

— Sound Off —

Editor, The Battalion.

Your editorial of Tuesday the 26th, entitled "Yell Practice Lacks Civilian Support," was absolutely repulsive. It was written with a total lack of integrity and intelligence.

For your information, civilian students pay exactly the same student services fee as a member of the Corps. This fee entitles us to a seat in our respective class section in Kyle Field for all home football games. There is no reason why any member of the Corps should have a reserved seat on the students side of the field.

I was one of the civilians who sat in the senior section supposedly saved for the Corps seniors. We had no choice. There was no other place to sit and students (civilians) were already sitting in the aisles. As many civilians as possible honored the roped off section.

As for the poor junior Corps students who had to sit on the five-yard line, the rope separating the juniors and seniors was between the ten and fifteen.

You say civilian students want the glory and the best seats. This is also a misconception. It is the Corps that must want the glory. They were the ones who wanted to march in front of the television cameras and the girls; not the civilians.

About the poor showing of civilians at the Monday Yell Practice. You say yourself that the Corps students have to be there. I wonder how many would go if they didn't have to.

And you are wrong again in thinking the civilian students have a way of getting the Spirit an hour before game time and losing it an hour afterward. If you went to the last midnight yell practice, you would have seen a lot of civilians who stood out in that deluge only to be denied entrance to the Grove because all of the gates weren't opened. The civilian students on this campus care just as much as anyone about the Aggie games and the team.

I agree that it would be a poor solution to the seating problem to have to separate the Corps and the civilians at the ball games, but I can not agree with the idea that the Corps should have reserved seats when there are not enough seats to begin with. I hope there will be more seating space for all students on October 7, when the Aggies "Beat the hell out of Florida State."

Bill Liles '68
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Editor, The Battalion:

I am a civilian junior here at A&M and I'm sick and tired of hearing everything bad that happens to the Corps blamed on the civilians. This letter is in reference to your "Yell Practice's Lack Civilian Support" article.

However, that isn't what really

made me mad. It was the sentence about non-regs having spirit an hour before the game and losing it afterwards that I didn't like. Many civilians, as well as I, didn't even know there was a yell practice Monday nite.

Another thing, it isn't the non-regs fault if the corps doesn't get the best seats. Since more students are civilian than corps, what should be done? Makes the civilians wait until the corp finishes marching and everyone make a mad dash for seats? When I came into Kyle Field to seat down, I was told to go up the ramp and all the way to the top. Therefore, how can I and the other non-regs be blamed for sitting where we were instructed to sit.

As far as standing on the seats, I didn't like that either and I think that was wrong. It seems to me however, that rather than a case of civilians doing wrong to the corps, adjustments in the seating arrangements need to be made to cope with A&M's ever-growing population.

Sincerely yours,
Steve Wolf '69

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Editor, The Battalion:

There are several things that could be said about your recent editorial concerning civilian apathy. However, harsh words will not solve the problem that seems to exist among new civilian students. You stated this problem in your answer to "fish" Morgan's letter and I quite "It seems 'frosch' Morgan has little knowledge of Aggie tradition." It is not difficult to me why he has no knowledge of our traditions—no one has informed him. Couldn't the Battalion serve the student body better by running a series of articles about Aggie tradition. Maybe some people who think they know all of the traditions will also benefit from the articles.

Jerry Moody '70

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Editor, The Battalion:

Having been a recent victim, along with many other Aggie day students, of the over-anxious penmanship of our Campus Security Force, I feel it is time once more to express our annual concern over the lack of available parking on campus.

It is quite obvious that with the increase of the student body at A&M, the parking situation will become much more critical. If the University is unable to accommodate the parking needs of the day students, it should abolish on-campus parking and create a bus shuttle service instead. This would be much fairer than to charge every student a parking fee, only to discover that approximately 300 more stickers were sold than there are available parking slots. It is also unreasonable to require a student to pay \$5 or more so that he may

park in the unpaved lot by G. Rollie White on a rainy day, thereby ruining car and clothes.

The existing arrangement is definitely not in step with the present day modern university complexes. The situation should again be reviewed and I am also of the opinion that if the Campus Security men were as anxious to alleviate the crisis as they are in finding cars which can be cited with parking violations, it might eventually lead to a solution of the problem and provide mutual gains for the University and its students.

Sincerely
Klaus D. Meybaum
Ssgt. USAF, Class of 68

(Editor's note: Campus Security Chief Ed Powell noted some of the same problems Sgt. Meybaum points in yesterday's article in the Battalion concerning lack of parking facilities.)

Editor, The Battalion
I used to enjoy going to the snackbar of the MSC for coffee and an occasional lunch but no more. Since the powers in charge have decided to use paper plates and plastic cups the taste of the food and coffee has changed. I wonder how many other Aggies feel the same.

Very truly yours
H. H. Hamilton '46

Engineer Officers Elected For 67-68

Edward Miller was elected president of the A&M chapter of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers Sept. 21.

Other officers elected for the coming year were Steve Withers, secretary; Ronald Kent, treasurer, and Richard Severance, public relations officer.

Larry Parsons and Tim Avelono were selected as the junior and senior representatives to the Engineering Council.

The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 3 in room 207 of the Engineering Building. Dr. A. W. Wortham, head of the department will be the speaker.

J. L. Petty Named To Personnel Post

Jerry L. Petty of Tyler has been named an assistant in the Texas A&M University System personnel office, announced Robert L. Gulley Jr., director.

Petty, a 1966 personnel management graduate of Texas A&M, will be responsible for job analysis and evaluation and assist in the administration of position classification and pay plans.

Since graduation, Petty, 23, has been a personnel representative for Carrier Air Conditioning Company in Tyler. He expects to receive a master's degree in personnel management from East Texas State University in July.

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"Maybe I'm not cut out to be a senior! I've been trying to get 'em off for two days."

TODAY
Houston Hometown Club will meet in Room 201 of the Physics Building after Yell Practice. New officers will be elected.
South Louisiana Hometown Club will meet in the Main Lobby of the MSC at 7:30 p.m. to organize for this year.
Abilene Hometown Club will meet in Room 208 of the Academic Building at 7:45 to organize for this year.
Waco-McLennan County Hometown Club will meet in the Cashion Room in the YMCA at 7:30 p.m.
Bell County Hometown Club will meet in Room 205 of the Academic Building after Yell Practice.
The San Angelo-West Texas Hometown Club will meet following yell practice in room 108 of the Academic Building. Officers will be elected.

FRIDAY
Student Bridge Club will organize at 7:30 p.m. in the MSC Social Room. All students and wives are welcome.
A&M Women's Social Club will meet in the Ballroom of the MSC at 3 p.m.
TUESDAY
The Marketing Society will have a guest speaker, C. R. Neel, District Manager for Procter and Gamble, at 7:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the MSC.
The Recreation and Parks Club will meet in Room 113 of the Herman Heep Building at 7:30 p.m.
The Orange Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Lobby of the MSC.
The Amarillo Hometown Club will meet on the front steps of the MSC September 28, 7:15 p.m. A business and organizational meeting will be conducted, those wishing to join please attend.

U.S. Denies Indian Charges

NEW DELHI (AP)—U. S. Ambassador Chester Bowles issued an angry retort Wednesday to a claim that CIA agents have infiltrated industrial areas of Bihar State and American missionaries are converting famine-plagued farmers under duress.
Chandra Shekhar Singh, the state's irrigation and power minister, was quoted Tuesday as saying Central Intelligence Agency agents infiltrated a strategically important industrial complex in the garb of missionaries and re-

search scholars.
The United News of India said Singh claimed a number of people reported to him that scores of drought and flood victims had been converted to Christianity on the promise they would receive relief. He was quoted as saying children in mission schools were forced to say the United States had saved them from starvation by providing food to them and employment to their guardians.
Bowles' response called it false and irresponsible.

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