

# Is college rivalry going too far?

# Poor old 'Sully'

## Editor's notes

**Editor:**  
Late Sunday night my girlfriend had missed her ride back to Baylor University. I didn't have a car, so I went to a friend's to borrow one. He knew some people there and wanted to visit, so all three of us went.  
After arriving in Waco around 10:40 p.m., we were driving through the Baylor campus to the Ruth Collins Dorm. Almost to the dorm, we were stopped by about a dozen male students armed with baseball bats and axe handles. (Apparently, decorated bats are a tradition during their football season.)

They spotted the A&M parking sticker in the corner of the back windshield and stopped the car. They asked what we were doing there, if we had paint in the car, and if we had put dye in their fountain. They took the gas cap off the car, but we pleaded with them and they returned it. During this entire interrogation they kept insulting Texas A&M.  
Then a silver Grand Prix ('75) drove up beside us and someone in the car yelled "Where are those guys from?"  
"A&M," said one of the batters. "A&M sucks!" they replied.

## Listen Up

This remark was just a little too much and my friend who was driving came back with "Baylor sucks!"  
The Grand Prix started chasing us and our friend was unfamiliar with the campus. He turned down a road behind a dorm and the next thing we knew, we had been chased onto a practice baseball field. We tried to find an exit, but there was none, so we circled back to where we had come in. By this time they had ceased chasing us, so we parked the

car and took my girlfriend's luggage inside the dorm.  
All three of us visited inside for about half an hour before we had to leave. We had a pleasant visit even though inside the dorm were more guys walking around with baseball bats.  
When we were going back through campus to get back on Highway 6, we made the mistake of driving past the same point we had passed earlier. By this time there were around thirty guys armed with bats, clubs, hammers, bottles, axe handles and mallets.  
As we approached the students, we realized it was necessary to keep driving, hoping to avoid any trouble, but a Pinto pulled out in front of us. Next someone took a bat and slammed it into the trunk. We pulled to a quick stop and were surrounded by an unruly mob (Vigilantes). They shouted threats and tried to get us out of the car. Someone shouted repeatedly, "I'm gonna beat your ass in the name of Baylor."  
The guy was wearing an Oklahoma State t-shirt.  
Other students were shouting things like, "Get out of that car!"

"Take the keys!" and "Hit the car!" They kept poking a baseball bat at my friend's head. This time they had also taken the gas cap for good. We again said that all we wanted to do was just to go back to A&M.  
After several minutes one of the students I was talking to convinced enough of the crowd into letting us go through, but not without a Baylor escort. This escort consisted of a red Pinto and a blue Ford. "Get your ass out of Waco," yelled the driver of the Pinto. We were leaving anyway, but they thought they had the pleasure of running us out of town.  
Because my friend and I came to take my girlfriend home during the week of the A&M-Baylor Football Game and because we were both Aggies (and damned proud of it) we were harassed. I could understand their wanting to protect their campus, but they had completely gone overboard with their "fun", and they had become a mob straight out of Lord of the Flies. We heard that their so-called "Bearcade" would remain on campus the rest of the week. I hope none of our fellow Aggies will have to suffer the same humiliation we did.

Mark Clark

Monday night a group of vandals gave 'Sully' a nice fresh coat of green paint.

Poor old 'Sully'. I bet people have been throwing paint on him since he was first put there. Green paint, red paint, orange paint, blue paint, you name it and I bet 'Sully' has had it thrown on him. You just can't help but feel sorry for him.

It also kind of makes me wonder what thrill people get in throwing (I guess they threw it, but they could have just as easily climbed up and poured it on him with malicious intent.) paint on our statue. Then of course, I never really did understand the mind of a vandal.

Be rest assured however that a vandal is meant to attack a statue with a bucket of paint. Your average vandal is probably so mean that he laughs at crippled people.

But it's obvious that this vandalism is tied up in inter-school rivalries. Although, God only knows what we did to provoke such an at-

tack on our poor statue. Maybe the old philosophy of "Sully can't beat 'em on the football on Saturday, we'll paint 'em Monday."

Now, I'm not accusing anyone particular, but just suppose folks from Baylor who painted 'Sully' green. How do you think they would like it if we painted their maroon. (A serious note: University regulations call for immediate suspension of anyone caught in the act of vandalizing another school's property.) Because I always thought Baylor people were churchgoers and not inclined to smite their enemies' statues green paint.

But all of this discussion is a real point here. What is the point here is that a group of vandals attacked our school and they should consider ourselves a little better than they are and not the same.

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# New charter's legislature

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Seen and heard in the Capitol — so often that it has become trite — is a quotation rendered 109 years ago by an obscure New York judge.

"No man's life, liberty or property are safe," he said, "while the legislature is in session."  
That could be the slogan of the forces arrayed against passage of Article III of the proposed Texas Constitution. Probably the most frequent attacks against the entire document, in fact, are those that appeal to distrust of the legislature.

Such an apprehension was Gov. Dolph Briscoe's chief reason for opposing the new constitution. He singled out its provision for annual sessions of the lawmaking body.

"There is absolutely no doubt in my mind but that annual sessions of the legislature will sharply increase state spending," said Briscoe, whose chief policy has been "no new taxes."

Backers of the document, however, say the anti-legislature appeal is demagogic. They say the new document will put the legislature on a modern, businesslike footing and make it more responsible and better able to deal with problems before they grow into crises.

Article III—paired with the executive article on the Nov. 4 ballot—spells out the legislature's duties, powers and limits.

Its most controversial feature would wipe out the 19-month gap between regular legislative sessions. Lawmakers would convene for 140 days in odd-numbered years and hold 90-day sessions in even-numbered years.

Other innovations in the article would:

—Remove the \$7,200 legislative salary limit. A salary commission would review lawmakers' pay annually and recommend a ceiling, within which legislators would set their own salaries.

—Enable the legislature, by petition of three-fifths of each house, to convene in extraordinary session to consider overriding vetoes signed by the governor after a regular or special session.

—Allow lawmakers to handle time-consuming organizational de-

tails such as adoption of rules and election of officers before the start of a regular session. They could meet after the general election in November to do this.

—Require single-member House districts, something the state will have anyway after 1976 by virtue of court decisions and legislative action.

—Sharply curtail the legislature's ability to pass bills, local, which account for half of a session's output.

Sen. Peyton McKnight's "Citizens to Preserve the Texas Constitution" opposes the new document and talks against annual sessions and legislative salaries more than any other issue.

"My experience has been that the more they meet, the more money they spend and the more taxes we have to pay," former Gov. Preston Smith is quoted in one of McKnight's press releases.

Smith said he always had opposed annual sessions—not mentioning that he opted for annual budgets in 1971, vetoing one year of the general appropriation bill and calling the legislature back in 1972 to do the job over with more up-to-date revenue information.

"If you like what Congress is doing to the country these days, you'd love a Texas legislature that sits every year," said another member of McKnight's organization, Brazoria County Commissioner Joe Brigance.

Former Rep. Wayland Simmons of San Antonio said it was a mistake to let the legislature draft the constitution in the first place. "If this passes, I assure you that the legislature will at least triple its own salaries within 12 or 14 months," he said.

Worrying over business opposition to annual sessions, Speaker Bill Clayton suggested that legislators might limit the scope of the 90-day session to fiscal matters.

When Atty. Gen. John Hill said this could not be done, Clayton promised that at least "as long as I am speaker, the even-year emphasis will be on appropriations and budget matters."

Common Cause, the self-styled public interest lobby, said opponents of the legislative article fear

that annual sessions will put special interests at a disadvantage.

"It is easier to operate for a special interest reason with a session every two years. It is easier to kill bills . . . It is easier to include language in bills that a representative isn't even aware of until he gets home," said Common Cause lobbyist John Hammah, a former House member.

Larry Margolis, executive director of the Citizens Conference on State Legislatures, said 140-day biennial sessions "represent an invitation to logjams of legislation, the hysteria of 20-hour-a-day sessions and the three-ring circus atmosphere which prevails at the end of legislative sessions."

Robert W. Calvert, former Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court and leader of "Citizens for the Texas Constitution," said it makes no sense to budget two years in advance for a \$6 billion-a-year government.

Margolis said the lawmakers' \$7,200 salaries are inadequate and rank in the bottom half among the states.

"The growing complexities of the job of legislator and of the problems of the state which the legislature is called upon to manage have far out-paced the growth of compensation," he said.

**Tomorrow:** Changes in the executive branch.

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