

Sleep On, Student Senate

By John McAuley

Last week's Student Senate meeting has invited comment from all sides over the hotly contested issue of the "place" of women at Texas A&M. The problem of lack of female representation in the Senate body is one that most can sympathize with. But the support for this representation has seemed to have divided into two misdirected opposing factions: those who want an ex-officio University Woman's representative; and those who are against ex-officio members per se, and who want women members elected through the current system of college misrepresentation.

Accusations by supporters of the UW ex-officio that their opponents are repressed sexual bigots (i.e., "sexists") are superficial analyses of the reasoning of this substantial minority of senators.

In the words of Marcus Hill, an accused "sexist," the women to be placed on the Senate should not employ "back-door" tactics, but should try instead to be selected by their constituents (on this nearly all-male campus) to offices such as those in the newly

created College of Education. Kent Caperton, self-styled leader of support for the UW position, argued that the Senate will demonstrate to the student body that it is fulfilling its responsibility to represent all the students by the admission of this token office to its roll. . . .

At the same time that this fight raged on the Senate floor, Nell Divinsky, A&M co-ed ("Maggie," "chick," "oppressed minority," "Aunt Jemima," etc., ad infinitum, ad nauseum. . . .), was sitting on the couch of her College Station home with Whoever-Is-This-Week watching the "Dating Game" while consuming Cokes and potato chips and talking about the Junior Ball.

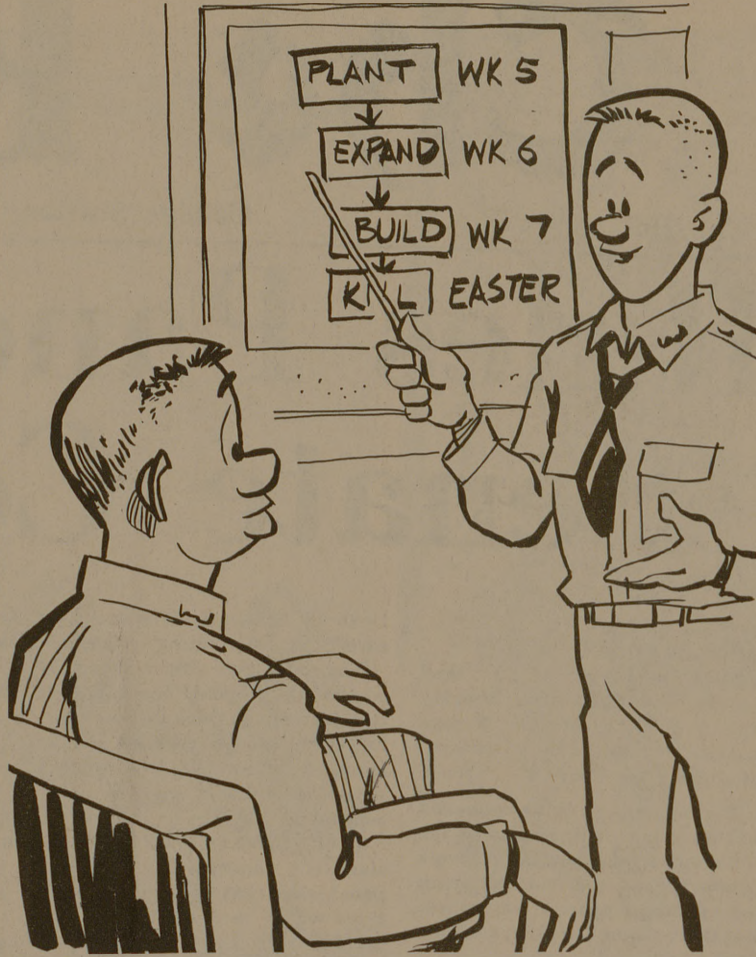
"I don't understand why I'm being called pro-corps: I mean, I do date corps boys a lot, but I would consider dating a non-reg. In fact, I talked to one just yesterday. . . ."

Meanwhile, it was late in the evening at the Architecture Building and a very tired Jim Stephenson stood up to speak. At the March 6-8 State Convention of the Young Democrats

Clubs of Texas, he said, the A&M delegation from the local off-campus unrecognized club submitted a resolution to censure Texas A&M University for discrimination against minorities groups and women; and for the suppression of the freedoms of speech, assembly, and of the press. The presence in the Senate chamber of several of the delegates to that convention, including newly elected Second Vice President of YD Clubs of Texas Richard Worth, was made known to the Senators. The motion to suspend the rules in order to let Worth speak was defeated substantially, possibly through the inability of many members to muster enough strength (or guts?) to raise their hands.

The student body was therefore still uncertain as to the A&M delegation's reasons for the censure resolution and as to what actions have been taken on it. The Student Senate was the ears and the eyes of the students in this case of censure by the YD's. The ears were stuffed with cotton and the eyes closed in deep sleep. . . .

Sleep on, Student Senate . . . sleep on . . .



"It's really a programmed system! First you plant the idea—perhaps an ill relative! Then you mention it each week and—bang—his condition gets extremely serious immediately before Easter and you have to leave early . . ."

Bulletin Board

TUESDAY
Business Administration Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Blue Flame Room Lone Star Gas Co. Dr. John T. Holbrook will speak on "Drug Abuse."
Porth Arthur Hometown Club will meet at 8:15 p.m. in the lobby of the MSC. Pictures will be taken for the Aggiland; corps members should wear class A winter uniforms and civilians coats and ties.

WEDNESDAY
Austin Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in front of the MSC. Pictures will be taken for the Aggiland.
Panhandle Area Hometown Club will meet at 6 p.m. at Zarape's.
Dallas Hometown Club will meet at 8 p.m. in Rooms 2A&B MSC. Plans for the Easter party will be discussed.

THURSDAY

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Listen Up the batt forum

Editor:

In hope that I'm not overdoing matters by bringing up the subject of whooping again, I would like to go on record as being against whooping entirely. As far as good—bull goes, there seems to be enough of that without the continuance of such a degrading or questionable practice as "cat calling". If the Aggie co-eds were to wear somewhat less fashionable clothes, with longer hemlines, there would still be some other excuse for doing it. Possibly part of the trouble might be that one feels the desire to whoop because there are few women around here. It's a vicious circle; few women want to come just because they know what degrading treatment they can expect before, and if, they come here.

This sub-culture or Aggie-culture of "whooping" is carried on, not only against females, but is directed against other segments of our campus population. Many are the butt of it because of a beard or mustache or long hair, or even non-khaki, non-cowboy clothes. There are some segments who would have all of us wearing white side-walled hair, and certainly without beards and mustaches. There are students who want to wear more fashionable clothes than baggy, khaki uniforms, but to wear a pair of flare bottom pants here often invites more whooping from those Aggies from Duncan than even the tinnest mini-skirt on a female.

Is this the normal price for thinking, acting, and dressing the way you want? When someone has to tell me when I can change from fall to winter dress to spring and summer dress, and also what to wear every morning and when to take it off at night, I shall turn in my flare-bottom pants and my peace symbol, and shave

my beard and submit myself to the life of a robot.

Timothy E. Huchton

Editor:
We the undersigned strongly disagree with the letter printed in the March 12 edition of The Battalion. Texas A&M has recently been made a coeducational institution. However, the coeds have been ostracized on this campus too long. We respect the coeds on this campus and we feel that they have the right to pursue an education at this institution on equal basis with the other students.

J. Dan Nixon '72

Lee Bower '72

(Editor's Note: This letter was also signed by 29 others.)

Editor:
To the 6 boys who wrote you last week:

I would like to explain a few things to the six boys (I use the term loosely) who wrote you last week concerning the co-ed's of Texas A&M University.

I think that the writers of the letter have a misconception about the co-ed's. They seem to feel that the women want to change A&M and destroy what we have here. This, gentlemen, is the wrong conception. Our women want to merely be accepted on our campus. They ask for nothing more than what they should expect in proper courtesies by men. It's time we accept the co-eds as a part of A&M because they are here to stay.

Therefore, face the inevitable, accept the co-eds and on't remind us of our Texas Highway

System with the old phrase about Highway 6. I ask you to do something constructive instead of destructive. And to HELP bring girls to A&M instead of being detrimental to them.

You may ask, what can be done to help the co-ed Aggies. I offer to you the example of what the Freshman Class is doing. The Class of '73 has initiated a program with the consent of the Freshman Council to help the freshman co-eds. Included in the plan of the program is a meeting of all Freshman Co-eds to be held on March 23. The purpose of this meeting is to help the women recognize themselves, so that they might gain the recognition of others.

This is perhaps a very small step in the making of a truly co-ed campus, but at least it is a step in the right direction. I hope that everyone will follow the example to be set by the Class of '73.

Bill Darkoeh

President

Class of '73

Editor:
Concerning the letter to Thursday's Battalion it seems as if the six gentlemen who signed it are all seniors in the Corps. Considering the entire university, the Corps is a minority, and the women are running a close second in number. Perhaps the women of this university should tell those seniors with the 'I hate you' look to head for Highway 6 themselves.

Jerry Kirk

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YES, MA'AM? NO, YOUR CLASS ISN'T BORING... I GUESS I WAS JUST SLEEPY...



HUH? WHAT? OH, I MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP AGAIN... I'M SORRY...



I HAVE A SUGGESTION... IF I FALL ASLEEP AGAIN PERHAPS I COULD DO MY TERM PAPER ON WHATEVER IT IS I DREAM...

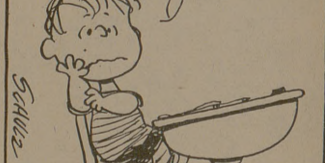


YES, MA'AM... I HAD A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP LAST NIGHT... BUT SLEEPING IS LIKE EATING...



By Charles M. Schulz

SHE ALWAYS HATES MY SUGGESTIONS!



THIS WAS MY DESSERT!

