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But for Rogers to have any hope of success he would have to hurdle Bryan Sen. Bill Moore, who had threatened to filibuster against the measure.

THE BILL first had to be approved by the Senate Education Committee, headed by Moore, who had throttled an attempt in 1963 to overturn the ruling adopting limited coeducation for A&M.

The bill was pigeonholed in committee and never considered for several weeks, while Rogers fumed that Moore was deliberately refusing to bring the measure to a vote.

Rogers succeeded in transferring the all-male bill from Moore's committee to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs March 15, 1965.

The fiery Moore, who called

the legislation "a simple bill, thought up by simple people" attempting to "return A&M to the year 1900," promptly resigned as committee chairman but later reconsidered.

With the bill removed from sure defeat in Moore's committee, Rogers felt more confident in the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

And on March 17, with about 150 informed students looking on, the bill received committee approval by a voice vote.

A&M PRESIDENT Earl Rudder and Board President Sterling Evans both testified against the bill, asking that the Senate leave affairs of the school to the discretion of the Board.

"To take this bill and tie down the Board forever and say no to changes which would perhaps be necessary . . . would be a serious handicap," Evans pointed out. "We have a great future and we certainly hope this Legislature

will not try to hinder the Board in making decisions that would be desirable."

Rudder also noted that passage of the bill might damper attempts to upgrade the faculty.

"If we try to take authority away from the Board you will have a difficult time getting proffers to come to A&M," Rudder stressed. "If you pass this bill I've got faculty members who would leave tomorrow."

ROGERS CHARGED the public had been led to believe that A&M would suffer if full coeducation was not approved.

"The biggest brainwash job in the last 10 to 15 years has been conducted to convince people the school will die and have no growth unless it goes coed," he claimed. "There is no evidence that says you've got to have coeds to have quality and growth."

The bill was a watered-down committee substitute that in effect upheld the current Board policy of limited coeducation to comply with a court decision ruling on the legality of refusing to admit women to a state-supported school.

Several students testified on behalf of the bill and the student body president and Corps Comamnder spoke against it.

SHORTLY AFTER the committee hearing the A&M faculty began circulating a petition condemning the bill and reemphasizing faculty support for full coeducation.

"We . . . deplore the interference in the Board's efforts which is being exerted by certain individuals who, we feel, are not in a position to properly evaluate and direct the future of Texas A&M University," the petition read in part.

Rogers had meanwhile postponed floor action on the bill until a similar measure was introduced in the House by Rep. E. M. Edwards.

The April 5 House Committee

on State Affairs hearing was a replay of the earlier Senate hearing with A&M administrators opposing the measure and students split over the issue.

Even T. L. Smith of the class of 1898, who had led the fight against coeducation in 1963, appeared in behalf of the bill.

College Station Rep. David Haines also appeared and condemned the bill, claiming that many top quality professors would not come to A&M because they could not enroll their wives and daughters.

THE COMMITTEE bill was not brought to a vote but sent instead to a subcommittee, where it eventually bogged down.

With time running out in the legislative session Rogers resumed the fight in the Senate and Moore filibustered for two days.

Rogers was forced to kill the bill May 26 in order to clear the floor for more vital statewide legislation when Moore indicated he was prepared to filibuster indefinitely.

BUT TWO DAYS later the House passed by a 102-34 margin a resolution asking that coeducation at A&M not be expanded further and that the policy of the state was that the school should remain essentially an all-male institution.

The House had gone on record against coeducation, but the ultimate authority still lay with the Board of Directors.

(Next: Recent developments.)

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Chemical Engineering Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the South Solarium of the YMCA.

Waco-McLennan County Hometown Club will meet in Anderson Room of the YMCA.

San Angelo-West Texas Hometown Club will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the MSC.

Deep East Texas Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3B of the MSC.

Jackson County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the MSC lobby.

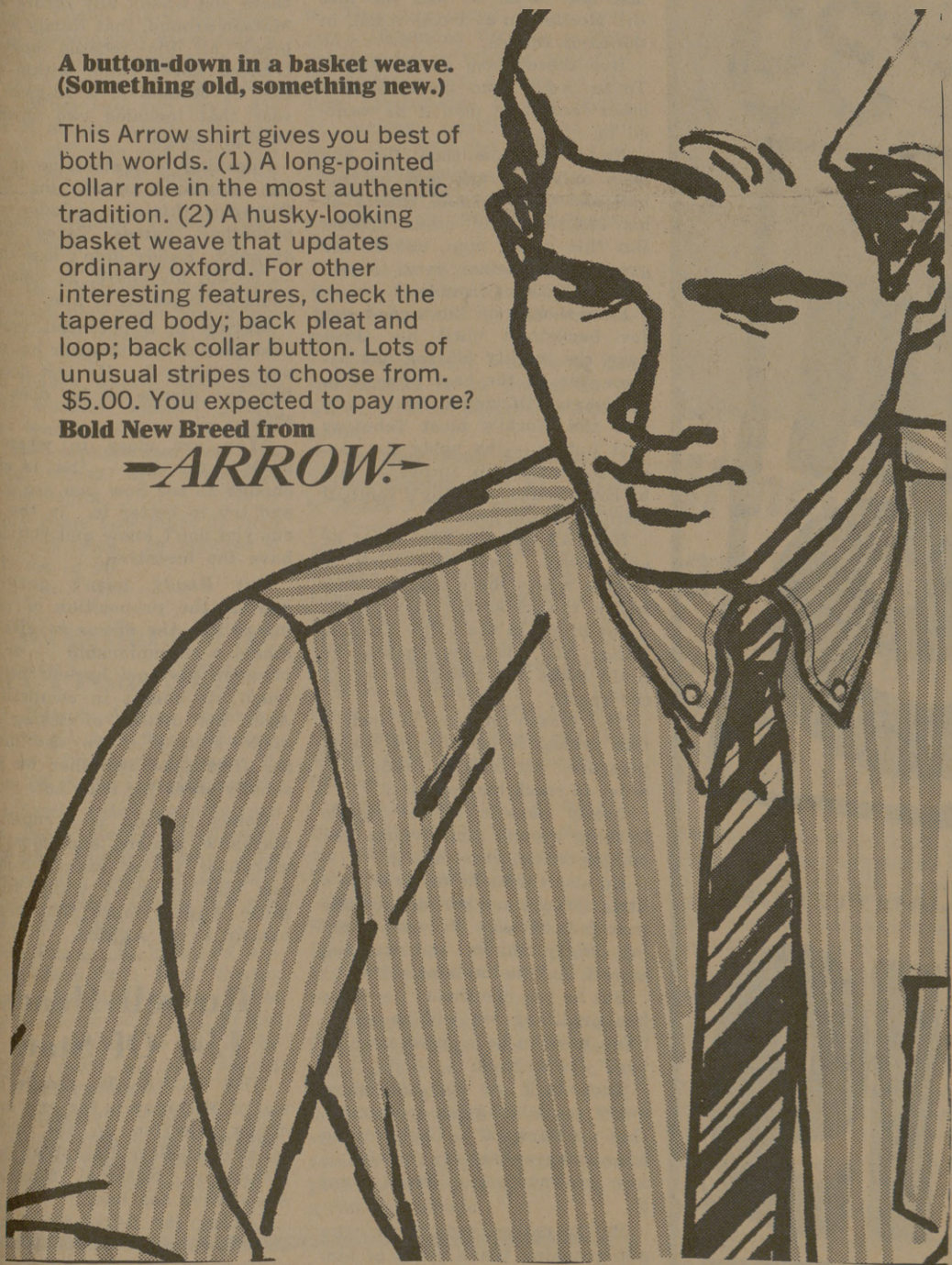
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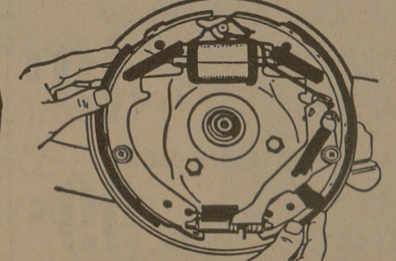
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