

Your Man at Batt

by Greg Moses

Four of the five senior class officers have petitions asking for graduation in Kyle Field rather than G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The petitions were distributed Tuesday and signatures will be collected today. Chris St. John, social secretary, is the organizer of the project.

He says he first heard about the change April 15. The next day he talked to Larry Hoelscher, senior class president, and Gary Anderson, senior secretary-treasurer. Anderson told him that an appointment with Dr. Tom Adair, assistant to the president, had been set up.

"We got no help from Adair," says St. John. He took informal polls in class and says he found most seniors in favor of the Kyle Field site. Friday he went to Dean Edwin H. Cooper, chairman of the convocations committee. Cooper told him to work out something with Randy Ross, former student body president, or Hoelscher. Ross was out of town because of a death in his family and Hoelscher would not organize the petition.

"When Dr. Williams got several seniors together we discussed the problems," says Hoelscher referring to the April 9 meeting discussed in Friday's column. He says no one expressed doubts about the site change at the meeting.

"It is my feeling that it would be most advantageous to graduates and parents to have the graduation in G. Rollie." Besides the heat and rain possibilities, Hoelscher says, the people watching Final Review and the graduation will have a pretty big strain.

"People are looking at this in a very short term point of view. Even with a ticket system, to move that many people in case of weather in that amount of time is ridiculous." He doesn't think people are considering the comfort of the elderly in the heat. "The drawback to G. Rollie will be partially remedied by a ticket exchange system proposed by Dr. Williams," says Hoelscher.

"After the meeting with Dr. Williams we got a lot of feedback," says Nick Nichols, a student on the convocations committee. A lot of people made arrangements after the April 2 letter announcing the graduation in Kyle Field... seniors would rather have a ceremony where their grandparents, parents, brothers and sisters could attend. What do you say? "Heck, I like you a lot but they gave me more money for college?"

Mike Turner, vice president, said the informal polls showed that the average senior invited six guests. "This was put on people a little late in the year," says Turner. "People had already made plans."

Kent Crockett, class historian, thinks it should be changed back to Kyle. "What do you do," he asked, "send out an invitation and tell them they can't come?... Send presents, but you can't come." This is our last thrust to change it.

"We're not trying to talk down to the administration," says Nichols. He says he was told that individuals who call up administrators and complain are not considered representative of the senior class. And that is why he says the petition is important. He was also told that a petition, if done correctly, isn't a bad thing.

I asked Anderson if he was also a sponsor of the petition. "I'm not really sure whether I am or not," he says. He has a petition but, like the others, he hasn't collected signatures and, unlike the others, he doesn't know if he wants to collect signatures.

"I don't think there is anything that can be done about it," he says. Anderson called Adair on April 12 and was told that the "ball was already rolling." He arranged an appointment with Adair. "I didn't figure there was anything we could do," he says. "I'm resigned to the fact that it will be in G. Rollie White and there's nothing I can see that can be done except express our dissatisfaction."

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Thomas defended

Editor:

Here are some facts about track coach Charlie Thomas which seem to escape the memory of some track fans:

1. A&M won the SWC track title in 1970, finished second in 1971 when Curtis Mills turned an ankle in the 220, finished second in 1973 in Austin when the team was picked to finish fifth.

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Jim Butler

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Clarified

Editor:

After reading the entry into *The Batt* by Maryanna McNamara I feel I must clarify the ideas that I presented earlier. Miss McNamara stated in her article that "perhaps his solution for streaking would work." After that she seemed to confuse my ideas for handling a riot as the same for a non-violent protest. Maryanna agreed that I do not feel streakers should be gunned down; only suspended from school. As for protest gatherings; they must be handled carefully by both participants and police. It is obvious that in many non-violent protests there are experts plant-

ed in the crowd to incite radical action.

As for the control of a riot; there seems to be a decided split in opinion. If I were a store owner and people began to break and enter into my shop I would not hesitate to put my .357 to work, not stopping until it was warm and empty. When a man earns something he is less apt to sit back and allow others to exercise their "you owe it to me" theory on my possessions. They are getting enough of that "legally" through our pathetic welfare system.

In closing let me re-emphasize my point. If a man wants something in this society; whether it be of material value or in the form of civic duty he must go through the proper channels (perhaps honest work) or be prepared to face the results of his violation. Lets leave the "something for nothing" philosophy for other societies. Re-read if necessary.

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