Directors

A resolution recently passed by the Student Senate concerning admittance of political clubs onto the campus is expected to be sent to the Board of Directors shortly.

Senate President Roland Smith said Tuesday the resolution would probably be taken up by the Board at its March meeting.

In addition to the normal campus organization regulations, the resolution issued a nine-point list of limitations affecting political clubs only.

Restrictions to political clubs include: Speakers will be subject to the approval of the Dean of Students.

No parades, bands or demonstrations connected with political clubs will be permitted on campus.

No candidate who has filed for a primary or general state election may be brought to speak to the organization.

No on-campus campaigning for candidates for a political office or distribution of campaign materials except between members of the organizations will be permitted.

Organizations will be permitted to solicit funds and members in an orderly manner, with tables allowed outside Sbsa Dining Hall during registration.

With the permission of the Dean of Students, soliciting of funds and members will be permitted in the Memorial Student Center area, on the corner of the Guion Hall block.

Posters of regulation size may be placed on student bulletin boards for club announcements only. No campaign posters will be allowed.

The political clubs should be affiliated with a nationally recognized party.

Clubs will have access to meeting rooms to conduct meetings. If a speaker is engaged that otherwise fits the requirements of

the administration, the meeting may be opened to the general public, but shall not take on the aspect of a political rally.

These rules will not affect campaigning or rallies held off campus.

The resolution suggested that club offices be obtained in prominent positions on campus as soon as possible to prevent any operation of an underground nature.

It also advised that clubs be formed with two-fold organization, meeting and recruiting on campus and holding its rallies and campaign speeches off campus.

Specifications for admittance of political organizations are the same as for other student clubs, having to meet the approval of the Executive Committee of the University or its designated representative.

An official request must be filled with the Student Finance Center in the MSC by Oct. 15 for official recognition during that school year.

Freshman Ball Slated Feb. 26

Tickets are on sale in the Memorial Student Center for the Freshman Ball, scheduled for Feb. 26 in Sbsa Hall.

Both Corps and civilian freshmen may purchase tickets in the Student Program Office or from any fish class officer for \$3.50 per couple.

Music for the dance will be provided by "The Yaks" and the Aggeland Orchestra. The Yaks are a rock-and-roll group who specialize in music with an English flair.

Dress for the event will be Class A Formal, with white shirt, bow tie and white gloves for Corps freshmen and dark suit and tie for civilians.

Students wishing to enter candidates for Class Sweetheart must turn in a 3 x 5 photograph and a casual snapshot to the Student Program Office. The girl's name, level of study, hometown, school attending, hobbies and escort's name are also necessary.

Seven finalists will be chosen Monday and attend an afternoon reception Feb. 26, with the winner being selected at the ball. Final judging will be based on poise, personality and appearance.

Top Reserve Aide Speaks Thursday

Dr. Theodore C. Marrs, member of the Air Force Secretariat and Deputy for Reserve and ROTC Affairs, will speak at an Air Force ROTC "dining in" for seniors at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Briarcrest Country Club.

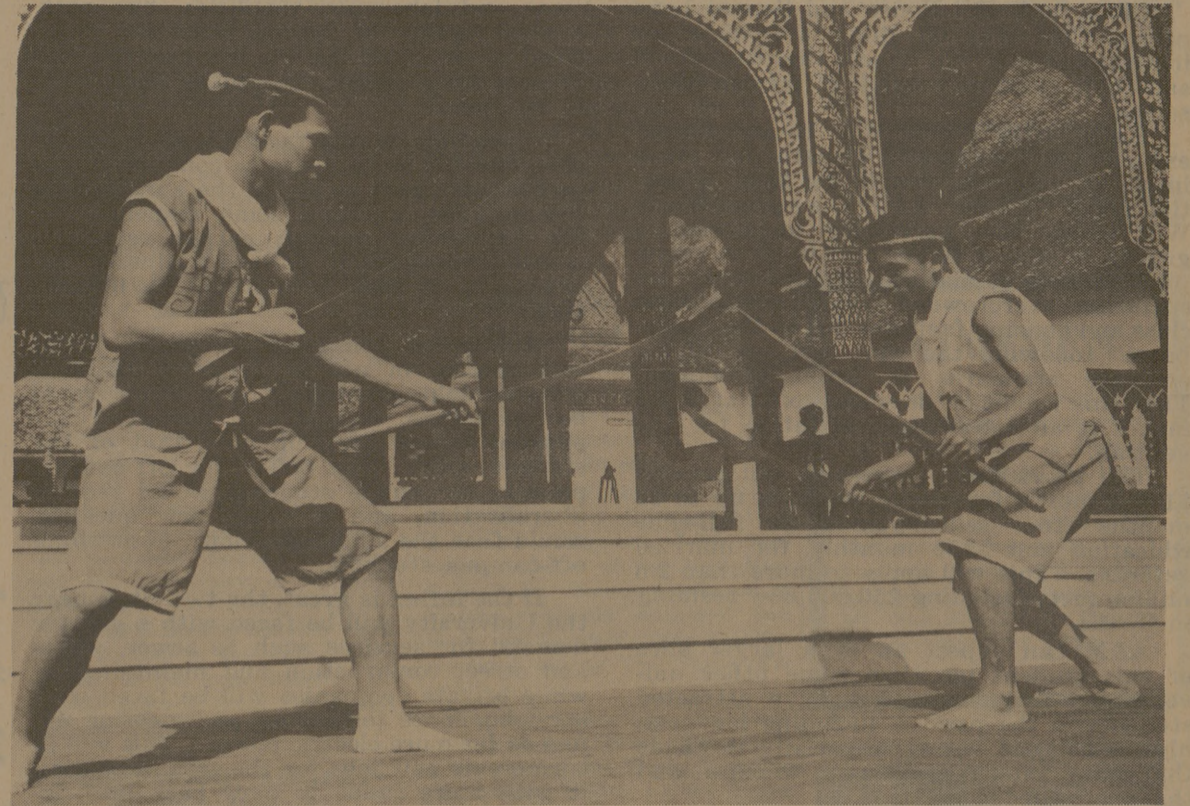
Other guests will include Maj. Gen. John Doyle, USAF (Ret.), A&M President Earl Rudder and Dean of Students James P. Hanigan.

Marrs has authority over the Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Air Force ROTC and Civil Air Patrol policy.

As a physician he is a member of the American Board of Pediatrics, the President's Committee for the Handicapped and the Royal Society of Medicine. He has also founded and built six clinics and hospitals.

His military career includes assignments as flight surgeon, wing surgeon, hospital commander and special assistant to the Surgeon General of the Air Force.

Invitations to the dinner have also been extended to Cong. Olin E. Teague, Col. E. M. Jones, Air Force area "G" commander, and Col. Ralph C. Embrey, from headquarters of the Air Defense Command.



TRADITIONAL ASIAN KNIFE DANCE

This Southeast Asian knife ritual will be shown in a film-lecture program on "The Four Faces of Southeast Asia" at 8 p. m. Thursday in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom. Fran William Hall, who has traveled in 50 countries, will show color films of Cambodia, Burma, Thailand and Malaysia. A former Walt Disney photographer, Hall will appear under sponsorship of the World Around Us series.

History Of Coeducation — 2

All-Male Status Broken As Hutson Twins Enroll

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The coeducation barrier at the A&M College of Texas was broken in 1899, two years before the bid by Bryan citizens to merge the proposed state industrial school for girls with A&M was rejected by the Legislature.

Mary and Sophie Hutson, popularly known as the Hutson Twins while studying at A&M, were enrolled in the fall of 1899 to attend classes during the regular session.

Daughters of C. W. Hutson, longtime professor of English and history, the girls enrolled in the engineering curriculum and remained in school for four years.

They were active in social functions and are credited with being the first to place before the senior class the question of publishing a student-operated yearbook.

The 1903 Longhorn, then the college yearbook, said the Twins "have availed themselves of the course of instruction in the Technical Departments of the College and are now doing senior work, in which they will receive certificates at Commencement, 1903."

BUT THE GIRLS, although both fulfilled all requirements for graduation, were not granted a diploma. It was not the fashion of that time to award degrees to females.

Col. Baker Attends PMS Conference

Col. D. L. Baker, professor of military science, is attending an annual PMS Conference today at Fort Sam Houston.

Fifty professors of military science from a five-state area schools are attending the Fourth Army headquarters meeting. Colleges, universities, military and high schools in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma will be represented.

The conference is to orient PMS's on current and projected Army activities, plans and programs.

Kuykendall To Speak At Ohio Meeting

W. E. Kuykendall, assistant research engineer of the Activation Analysis Research Laboratory, will present a paper on "Lunar and Planetary Surface Analysis" in Dayton, Ohio, Feb. 17.

The research report was written by Kuykendall, Richard E. Wainerdi, M. Y., Cuyppers and J. S. Bishop, all AARL scientists.

The Ohio meeting is sponsored by the U. S. Atomic Energy Division of Isotopes Development and the U. S. Air Force's System Command.

Another early coed was Emma Watkins Fountain, daughter of Professor Charles P. Fountain, later head of the Department of English.

She was admitted in the fall of 1901 and studied German with the junior class, French and mathematics with the sophomore class and physics with the freshmen.

Emma never finished course work at A&M—in fact, the college refused her credit for any of the courses she completed.

President David F. Houston left A&M to take a position at the University of Texas in 1905, and when he took up his new post he told her the University would accept credit for her A&M courses.

SO SHE TRANSFERRED to Texas in the spring of 1905 and was graduated in 1907.

She married Dr. R. P. Marsteller, second dean of the A&M College of Veterinary Medicine, and lives today in Bryan.

Mrs. Marsteller recalls that male students treated her and the Hutson Twins with courtesy during their careers at A&M.

"They were very nice to me and all of the girls," she said. "The boys realized there was no place else for us to go, and they seemed to be glad to have us."

Records indicate that some girls attended classes during the regular term between 1905 and 1925, but the total number was negligible. Most of these were kin to members of the faculty and staff.

Dr. D. B. Cofer Sr., former English professor and college archivist, recalls that four girls, including the two daughters of Professor F. E. Giesecke, were enrolled in his freshman English class in 1910.

"Dr. Fountain told me, 'Cofer, you're a bachelor and the youngest in the department so I'm going to give the girls to you!'" he said.

They were all good students," Cofer remembered, "and they all made A's and B's. The boys were very proper and took them for

the good students that they were."

IN 1909 the Board, by direction of the Legislature, opened a summer session to provide instruction to both sexes without administering entrance examinations.

Women thus attended these sessions from the onset of the project and have always done so without opposition from the administration.

A handful of women students, nevertheless, attended classes at various years during the regular term from 1910 through 1925.

The 1916 Longhorn carries the pictures of two women under the heading of "special students," while the 1922 and 1923 yearbooks list an aggregate of 21 girls as "special unofficial students."

These girls apparently never completed degree requirements since none received degrees.

THE FIRST woman to receive a degree from A&M was Mary Evelyn Crawford, sister of a professor of engineering.

She entered in 1921, attended both regular and summer sessions and was granted a degree in English in the summer of 1925.

However, she was not permitted to receive the diploma at summer commencement.

"I got a call from the registrar's secretary," she reminisces. "She told me to come over to her apartment and get my diploma."

"I was so glad to hear that I did get a diploma I would have crawled over to that apartment."

Now, Mrs. L. B. Locke, wife of an assistant secretary of the Association of Former Students, she remembers that being admitted then posed no problem for a woman.

"The President (William Bizzell) said I could go so I started," she said.

AND HOW does she feel about the possibility of complete coeducation for A&M?

"I think they (the present Board) have gone so far they had better go the rest of the way," she ventured.

(Next: The 1933 trial.)



FIRST TWO COEDS
... Hutson Twins enrolled in 1899.