

No Parking Zone, A Last Resort

Amid the new steel, concrete and brick structures on the A&M campus is an odorous beast of our mechanized society.

It has become an essential to everybody and everyday life.

As with many boys, it is a rather promiscuous animal, and now completely overpopulates the scene. It's your car. The traffic problem in and around A&M has become increasingly worse. Never have so many driven so much to so few parking spaces, to paraphrase a phrase.

Recent parking space additions on the outer perimeter of the campus have already fallen behind the pace.

Like a teen-aged boy who has to take his kid sister with him wherever he goes, each student seems to have at least one car with him at college.

The result is that adequate traffic control and parking facilities are always a step behind what is required.

You could compare the campus to a city, where engineers have built many fine roads leading to the downtown area but in town leave drivers to fight for available space while caught in a maze of one-way streets and knotted intersections.

Students who live on the campus are not necessarily major contributors to the problem.

In most cases, a dormitory-residing student will park his car in an assigned lot and leave it there for the week. He is usually within easy walking distance to his classes.

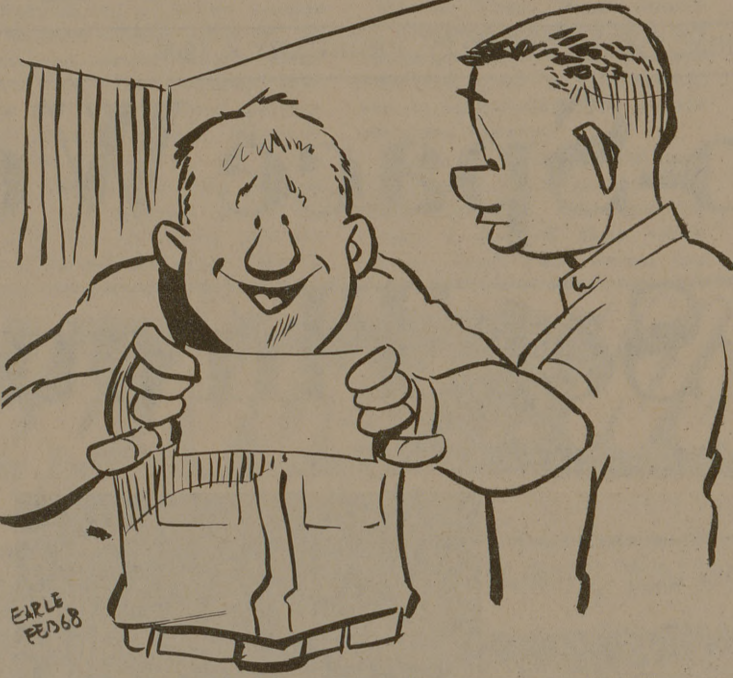
It is the ever increasing number of students who live off the campus and must commute to classes who are, through no fault of their own, creating new problems.

Add their cars to those of the thousands of faculty and staff members and you have a battleship trying to float in a swimming pool.

The College Station Police attempt to alleviate the problem of a tremendous influx and exit of cars at the intersection of College Ave. and Farm Road 60 by supplying an officer at 8 a. m., noon, and 5 p. m.

But it is only one intersection in desperate need of traffic control.

The North Gate intersection may be one of the worst in the county. Traffic is often stacked up with cars exiting from Houston Street, other attempting to leave the Post Office parking area, and still other autos coming from the Farm Road 60 underpass.



"The perfect schedule—no class before 10 or after 3, no Monday or Friday classes! It would be nice if I could get in more than six hours, though."

The traffic light there is all-placed and ill-timed. Drivers often block the intersection so that those trying to turn cannot. It is hazardous touch-and-go driving.

West Gate is another hazard. With cars parked street-side in the new parking lot, a driver must pull his car out into the intersection to be able to see oncoming traffic from the left. And the new four-lane Old College Road is the campus' western drag strip—a dangerous proposition.

As far as parking spaces, more are desperately needed. If that means building lots outside of reasonable walking distance to the center of the campus, then multi-level parking facilities must be considered.

By necessity, the two-ton beast of the highways must be planned for before the 160-pound future student.

MSU Prexy Blasts Campus Demonstrators

(ACP)—Campus demonstrators who disrupt speeches and obstruct employment interviews are "wholly incompatible with the basic tenets of a great university," University of Michigan President Robben Fleming told Michigan State University graduates at fall commencement, the MSU State News reported.

For years, Fleming said, universities have fought against restrictions on speakers and on many campuses the fight has been won.

"How are we to explain," he asked, "that while all kinds of speakers may come to the campus, some of them will be so disrupted that their views may not be heard?"

He said some excuse interruptions on the grounds that there has always been heckling when the speech topic is of emotional interest to the audience. "This may explain, but it does not justify," he said. "For those of us who would defend the right of free inquiry within the university, there cannot be a double standard."

Some argue, and with merit, Fleming said, that employment interviews are not an integral part of campus life and therefore should be conducted off campus.

"Obstructive tactics, however, are not directed at all interviewing but only at selected interviewing," he said.

"Others, he said, resolve the problem by invoking a 'higher morality' to determine who should

be allowed to interview. "The trouble with this concept is that it is not at all clear who is to be in charge of judging the dictates of a higher morality," Fleming said.

He said the demonstrators fail to recognize the nature of the recruiting process—that a student who signs up for an interview does so as an "exercise of individual judgment."

The right to dissent vanishes, he said, when those who disagree with a given kind of employment can tell others that they must not exercise individual freedom of choice.

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Battalion Survey

Aggies Favor Escalation Of Viet War

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The "in" thing on this nation's college and university campuses seems to be demonstrations.

Recent protest demonstrations have encompassed such topics as the quality of faculty members, over-emphasis of athletics, substandard housing for students, campus recruiting visits by representatives of producers of chemicals used by the military, and recruiting visits by representatives of the Armed Forces of the United States. But the main, recurring topic has been the question concerning United States involvement in Vietnam.

"PEACENICKS" on the majority of college campuses keep things moving at a high pitch. A spirited bunch with a high degree of "stick-to-it-iveness," they apparently believe in what they are doing.

They would find little following at Texas A&M. Located in College Station, Texas A&M was the first land grant institution established in Texas, opening in 1876. From its small beginning with 40 students, it has grown to a major university with an enrollment of 12,000 plus.

Texas A&M has a strong military background and ranks second only to the military academies in the number of graduates who have served as officers in the armed forces.

TWO YEARS of military training under the R.O.T.C. program was required of all male students who were physically qualified until 1965 when the program became optional. Present enrollment in the Corps of Cadets is approximately 2,500.

The situation in Vietnam and the protest movements against the war are therefore of primary interest to the students of Texas A&M.

A survey was taken to discover the precise opinions of these students. An approximately even number of questionnaires was returned by both civilian students and members of the Corps.

FOUR QUESTIONS were asked in the survey: What is your opinion of the United States involvement in the war in Vietnam; are you in favor of pulling out or escalating; what is your opinion of the protest movements on this nation's campuses, and do you think it hurts soldier morale; and how does your opinion on these questions contradict or confirm your religious convictions?

The question concerning the opinions of students about the involvement of the United States in the war in Vietnam was one on which nearly all students involved in the poll agreed. The consensus of opinion was that because the United States is already involved, it must stay there to save face.

"I am for the United States intervention in Vietnam" one student said, "because if the U. S. backs down from the Communists at this point, there will be no stopping them from taking over the rest of Asia."

ANOTHER felt that "we must wage war in Vietnam or forget the principles of democracy and freedom for which we stand. The war in Vietnam is a 'have-to' case for Americans."

Some harbored resentment towards President Lyndon B. Johnson for his "placing the welfare of the Vietnamese above his own countrymen."

Seen as only "a political battle" by some, one individual said "many men are killed in Vietnam each day, yet politicians have to talk while military commanders are kept from employing the necessary force to win the war."

ONE STUDENT summed up the sentiment of all those for involvement in Vietnam.

"I believe that the U. S. must fight in Vietnam; our survival as a leading nation depends on this. We promised that we would defend South Vietnam, and many neutral countries are watching us. They feel that if we don't keep our promise to protect Vietnam, we cannot be trusted at all, and that they would have to become

communist to keep their countries intact. Indonesia, Malaysia, India, Burma, Thailand, etc.; all would have to seriously reconsider their foreign policies if we could not be trusted.

"Secondly, our fighting has set back the communist plan of conquest more than five years. In the writings of Mao and his Theories on Warfare, a timetable for the conquest of all Asia was laid out. As of 1964, this timetable had been set back five years, and a further setback is expected.

"THIRDLY, this war is supposedly a war against aggression. We fought a war in the same area more than 20 years ago against a different enemy, who desired the same thing—the rule of Asia. If we say the Vietnam war is wrong, shouldn't we consider World War II wrong also?"

However, not everyone saw involvement as right.

"From a historical standpoint, it was a mistake to get involved in the first place."

Another wrote "Vietnam is a civil war. It is between the Viet Cong and the government of the south. The U. S. seemingly has no business interfering in a civil war of a foreign country."

Escalation seemed to be the only alternative for all but four of the students surveyed.

A "HAWK" attitude was expressed by one student who declared "war can result in only one of two choices—victory or defeat. War is a time for battle with victory in mind—not a time for compromise."

Some thought escalation was called for, but not by the U. S. forces.

"We should help South Vietnam plan a full scale invasion of North Vietnam. After all, it is their country and their freedom and I do not feel that escalation by the United States would, in the end, insure a democratic South Vietnam. The United States is committed to containment in the south, but the Vietnamese themselves should be the ones to end the war by carrying it to the north."

Withdrawal proponents were "in favor of a withdrawal of all but a meager occupation force in South Vietnam to show its people that we respect their wishes for self-government, with no foreign military intervention, yet at the same time illustrating our willingness to assist if a need arises."

TEXAS A&M students agreed three-to-one that the protest movements are a definite detriment to the morale of the U. S. G. I. However, nearly all of them felt it would be an infringement of free speech to "forceably halt these demonstrations."

"I am personally against protest movements and would never participate in one because I think it not only hurts our soldiers' morale, but also gives our enemies a new hope. Although I realize it is each person's right to question his government, I feel that these people have forgotten that it is their government and their country for which the soldiers in Vietnam are dying."

Others called for drafting or jailing of individuals participating in these demonstrations.

"The protest movements made by the hippies and so-called 'peaceniks' are nearing the borders of treason. It appears to me

Fuller, Elmendorf Tops In AF

William G. Fuller Jr. of Poteet and David C. Elmendorf of Houston will be honored as Texas A&M's top sophomore and freshman Air Force ROTC students.

Col. Vernon L. Head, professor of aerospace studies, announced Fuller and Elmendorf had the best AFROTC course averages for the fall semester.

Fuller, a sophomore pre-law major and Texas Aggie Band member, scored 96 per cent in his AFROTC academic work, tops among 195 cadets. A freshman football offensive and defensive

regular, Elmendorf led 440 freshmen with his 97 per cent.

Fuller has an Air Force scholarship, a pilot contract and is active in student affairs. He is Flying Kadets treasurer, a junior assistant scoutmaster and an honors program student. He worked on the 13th Student Conference on National Affairs and attended YMCA Freshman Camp.

Elmendorf also plans to play baseball and made A's in all his fall semester courses except physical education, in which he had a "B". He is a member of Squadron 14 in the Corps.

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