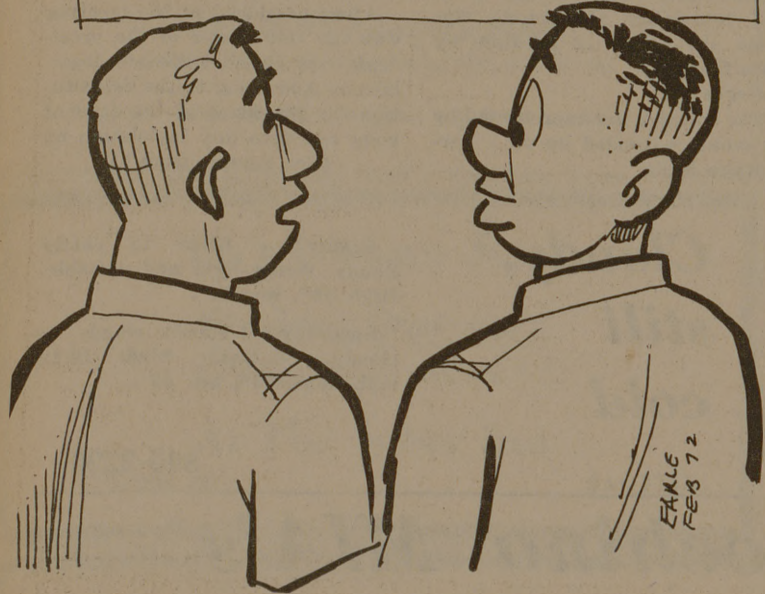


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"I figure we've got to go just to work up some campusology questions about it!"

Senate unfairness

The current plan for the apportionment of senators to the Corps of Cadets is, at best, only temporary. Unfortunately for the Student Senate, the Corps, and all students, the entire thing has the possibility of enduring for many more years to come.

The plan calls for having six senators from the Corps. They are to be allotted, supposedly, on a one to 500 ratio.

It is here that the first of many inconsistencies becomes visible. There are, at best, only 2,500 ROTC members on campus. If you divide 500 into this you come up with a quotient of five. Now, if these leads you to believe that the Corps is over represented by one, you are right.

It is. Now this is hardly earth-shattering in consequence. It is rare that one vote will make that much difference among the proposed 85 senators. But it is unfair to those others who do manage to follow the 500 to one ratio.

The reason for having this figure of six is so that each class in the Corps can have two representatives. This, basically, is good, for the Corps is structured on a class basis and if the senator is to represent his constituents he must do so by class, not by living area.

But there are better ways than assigning a base of six senators to work from. One good one would be to have one senator from each class, giving three, and have the remaining two elected at large.

This method has the advantage of using five senators, the rate we have to work with. It also has an advantage that the other method doesn't. It is flexible.

The current method calls for a minimum of six senators. This means as well that if the Corps drops in population it still has six senators.

And until this population drop occurs, it is still over represented by at least one.

It isn't fair. It isn't even sensible. Now true, President Jack K. Williams and others have predicted that someday there will be 4,000 members of the Corps of Cadets.

But we're not holding our breath and we really can't recommend that anybody do so.

To go on actual events, not hoped for dreams, the Corps has been steadily decreasing in size for the last several years. True, it has held static or increased ever so slightly this year as a result of some much needed changes but this is hardly a good indication of future growth.

Perhaps it will grow, but it must grow at least by 500 before it isn't over represented.

It was argued at the senate meeting last night that the tentative schedule for the civilian areas is also over represented by one and so it is.

But note that in the civilian's case it is called tentative. Population changes, shifts and other matters will effect next year's and each year's apportionment. But in the Corps case we are stuck with a minimum of six. Even if it loses population.

There are times when people must be fair. When writing a constitution is one of them. We can well imagine what might have happened if slavery, which was then common, was written into the United States Constitution. Just the same we must be cautious of writing in any restrictions that may bind and chafe at later dates.

To be good, a constitution must be flexible. To be supported, it must be fair. This part of the proposed constitution is neither.

We hasten to remind those that hope that by compromising on this they will get it passed by the senate that there are other considerations. It must pass the students as well and the constitution is unfair to a majority of them.

Let us not lose sight of the obligation to the students.

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The original 12th Man retires

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (AP)—Dr. E. King Gill, who came out of the stands to inspire the Texas Aggies to a legendary victory over Centre College in 1922, has retired after more than 40 years of medical practice.

The 70-year-old ophthalmologist was the original 12th man of Aggieland, a custom carried on by thousands of A&M students over a half century, who traditionally stand at all the A&M football games.

Gill still vividly recalls that January day 50 years ago when A&M was playing the famous Praying Colonels in Dallas in a match which was the forerunner of today's Cotton Bowl Classic.

Gill, a 165-pound, reserve sophomore fullback, didn't suit up for the contest.

"I had played on the team up until Thanksgiving Day," he said. "But this was a post-season game and I was on the basketball squad."

Gill went to the game, however, and served as a player spotter for Jinx Tucker, the late Waco sports writer.

As the rough game wore on, Aggie Coach Dana X. Bible got down to only one backfield substitute as injuries took out his players.

"He motioned to me to come down from the press box," Gill said. "He told me to suit up. He thought he might need me."

Gill and Aggie captain Heinie Weir went underneath the stands to exchange clothing. Gill put on the injured Weir's football uniform and Weir donned Gill's civilian clothes.

Gill didn't play that day, but

the legend says his presence on the bench and readiness spurred the Aggies to an upset 22-14 victory.

Since Gill's experience, Aggie coaches have called on the Corps for a 12th man several times. This is the reason the students stand.

In 1941, a song entitled "The Twelfth Man" was accepted by the Corps as the school song at A&M.

Gill was later voted into A&M's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Gill went on to earn eight letters at A&M in football, basketball and baseball. He was captain and guard on two championship basketball teams. He graduated in 1924 with a degree in engineering, coached for a year at Greenville and then entered Baylor School of Medicine.

After graduation from Medical school in 1929 he started practice in San Antonio. Several of his friends, including some old classmates such as Dr. A. J. Ashmore, Dr. L. C. Arnim and Dr. Cedric Priddy were practicing here and in 1935 Gill moved to Corpus Christi and hung out his shingle.

"I've never regretted coming

here," Gill said. "The city has been awfully good to me. I've made a lot of friends."

Gill is one of a vanishing number of specialists who treat eye, ear, nose and throat problems. Nowadays young physicians specialize in one but seldom more of these areas.

Five years ago, Gill had a heart attack and had to slow down his practice. Two years ago he was hunting quail and a shotgun accidentally discharged, causing him to lose part of an index finger. That hampered his ability to perform surgery.

In 1970 when Hurricane Celia damaged his home here, Gill and his wife, Myrtle, moved to a waterfront cottage in Rockport. Commuting to Corpus Christi to work since then also has been a strain.

Gill has turned his eye practice over to Dr. John B. Sohoki, an ophthalmologist who was recently discharged from the Navy here.

Gill now plans to spend most of his time hunting, fishing and

playing golf. He says he will remain close to Corpus Christi and keep active as an honorary member of the Nueces County Medical Society. He will travel a lot between here and Rockport and a 300-acre ranch he has at Bulverde, near San Antonio.

And, he adds, he'll also keep close ties with Aggieland. "I'd raise and die with A&M," he said, in true Aggie fashion.

But there is one thing about retiring he is looking forward to. It's about those Aggie Jokes.

"Maybe now I won't get so many phone calls," Gill said. "Being the original Twelfth Man, I was almost the first they'd call when someone heard a new joke."



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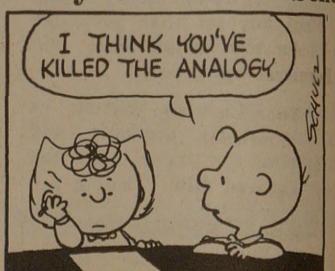
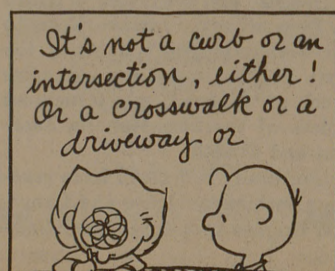
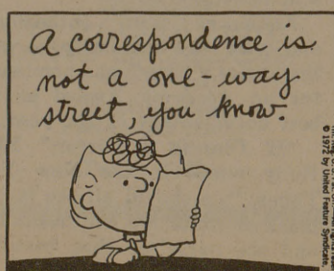
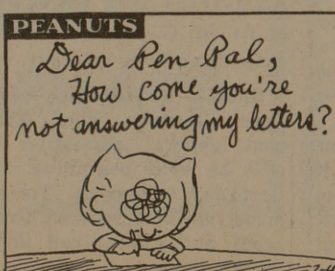
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