Editor: The American Revolution was fought, among other things, because of taxation without repre-

sentation. The proposed Brazos County Airport Authority, if passed Saturday, will mean just that, taxation without representation. The limits of the tax have no bearing. The fact remains that the proposed authority would be appointed, not elected.

We, in College Station, chose to elect another taxing body, the School Board, rather than have them appointed as the Bryan School Board is. Let's not allow the Brazos County Commissioners to appoint another taxing body.

H. B. 189 allows reconsideration of the issue in one year. Why not wait and plan the Authority a little better?

> Bruce Shulter James Brewster

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I would like to address my comments to the six authors of a letter that appeared in The Battalion, Thursday, March 19th. In this letter these individuals advocated a policy of complacency. They stated that "you can't buck the system. . ." Such a statement implies that if an individual has a problem or obstacle to overcome, he has two possible choices of action. One is to solve his problem, and if this is not immediately feasible, then (2) he should avoid this problem or avoid the reality that this problem exists. In other words, if a principle or policy of an individual, institution, or governmental agency is considered to be incorrect by a person, then this person should withdraw from the environment

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tably the presence of women stu-

dents at A&M. To him and the

rest of the student body I would

like to tender the following com-

To the majority of Ags, Texas A&M is more than just a school.

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well. It is this spirit and heritage

that makes A&M different from

all other schools. These qualities

have evolved over the years as a

result of the many traditions such

as speaking, whipping out, yell

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instilled a pride and determina-

While it is true that the presence

of women on campus will prob-

For those Ags that welcome

university whose name is recog-

presence of women students as

inevitable. Moreover, why can't

the women accept the fact that

their presence is not appreciated and stop trying to force them-

Greg S. Craver

Class of '72

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made A&M great.

in which this problem exists. In my opinion you can and must buck the system at certain times. The only way to spearhead action into reform of an invalid principle is to let the 'system" know about your grievances and, most importantly, what suggestions you have to alleviate the situation.

Every system or organization is a target for change. Every system must change within its changing environment in order to survive and prosper. Turning our backs on institutionally orientated problems isn't going to get people anywhere. We must face our problems head-on and institute change where the situation dictates change should occur. B. Paul Quinn '71

Editor: The coeds ask for an attitude change among Aggies. A group of seniors retort that they don't want to change-hit Highway 6. This is followed by an answer to the seniors that since they are in the minority maybe they should walk Highway 6 instead. When will Highway 6 cease to be a Limbo into which closed-minded individuals banish those that disagree with them? Highway 6 should be the route by which anyone with something to contribute to the well rounded education that Texas A&M University is supposed to give may enter.

Don Bouchard '72

I would like to disagree with

by Jim Earle

the current Battalion policy in the printing of letters in "Listen" Up." It seems that all the column has become is simply another battleground for students to make known their immature prejudices against those who differ from them. One day we hear attacks from one side of the campus, and the next day the other side of the campus replies with attacks of their own. The real tragedy is that no new points are brought out by either side, and the same old material is rehashed

When I came to A&M, I was told that prejudices existed between the corps and civilians, and that it was up to our class, since we had no prejudices before coming here, to start unifying the student body as a whole. It is now almost two years later, and I have yet to see any progress at all. In fact, now the campus seems to be split into more factions, corps, cowboys, coeds, hippies, racial minorities, etc., than when I first came here.

I believe that one factor contributing to continuing these prejudices is the Battalion policy printing prejudiced letters. Surely the "Listen Up" column is more than an old ladies gossip column. The drive to unify the study body needs all the support it can get, and I feel that the refusal to print prejudiced letters is exactly the kind of support need-

> Leon Charles Norton Class of '72

Editor: I would like the student body of Texas A&M to note the fact that the "6 boys" Mr. Darkoch refers to in his letter of 17 March did not construct their letters to Listen Up from their own words. They merely used quotes taken from interviews with the women students themselves. Their obvious purpose was to show that the Aggie coeds, themselves, realize their presence is not ap-

the student body. The fish class president, in his letter, then states that the male student body should accept inevi-

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An incident occurred last Saturday afternoon that reflects very strongly on the corps and civilian relations.

Two aggie co-eds and I were sitting on the steps of the MSC, very quietly playing my guitar and writing down a list of songs which we were to play that night. Several members of the corps walked by, one carrying the American flag. This cadet is a junior and is supposed to be setting the example for his subordinates. With no provocation he said, "Well, why don't we have - hootnanny out

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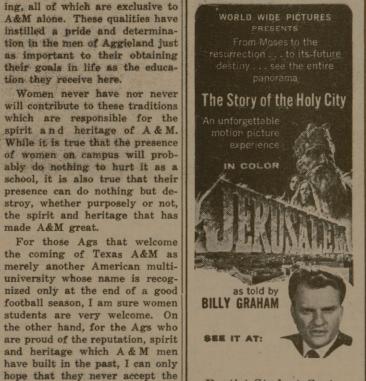
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the corps and civilians. Not long ago an article was written concerning the use of fowl language in the presence of ladies. An incident of this nature provides firm grounds for an article such as that

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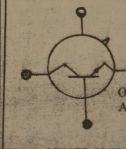
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