

# Road to Full Coeducation

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle

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state for the first time that Texas A&M University is a co-educational institution.  
Heaton said that these five restrictions would not be in the new catalogue, but told The Battalion that he did not know why not, nor did he know who was responsible for the change.  
"I'm glad they finally abolished that affidavit that I had to sign to get in here," said one coed. "It was really just a scare tactic."  
"It really worried me," agreed a sophomore. "I registered in two other schools in case I could not get in here."

## Listen Up

Editor:  
On this campus there are very few actions which do not receive criticism from one faction or another. Constructive criticism is a fine thing for this or any other university, but criticism for the sake of criticism accomplishes nothing. In the past weeks in The Battalion there were numerous letters expressing the dissatisfaction of the civilian students concerning the recognition of the civilian students' efforts in building the bonfire. The authors of the first letters made their point and I am sure that the various interest groups on campus have been made aware of it whether they agree with it or not.  
The point was made, but then was beaten to death. Endless letters to the Battalion concerning this serve no other function than to separate this campus even more than it already is. For years many people on campus have been working to ease the tension and ill feelings on this campus and have started in the right direction. Now it seems that individual feelings are more important than anything else. It is your campus so why don't you grow up and try to improve it rather than divide it.

Richard J. Reese  
Treasurer, Student Senate

About half the girls said that the old forms didn't bother them because they knew from a faculty member or friend already enrolled that the university had to let them in.

Hannigan said that although girls are admitted to A&M, the university has made no special effort to accommodate them. There is no housing, and art, music, drama and home economics programs are non-existent, although University Women (UW) was founded last year to give the girls, as Hannigan said, "a feeling of belonging to fall back on."

He said that the late Mrs. John Roby and Mrs. Grace Kieffer served as faculty advisers to the group last year and that Mrs. Kieffer and Mrs. Patricia Self were working with the girls this year.

Mrs. Kieffer explained that UW was organized by a group of girls who got together and felt that they needed something to give them "purpose and direction."

"We hope to eventually become a local chapter of the women's student government association rather than a social group," she said, "but we really have only 30 active members this year. We have had four meetings since early fall and attendance has ranged from as many as 60 to less than a dozen. We have a problem of no communication among the group."

"We held an orientation session for about 60 girls at the first of the year and of course we helped with bonfire," she said. "We also plan a reception later this semester to acquaint the wives of the administration, faculty and community leaders with the fact that we exist. Our coed handbook should also be published this summer."

Although every coed said that UW was a good idea, more than half said that it had gotten "bogged down," and a common complaint was that it is disorganized.

"It's a bungling mess," said

one. Even the Bonfire work was unorganized. The officers are not working together and it sounds like they're too involved with other activities. All they want to do is get with the guys. After Bonfire, I'd had enough."  
Mary Hanak, member of the steering committee, said that the primary function of UW is to let the girls know about the school and provide female companionship.

She said that UW had assumed responsibility for the housing card file from the Housing Office and had updated it. Apartment listings are checked each month to see if they are still available and a list of girls needing roommates is made up every two months.

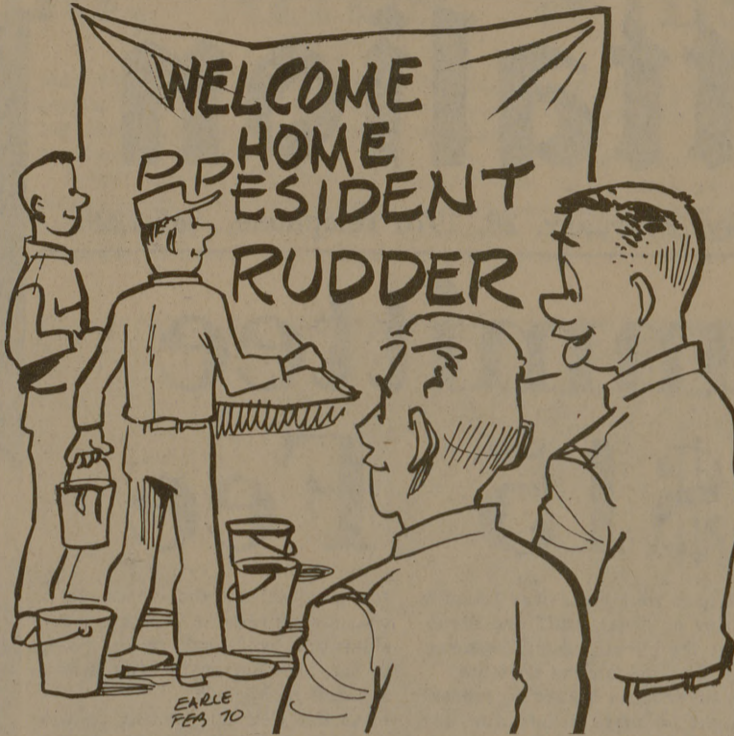
Nancy Stone, who is in charge of the project, said that the card file contains the names, addresses and rates of major apartment complexes and private homes that would rent to single coeds.  
"We also provide a roommate service," she said. "Incoming freshmen are sent cards for them to list their interests and major, and from these cards we compile a list that is sent out in June. The girls then write each other and pair up."

Although the university has, according to Hannigan, "no immediate plans" to appoint a dean of women, the first official adviser for women students was hired this semester.

Mrs. Self, recently appointed counselor, said that her main purpose is to be here when the girls needed someone to talk to.

"My goal will be helping and assisting women here become more of an important part of Texas A&M University," she said. "This will really be helpful to the university because it will help make it a stronger university by bringing the parts of the whole closer together."

"I'll be here to establish new programs on campus, things the girls would like to see on campus," she added. "I want them to feel more of a part of the university and I will try to estab-



"I guess planning a demonstration for the administration is somewhat unique in these times!"

lish better communication lines between all women to let them know what is happening. Soon I'll send out a letter to all women students asking them to a meeting of UW for an open discussion of the problems of female students here.

"I'm eagerly looking forward to helping Mrs. Kieffer with UW. She has worked very hard with the group from a 'genuine want to do it attitude' with no remuneration."

She said she will soon begin an evaluation of the current housing situation for girls in the community. Then she will try to improve the listings of "appropriate and available quarters for women."

Mrs. Self said that if she could get the girls to think of themselves as "beings with certain rights and privileges" there would be a great improvement on campus.

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## India Students Plan Cultural Fete Sunday

Sitar music, India dances and India refreshments are included on the annual Cultural Program presented by the India Students' Association of Texas A&M Sunday evening in the Memorial Student Center.

Association president C. V. Philip, a chemistry graduate student, noted the 7 p.m. program is open to the public.

Dr. Horace Jacobs, A&M graduate now teaching at Southwestern University, is scheduled to present a musical program on the sitar.

A&M India students will perform folk dances and two Houston youngsters will perform classical dances. The 9-year-old girl and 12-year-old boy are the children of Dr. and Mrs. P. R. J. Gangaharam. Dr. Gangaharam is a staff member at Jefferson Davis Hospital.

The program speaker is Dr. Ide Trotter, former dean of A&M's Graduate studies, who served on several assignments in India for the Agency for Inter-

national Development while associated with the University of Missouri.

A film on an Indian wedding will be shown.

Dr. Samuel Mahtab of the Agriculture Analysis Service will be master of ceremonies.

## Engineering Seminar Scheduled Tonight

"Challenges and Employment Opportunities for Engineers in the Petroleum and Oilfield Equipment Industries" is the title of a seminar tonight that will begin at 7:30 in the auditorium of the Architecture Building.

E. L. Petree, Class of 1934, and Leonard Leon, Class of 1947, are among the five panelists that will explain career opportunities in the petroleum industry. After the panel presentation, there will be a short question and answer period.

Tonight's seminar is being sponsored by the Petroleum Equipment Suppliers Association (PESA), a nationwide organization composed of companies active in the petroleum equipment

manufacturing, service and supply industries. Bill Wheeler, president of the Aero-Engineering Society, is in charge of preparations.

## Cummings, '68, Wins Silver Star Award

The Silver Star has been awarded Army Sgt. Thomas J. Cummings, 1968 A&M graduate of Somerville, for heroism in a December defensive action in Vietnam.

Cummings' citation accompanying the nation's third highest decoration for valor on action acclaimed the sergeant's heroism in twice exposing himself to danger on Dec. 27 and 28.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Finnie Cummings, Somerville, was serving as squad leader in Company C, 4th Battalion, 23rd In-

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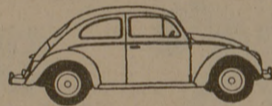
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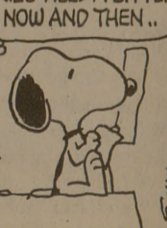
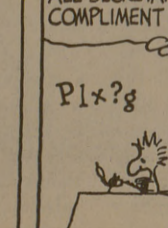
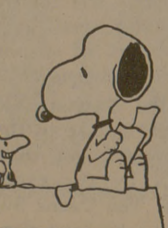
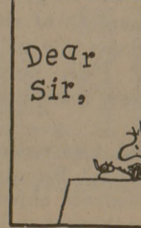
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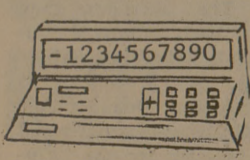
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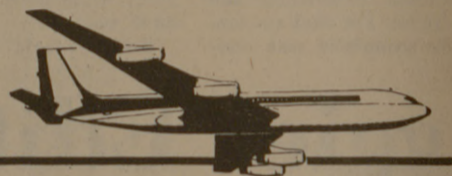


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