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"Not this year! I'm only in the Class of '71—this is the year for th' Class of '70 to graduate!"

Tuesday, May 4, 1971 Listen up **Selection 'praised'**

Editor:

Mark Olson, the other members of the Civilian Student Council, and their advisors must be commended in choosing Davis-Gary as the "Best Civilian Hall" for 1971. It must have been a difficult challenge to choose Davis-Gary over Walton.

I hope the Warriors of Walton will be able to emulate the residents of Davis-Gary so that next year Walton may again be number one. Walton should take heed of the example of Davis-Gary in not attending all the yell practices as Walton did wherever yell practice was held by the yell leaders. One cannot deny that Davis-Gary helped clean up College Station-Bryan with everyone else last month. It appears the time, effort, and money spent by Walton in having the members of Boys' Harbor as dates for the Rice football game could have been better spent on several beer busts.

Davis-Gary claims of having (sic) two steaks frys. Walton must surely be doing something wrong at their steak frys, hamburger frys, piazza (sic) parties, and hot dog roasts. Davis-Gary claims of (sic) a new lounge. I suppose Walton should not have had President Williams at their (sic) lounge rededication. Davis-Gary is said to have had a weekend, while Walton, had their (sic) third annual Sommerville Weekend Retreat. It must have been easy for the Civilian Student Council to overlook the campus Prisoner of War letter writing campaign initiated by Walton, which is mentioned in Reader's Digest; or overlook the Warriors' Christmas caroling at the local hospitals, jails, and other similiar places; or the dances, parties,

and other recreational events sponsored by Walton. Gregory L. Schwei The Groad of Walton

Bulletin Board

TONIGHT

San Angelo-West Texas Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Academic Building to elect officers.

Williamson County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the MSC Social Room to discuss a barbecue.

Lincoln Union will meet at 8 p.m. in the MSC Birch Room for an organizational meeting. For

information, call 846-3294. WEDNESDAY Inter-Varsity Christian Fellow-

ship will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 304 of the Physics Building. THURSDAY

Texas A&M Sailing Club will meet at 8:15 p.m. in room 202 of the Physics Building to elect new officers and plan an event for September.

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David Middlebrooke Apathy still reigns supreme

Last Wednesday's election was the whole thing as a farce. disappointing, and there are no indications today's runoff will turn out any better.

I don't mean the results, I mean the turnout. All year long students complain

about student government - it's corps dominated, civilians are ruining it, I'm not being represented. Always something.

Then comes election day, the day to do something about it, and most students get in practice so they'll be able to fit right into the national voting pattern after they graduate-if they don't fit in already.

Out of approximately 14,000 students at Texas A&M, roughly 24 percent bothered to vote. Nobody cares, nobody wants to get involved in any way.

Many students don't care about student government, or they think it's a waste of time. Some regard time or the inclination to become

But what all these people seem to fail to realize is that student government is speaking for them, is representing them wherever and whenever it counts, with the people who count.

When anyone wants to know what students are thinking on an issue, they don't ask individual students at random-they ask the student body president. When the administration wants student input or the student feeling on a subject, the Student Senate is consulted, not the average Aggie as he rests between classes.

Some students get involved in student government because they fear their group will lose power. Others get involved because they're interested, and want to work for what they think is best. But at least they're involved. Some students don't have the

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involved directly but at least they vote, and make their wishes known. Maybe they even contact their representative from time to time to find out something, or make their view known.

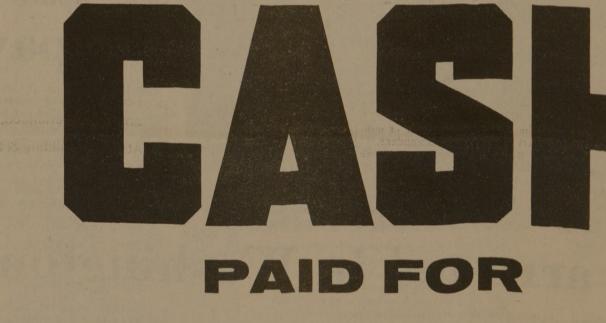
But one fourth of the student body is a pretty small number to be interested or involved. Somehow I get the impression the majority of students doesn't care to the extent it's willing to let a minority determine student views and be the student voice. It doesn't mind letting a minority do its thinking for it.

It's not like nobody knew there was an election. Or nobody knew who the candidates were. And it's not like nobody was interested in anything around here. We all know the corps is terribly interested in keeping a disproportionate representation going, but you have to give them creditthey work at it.

And the civilians-they're going great guns with their resi-

dence hall program, and it's a

good one. It just appears they're



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more concerned with their own little ponds than they are with the big river that affects them in so many ways.

It must be discouraging to student leaders to try and do a good job of representing a group that, for the most part, didn't even vote for them, and never bothers to show concern or interest.

When something is done that some students don't like-actions are taken in their behalf, or opinions spoken as being theirs-protest comes quickly. But it's too late then. The time to do something about it was the last election.

Did you vote? Do you have solid grounds for your bitch? Or do you let the Corps of Cadets run things for you through default?

Bingo-Weekdays at 5, BCS*TV/9. Nothing to buy. You need not be present to win.

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