

Guest Editorial

# Student Senates Seek Responsibility

(ACP) — Gone are the days of torchlight parades for campus politicians, massive marches on the Capitol and rigged cheerleader elections. Election turnout is the same as ever — appallingly small, but in the old days at least a portion of the student body seemed to care about the University's brand of personal politics.

Student government has gone "responsible." Candidates and electorate no longer care about the froth that once consumed so much sound and fury. This trend toward seriousness could be for the better, but unfortunately the Student Assembly and Students' Association are still geared to the days when somebody really cared about getting his best friend appointed to the sweetheart nominee appeals board sub-committee.

Today's students are asking for a role in the governing of the University. They are willing to sit through hours of droning Regents meetings, plow through acres of administrative red tape, delve into important but unspectacular aspects of University policy. Student leaders have approached the Board of Regents, asking for seats on some of the policy-making committees, and the Regents have shown a willingness to consider their requests.

This plea for a voice in University affairs is a plea for the very life of student government. For if students cannot have a significant voice within the University they will attempt to influence it from the outside through such methods as demonstration and unionization.

If student government is not granted a greater degree of power, fewer and fewer outstanding University students will be attracted to it. Even now, independent groups attract many potential leaders by confronting significant issues such as integration, American foreign policy and academic ills which student government most often ignores.

There has been a change in attitude among thoughtful elements of the student body. But if student government does not herald — or at least reflect — this change it will alienate itself even more from potential leaders and lose its opportunity to articulate and help solve the University's problems.

—Daily Texan



... After every quiz I have a conference and explain why I did poorly, I laugh at his jokes, I give him original excuses when I'm absent, I even borrow a textbook to carry to class! I'm at my rope's end - what else can I do to make th' grade in that course?"

# Noon Rush Unnecessary

One of the many problems besetting this ever-expanding institution is a lack of space during the noon hour, both in local eating establishments and on the streets.

During the 60 minutes between noon and 1 p.m., all 9,300 students of A&M are dismissed from classes, as are professors and secretaries, and the vast majority of auxiliary offices, both on and off campus, are closed.

The result is several thousand people trying to occupy crowded campus streets, the traffic circle and crammed cafes at the same time. While no one has starved yet, the situation is getting worse and should be remedied.

One possible solution is the initiation of noon classes. The prime source of friction here is the Corp's noon formation. If

Cadets could be assured of free noon hours so they could march and eat together, this would go a long way toward alleviating the problem.

Also, some personnel could take lunch hours at different times, keeping their offices open during the lunch period. This would perform a dual service of taking pressure off overcrowded public facilities and better accomo-

date the students. Many days some students have only their lunch hour during which to conduct personal business, but closed business offices prevent it.

Graphics Contest

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The annual Engineering Graphics Competition at Texas A&M will be held April 23.

Students enrolled in Department of Engineering Graphics undergraduate courses may enter, said Samuel M. Cleland, contest chairman.

Competition will be held at p.m. April 23 in Room 301 of the Engineering Building.

# Purely Personal

By Dani Presswood

The guy at the desk was telling me about the day he hanged himself.

Hanged himself? "That's right," Larry Sweat said. "I was about five years old at the time."

"I remember I was out playing cowboys and Indians all by myself one day and it came time to hang the bad guy. So, not being one to let anything stand in my way, I tied a rope to the clothesline, put it around my neck and jumped off the picnic table."

Well, that's nice, Larry. Uh, by the way, what are you doing here now?

"My little 3-year-old brother happened to be crawling around at the time and he mentioned to my Mother that I was hanging on the clothesline," Sweat added. A sophomore physics major, Sweat is a graduate of Grand Prairie High School.

One of his most shocking experiences, he claims, was the day President Kennedy was assassinated.

"It happened on Homecoming Day my senior year," he recalls. "I put a real dampener on the festivities. But we beat Wichita Falls for the first time in about 15 years."

Sweat, a firm backer of coeducation and student freedom, has indefinite plans for the future.

"I may work along the lines of research in nuclear physics," he remarked. "However, I've been giving thought to joining the Peace Corps after graduation."

"I definitely plan to get my

master's degree, though, and would like to get my Ph.D." And he may do it someday if he'll just hang on.

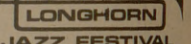
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