

Student Wishes Ignored In Graduation Invitations

The graduation invitations, in all their variations, are certainly well done and a fitting tribute to four years of hard work.

But once again, it is The Battalion's unpleasant task to point out a fly in a beautiful ointment, and call for its removal.

On the last page of the more expensive versions there is printed the text of "The Spirit," in old English lettering. At a glance it is beautiful, but upon reading the whole of it, some Aggies should receive a slight turn of the stomach.

"We are the Aggies, the Aggies so true, We are from Texas A.M.U." These are the last two lines of the graduation invitation version of "The Spirit." They are, by announcement of Robert L. Boone on August 22, 1963, the "official" words of the song, and the Administration even secured the approval of Marvin H. Mimms when the change was made.

But you can't change a tradition with a pencil and eraser.

Or by administration decree. Or by slipping it in when no one is looking.

Not even with the author's approval. That song belongs to the thousands of Aggies who have sung it, loved it and sacrificed for it. And if those who would pencil in the changes would also attend yell practice, ball games or Muster, they would realize that the student body has totally rejected the new wording.

No one sings it. No one approves of it. And no one wants to be reminded of it when they look back at their graduation invitations.

It is clear that whoever told the printing company to change the words thinks this will bring eventual acceptance. It won't.

So, if it wouldn't bother too many people, couldn't we just keep our songs the way they are?

— Sound Off —

Editor,

The Battalion:

The American Association of University Professors, to which you gave front page headlines in your May 3rd edition as the protector of campus freedom, is no more than a labor union for teachers.

Yes, I am aware that Dr. Treacy said "It is not a labor union, but a professional group that has taken the position that faculty members of colleges and universities have professional rights and responsibilities toward the institution and also themselves." But, I would ask Dr. Treacy if labor unions do not

take the position that the workers have rights and responsibilities toward the company and also themselves?

He goes on to say that, "The AAUP has also tried to improve the economic status of the profession..." What does a labor union do? Doesn't it try to improve the economic status of the workers?

If I may point out one last similarity, Dr. Treacy says, "... that all faculty members are to be granted tenure, and that seven years is the maximum trial period accepted by the AAUP." Aren't labor unions concerned with tenure for the

worker? Dr. Treacy may not believe that these points make the AAUP a labor union, but he will have a bit of trouble convincing anyone who looks into the matter.

One last point. How is it that an organization such as the AAUP which claims to be the defender of "academic freedom," employs the tactic of "Black Listing" those schools with which it does not agree and tells its members not to work in these schools? This tactic has been rejected by those who truly value freedom.

Michael F. Linz '65



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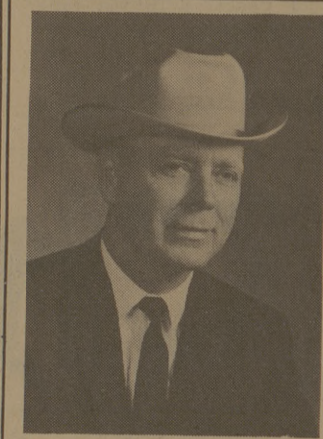
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By Charles M. Schulz