

Elections bring in complaints

Editor:
I am running for off-campus, undergraduate student senator. That is all. Not running "to insure Corps representation in the Student Senate next year", but running to represent day students in the senate next year.

All year I have listened to and read all the sniping between "CT's" and "non-reg's." This letter is typical of the climate which allows the continuation of this bickering. I am fed up. It seems funny that both sides wear the same ring after they graduate from here. Therefore, I am protesting what I consider to be an unfair action by a certain group on campus which has taken it upon itself to misrepresent itself as something more than a special-interest, political group.

This group is the nine people of 6th Battalion who are running for senator. They represent themselves as wanting "to represent the Corps in the Student Senate next year..." The office for which they are running is undergradu-

ate off-campus senator; i.e. representative of day students-at-large! Then they say piously, "...vote, if not for us, ...". That was certainly generous of them.

Secondly, they say, here is a list of off-campus cadets. However, they slipped up, since there are three omitted. Perhaps... but only nine cadets of 6th Battalion and 1 (by request) other were listed.

It should have read: "If we are to represent 6th Batt..."

Even if all cadets had been listed, to campaign for at-large day student senator on the platform of being in the Corps and wanting to represent same is a pretty small campaign and leaves me with a feeling that something is wrong. An at-large day student senator should be elected to represent the interests of all day students, not a few.

When I protested the action to Larry Harvey, he explained that the literature had been put together by and for 6th Battalion candidates. This is campaign ma-

terial for 6th Battalion plus one, under the guise of something more "noble", i.e., Corps representation, for an office that requires representation much broader in scope.

Paul Boggs

Editor:

It is again time for campus elections. It truly makes me sick. It seems that all a candidate needs to do is put up a sign and hope that his name is appealing enough to win. Is it any wonder that the Student Government is ineffective when pure chance dictates who holds office.

I personally am not going to vote in the upcoming election.

I refuse to vote for people who seem not to have any ideas to benefit the student body. I urge anyone who shares my opinion not to vote. Possibly future candidates will learn that one good idea is worth a thousand pretty signs.

Mike Seymour

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"I envy you guys with short names!"

Promises, promises

If ever anything should be taken with a grain of salt, it should be a campaign promise made in a TAMU election.

In fact, it might not hurt to investigate a bulk rate on salt at your local wholesaler.

There are two types of promises being made. (This excludes practical, intelligent and likely-to-be-kept promises. This type is so rare it needs no consideration.)

The first, and perhaps best, is the promise that has already been kept. These are the best for the candidate because the issue he is basing his platform on has already been decided.

This is like many of the promises for an on-campus shuttle bus. Sounds great doesn't it? It sounded the same way to the TAMU planners, who started planning one quite a while back. It will be started as soon as the campus is back in something like one piece.

Or what about calling for a better and morning distribution for this paper. The distribution system is currently going through a change and The Battalion has been trying to be printed in the morning for the last several months. Press factors have prevented it from happening, and probably will keep it from happening.

And then there is the other type, the ones that sound good and have little chance of ever happening, at least within the candidate's term of office.

How many times have you heard that someone will fight until liquor is allowed on campus? Sure, it sounds good, but don't place any bets.

It is all up to the Board of Directors. They know what the students want in this case. Nobody has to tell them Aggies like booze, they went to school here too. But will they vote to allow it? Well, as we said, don't place any bets.

So when you vote, if you strain yourself Thursday, vote realistically. Sure, what is being offered by a candidate may sound good, but think of its chances of happening. Or think back and see if you don't remember something about it already being done. Then take some salt when you go to vote.

Eight years in Singing Cadets may be strange, but it is true

By TC CONE

Eight years in a college organization? Unheard of? No, there are two A&M students who have been members of the Singing Cadets for eight years. Tim Webb, 26, of Houston and Jim Cain, 29, of Brownsville are in their 16th semester as Singing Cadets.

Cain, affectionately known as the "dirty old man" of the group, came to A&M in the fall of 1963 after serving four years in the U. S. Navy. He said in an interview that he first heard of the group through a Singing Cadet living in his dorm.

"I auditioned the next January and except for having to lay out a semester due to a knee injury have been a Singing Cadet ever since.

Cain is working on his Ph.D. in physical oceanography. He got a B.S. in meteorology in 1966 and his M.S. in oceanography in 1971. He has maintained a 3.7 grade point ratio. He married

his high school sweetheart in August 1966 and has one child.

Cain has worked as a soloist several times for the Cadets. Many people familiar with the Cadets consider his solo of "Oh Happy Day" a traditional part of the Singing Cadet repertoire. The veteran second tenor has been vice president of the Cadets as well as editor of the Singing Cadet Newsletter.

"I've stayed in the Cadets so long mainly because it gives me a break from the routine of school. I also enjoy meeting all the different people and seeing different places I probably would never see if it wasn't for the Cadets. Besides, I like to sing," Cain said. He added that he plans to stay with the Cadets until he receives his Ph.D. next year.

Webb joined the Cadets in the Fall of 1964. He knew of the Singing Cadets before coming to A&M and has been in 16 consecutive semesters.

He is also working on his doc-

torate. He received his B.S. in zoology in 1968 and his M.S. in zoology (physiology) in 1971. He has maintained a 4.0 grade point ratio and hopes to receive his Ph.D. in biochemistry in January 1974. He is also married.

Webb said in an interview he enjoys music and singing and has stayed in the Cadets because he enjoys the travel and the break from the routine of school.

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Tonight
Rio Grande Valley HTC will meet in the Memorial Student Center at 7:30.

The A&M Sports Car Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the old College Station City Hall, 101 Church. Slides of a Texas World Speedway race will be shown.

The TAMU Weightlifting Club will elect next year's officers at a 7:30 p.m. meeting in the Coliseum Weight Room.

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