

## College Coordinating Board Moves Toward Objective

The new State College Coordinating Board, set up last year by the legislature, has taken its first official action and proved that it intends to accomplish its mission with only one objective in mind: Improving the state's higher educational system.

Monday it made five recommendations, four of which directly affect Texas A&M. The first, and by far the most noteworthy of these, was the decision to limit to four the number of institutions offering doctor's degree programs.

This will be accomplished by allowing A&M, Texas Tech and the University of Houston to offer Ph.D. programs, with provisions to allow North Texas, Arlington State and Texas Woman's University to serve the Dallas-Fort Worth Area. The board said the schools were chosen on the basis of location, size, faculty and facilities.

While this plan may not make friends among some smaller colleges that had their sights set on eventual doctorate programs, on closer examination it is best for the state — the smaller colleges included.

The state's educational system will be improved by concentrating all their Ph.D. level studies on a few campuses where the personnel and facilities are available, instead of spreading them thinly among a number of colleges. This will permit these campuses to develop their graduate schools into the nationally-recognized programs they should be.

It will also free the smaller colleges to concentrate on undergraduate programs, de-

veloping them to a peak of proficiency they might not reach if they were trying to build up a graduate school with limited funds.

A fact that must be taken into account is the limitation of state funds. The money available for education is limited, and it will do more good overall channeled into specialized areas than spread thinly with a duplication of mediocre graduate programs.

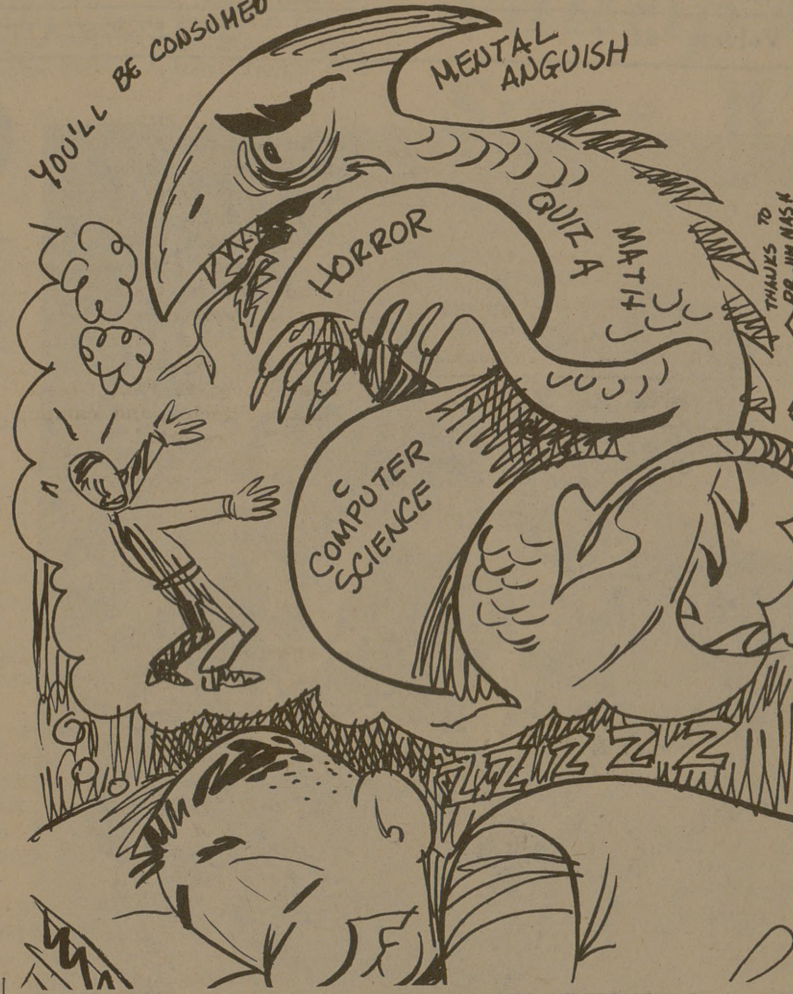
Other recommendations affecting A&M were limiting the school of veterinary medicine to the College Station campus, limiting the number of vocational and technical training schools and limiting schools of architecture.

Confining the study of vet medicine to A&M insures all women wishing to pursue this major will have to be admitted for lack of alternatives.

The vocational and technical training schools will be limited to junior colleges with a few exceptions, including A&M's new James Connally Technical Institute, and architecture programs will only be offered at the four Ph.D. schools.

Efforts are being made to insure adequate educational opportunities for all citizens of the state, located in easily accessible areas. These latest decisions will help facilitate this goal by establishing graduate-level programs in population centers and undergraduate schooling in all other corners of the state. The citizens of Texas should support to the fullest this new board and its actions.

## CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



Editor, The Battalion:

This is in reference to Mr. Prewitt's letter of Tuesday, Feb. 15. After reading a letter like that, I am sure that he has no idea of women and sexual relations, other than through vicarious experiences. The dogma of his church has paralyzed his mind to the extent that he believes sex is a privilege of married couples only.

I feel that the separation of church and state is necessary not only to allow personal freedom, but to strengthen the church. Think of how much more interested a person would be in church affairs if he had to pay more for church taxes. There should be no difference in the government's eyes between Baptists or Catholics or agnostics.

Only when Mr. Prewitt realizes that we are no longer living in the colonial era and that our morals have taken a more open-minded position, will he see that the church and state should be separated.

Carl C. Prescott '67

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When you are down  
You are not really out,  
Unless you stay down  
For the full ten count.

Get up fighting though you may get another fall. In this battle of life, You can't win them all.

Try a little harder when your back is to the wall. Just remember this— Nobody wins them all.

Play the game of life The very best you can. Fair-and-square like a Real Gentleman—

Be proud of your country, State and School if you can. That is not hard to do. If it is Texas Aggie-land.

Mrs. Ann Baker

## Peace Corps Team Scheduled Feb. 27

A three-member Peace Corps Team will visit Texas A&M Feb. 27-March 5, announced Dr. W. W. Edmondson, A&M Peace Corps Advisory Council chairman.

"The team is especially interested in visiting with former Peace Corps volunteers who are students or faculty members," Edmondson commented.

## Of Mice and Men

By Herky Killingsworth

By HERKY KILLINGSWORTH I didn't get a Valentine on Valentine's Day. I wasn't crushed, but I must admit I really took it to heart. Feb. 14 was set aside for young sweethearts, and once again love has passed me by.

It's enough to make one sick. You spend all year meeting girls, falling in and out of love, spending your money, and then they up and fail to realize the importance of a single valentine placed in an appropriate box.

And the embarrassment of it all. Right now someone, somewhere is getting a valentine from me. To be on the safe side in making sure I forgot no-one who might have written, I sent a Valentine to everyone I knew. The expense of a 100 valentines

and stamps, yet—I received nothing except a note from my parents to start studying and my grandmother wrote to find out when I will repay the money stolen from the cookie-jar.

No Valentines means that the cute little girl with the blonde curls that sat behind me in the third grade has forgotten. Sophia Loren just doesn't care and my laundry woman wants me to drop dead.

I readily admit that I am no Cary Grant or Rock Hudson, but I do have a nice personality and even make my own clothes. I'm not Rockefeller or Roy Hofheinz but I am liked by all of the boys. Hugh Hefner laughed at me when I applied for a job, but I have a good sense of humor. With traits such as

these it couldn't have been my fault.

Madame Love has failed me. I have loved the most beautiful girls in the world, and College Station, only to be snubbed by all. I must now turn to my old grandpappy's advice to forget about love, beautiful girls and the splendors of the two and seek a woman who can cook.

No, I didn't get a Valentine Feb. 14. St. Valentine has forsaken men, and Cupid's arrows, though hitting me solid, have fallen short of the opposite sex (and I use the term, sex, loosely). With the cold reality of my ill-fated life I must now place Valentines aside with Santa Claus and place my faith in the Bunny Hugh promised not to let me down.

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