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# The Battalion

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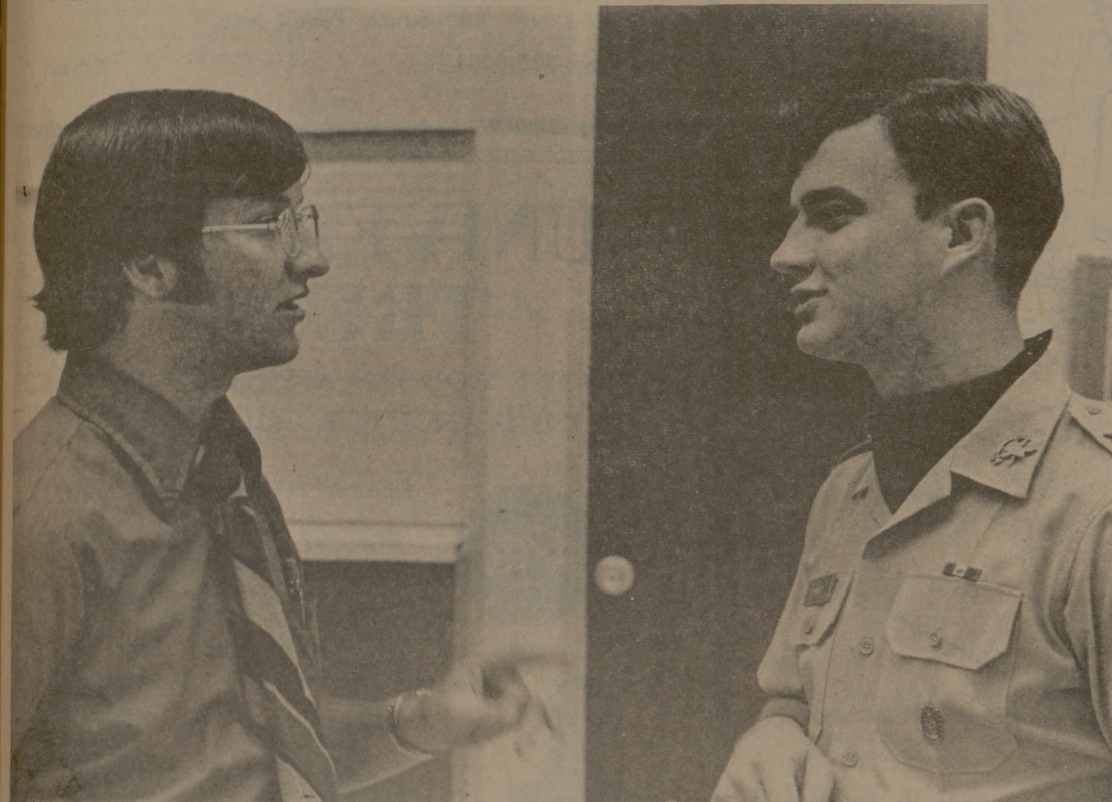
WEDNESDAY—Cloudy. Winds southerly 10 to 15 m.p.h. High 86, low 72.  
THURSDAY — Cloudy, afternoon rainshowers and thunderstorms. Winds southerly 15 to 20 m.p.h. High 84, low 69.

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Roger Miller, left, and John Sharp discuss election issues in the Battalion offices Monday night following their interviews. (Photo by Hayden Whitsett)

## Miller, Sharp state their issues in race

By SUE DAVIS

What the election issues boil down to, Roger Miller says, is that "student government has been sadly lacking. What it has to have are student leaders who are able to communicate with administrators, and, more importantly, student leaders who are not afraid to stand strongly for student opinions and who won't back down when working with university officials."

John Sharp believes that the biggest problem the Student Senate has is "the fact that the students do not know what we (the Senate) are doing and the senators have not tried to find out what the students want. This has destroyed the effectiveness of the Senate. Students should be taught how to use the Senate effectively."

Roger Miller and John Sharp are candidates for Student Senate President. Both are now members of several committees; Sharp is Student Life Chairman and on the Executive Committee as well as other committees.

Miller is a member of three university committees, President Williams' Advisory Council and the first student member of the University Student Publication Board. Sharp has established the Legal Rights Commission, the Landscape Reform Committee and the Student Publications Committee and was the first student member of the University Disciplinary Appeals Panel.

Miller says that the idea for the Student Publications Committee was his and that he wrote the resolution for it. He says that it was placed under Sharp's Student Life Committee. He also states that several students came to the Senate with the idea for the Landscape Reform Committee, which was also placed under the Life Committee.

The Legal Rights Commission was established in '69-'70 when Sharp was not chairman of the Student Life Committee, Miller said.

Miller, a civilian, first became interested in student government through his student union when he was a freshman. He was elected senator his sophomore year.

Cadet Sharp became involved when he heard people ask what was going on in the Senate. He came to the conclusion that "the Senate is where people take ego trips and it is not oriented to the student." He decided he wanted to change that.

The Office of the Dean of Students has "very encompassing powers," Miller says, because A&M still adheres to the "in-loco-parentis" doctrine, where the university functions as the students' guardian. "On too many occasions, the Office of the Dean has been insensitive to problems and perspectives of the student body. It exercises far too much control over the life of each individual student outside the classroom. The government must change and give the student power to decide what to do with his life outside class."

"The 'in-loco-parentis' doctrine is ridiculous and should be stricken from the campus," Sharp says. "The Supreme Court abolished it

three years ago, but this has not yet reached the A&M campus. Anyone in the higher echelon of the Senate who has had dealings with the Office of the Dean, knows it is hard to get anything."

This year the Senate had to circumvent the Office of the Dean, Sharp said.

This year the Senate tried to pass new a constitution which provided for "living area representation and incorporated several progressive changes," Miller commented. "This constitution was blocked at the last minute by a small group of individuals who did not have the best interests of the entire student body at heart."

If the student government is going to be effective, it must be restructured so that senators are allowed to live with their constituents, Miller says. It must also allow the one-man, one-vote principle, he adds.

Sharp was one of eight people who drafted the new constitution over the Christmas holidays. He believes it was "the best, most reasonable, most workable doctrine" they could come up with in that period of time.

Later Sharp contacted several other universities to see how their student associations worked. He discovered that the one at the University of Texas lasted only four months because money was not allocated properly.

"If we are going to have an effective constitution that is going to last at least 10 years, we

are going to have to make sure that there is adequate student input in activities throughout the campus," Sharp says.

Things which should be done by the student government next year, Miller says, is "making sure the students' voices are heard throughout the university." This is especially important in choosing the Dean of Women and Dean of Students, when this becomes necessary, he said.

The students should know exactly what the student government can do for them, Miller says. The field he calls "goods and services" has been neglected in the past, Miller feels.

"This is a field I intend to do a lot of work in," Miller stated. He especially will work for day care centers for children of married students, student commodity discounts with local merchants, and a gasoline co-op, run by and for students.

Sharp has established a Student Better Business Bureau as a committee in the Senate, to begin operation in the fall of '71. This will help students who have problems with local merchants.

If elected, Sharp plans an "extensive public relations program to show students how to use their Senate effectively." He plans to establish book and gasoline co-ops.

A shuttle-bus system will have to be enacted in a few years, Sharp commented. He also feels that students should be allowed to live off-campus, eat where they want, not have to pay for

meals they do not eat, and have noncompulsory university laundry.

Miller believes that the Senate must examine all issues involved in the Bonfire question. If an activity that retains the spirit and tradition can be found to replace the Bonfire, he is in favor of the change.

"The simple fact of the matter is that we are presently destroying thousands of trees a year," Miller says. "We must make every effort to find an acceptable alternative without sacrificing the spirit of the present tradition."

"We should continue with the bonfire, so long as the trees which are burned are going to be destroyed anyway," Sharp says. "If a better use for the trees is found, then perhaps we should look for other Bonfire material."

"There is no excuse for Texas A&M not to provide housing for women next fall," Miller stated. "It now has an equal responsibility as a university to each student regardless of sex. There are available facilities on campus which would be more than adequate to house women next fall. Since the board decision last month, I have been actively working to see that this issue is reconsidered."

"I definitely think that if this is going to be a university that lets women become coeds, we should follow state statutes and provide adequate housing," Sharp said, "this is no longer a question of individual opinion."

## Campaign issues similar, VP candidates agree

By MIKE STEPHENS  
Battalion Staff Writer

Admitting that many of their campaign issues were very similar, with the major differences being in the order of priority given the issues, the candidates for Student Senate vice-president, Bill Hartsfield and Mike Essmyer, discussed their platforms in an interview with The Battalion Monday night.

Both candidates have served on the Senate this year. Past achievements of Essmyer include: Senate parliamentarian, chairman of the Aggie Sweetheart revision committee and the Campus Chest drive and member of the Senate public relations committee and the Constitutional Revisions Committee. Essmyer is married and a member of Squadron 13.

Hartsfield was recording secretary for the Student Senate this year. He was chairman of the pass-fail committee and member of the constitution revision committee and the student services fees watchdog committee. Hartsfield is a junior math major.

How do you feel towards women's housing?

Essmyer: "Many male students want to move off campus. A logical solution to the problem would be to let women move on cam-

pus and males off if desired." "A&M definitely needs women housing to improve social life."

Hartsfield: "On-campus housing would be safer for the woman student." "Women deserve a place to live on this campus. The university is discriminating unless women are allowed to live on campus." "One of my major issues is to allow each residence hall, including women, to set their desired hours for visitation."

If elected, what would be your stand on the proposed constitution change?

Hartsfield: "I think the Student Senate needs to have a change in structure in order to be more effective." "There should be an executive branch, judicial branch and legislative branch. This would allow the Student Senate president to concentrate on his job of taking problems to the administration."

Essmyer: "I don't feel the constitution is the important issue. It is a paper document and without students working for it, it is nothing more than paper." "We have to take the needs of the students and try to do something about them." "I feel that the committees should start doing something about the little things and get something done

instead of just debating."

If elected, what will the first issue you take action on?

Essmyer: "I would improve the living conditions and the social life of students." "The student must have the correct atmosphere to study." "I'd like to see ice-boxes and beer in the dormitories as soon as possible."

Hartsfield: "I'm hoping for a computer registration and the ability to withdraw passing anytime during a semester getting looked into as soon as possible."

Both candidates have issued platforms and each lists their major goals which they promise to work for.

Hartsfield: A computerized registration system that will allow students to select their professors and class schedules. A shuttle-bus system for off-campus students. Improvements in laundry service and to allow each residence hall to set their desired hours for visitation by women students.

Essmyer: To open lines of communication between students and the administration. Establish a shuttle-bus system for day students. Establish a Better Business Bureau and a day nursery for married students. To work for further student representation on faculty and administration committees.

## Valid fee slips needed to vote

Voting for the spring general elections will start at 8 a.m. Wednesday, and the polls will remain open until 8 p.m., announced Dale Foster, vice-president for public relations of the Election Commission.

"A valid fee slip for the current semester is all that will be required to vote," said Foster. "With the elimination of the activity card as a requirement to vote, this will be the first year that every student at Texas A&M will be allowed to participate in the electoral process."

## New commandant named

Army Col. Billy M. Vaughn, brigade commander and II Field Force staff member in Vietnam, has been named to head the A&M reserve officer training program.

Vaughn will succeed Col. Jim H. McCoy as commandant of cadets and professor of military science.

The new commandant's assignment is effective Aug. 23.

A 1948 A&M graduate, Vaughn was deputy corps commander as a senior cadet and 1st Regiment liaison sergeant as a junior. The Troy native was graduated with

a degree in accounting.

Vaughn, 42, currently serves as brigade commander in the 1st Cavalry Division. The former Command and General Staff College instructor also has been II Field Force operations and intelligence officer on his present Vietnam tour.

He was a 1st Cavalry Division battalion commander and deputy operations officer of the I Field Force during a 1966-67 tour in Southeast Asia.

Vaughn is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff Col-



REACTING TO HER SELECTION as Civilian Student Sweetheart Saturday night is Claudia Jackson, a sophomore at Tarrant County Junior College. The 20-year-old blond was representing Schumacher Hall. (Photo by Randy Freeman)

## Police state facing U.S., black historian declares

By DOUG GIBBS  
Battalion Staff Writer

A police-type state is one of the alternatives facing America if we don't improve the situation for blacks, Dr. Letita Brown said Monday in the Memorial Student Center.

The black historian was pre-

sented as the last in the Great Issues Committee's Black Issues Seminar.

"The only way to stop hostility is to do a large amount of policing," she said, "and I don't think anyone wants that."

Through examples, Dr. Brown attempted to show that Americans have traditionally placed blacks in an inferior position to the point of making violation of their rights a tradition in itself.

Dr. Brown told students that many people believe the movement for civil rights started in the 1960's, but in reality it started earlier. Among the more radical early movements cited were the "back to Africa" and "get a gun" appeals.

She then named what she considered one of the first civil rights leaders and asked if anyone knew him. No one did.

"Don't have much Black History taught here, do you," she commented. Laughter, clapping, and more laughter followed. "I

said that jokingly," she added.

Dr. Brown cited the emergence of two basic trends today among blacks. First, a political centralization, caused by rapid technological developments in such areas as communication techniques. Second, a general democratization, with emphasis on the masses instead of classes.

The federal government was blamed by Dr. Brown for not implementing early civil rights bills, and at times, for underwriting them.

But what of the future? "We've had a change in the locale of blacks. The percentage of blacks in many large cities, Washington, D.C., for example, is high. In general, blacks are moving into the inner city, and whites are moving out, creating a ring of suburbs. A prolonged situation such as this can only be explosive."

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CELEBRATE! CELEBRATE! was the word at the Three Dog Night concert Saturday night. Most people rated the concert as great. A crowd that danced in the aisles and on chairs for most of the performance seemed to enhance the praise. (Photo by Randy Freeman)