

"As soon as you're awake, we need to discuss your pot plant!"

## the graduate

By Tony Benedetto

Election fever and spring fever are hitting Texas A&M at the same time this year, so let's hope the spring gas doesn't carry over into the elections. By the way, if you're tired of bitching about student government and want to do something about it, you still have until Thursday to get involved. Having been deeply involved in student government for the last three years, I would without qualification or hesitation urge every person on this campus to become a part of it. I am talking here to graduates and undergraduates alike. Filing for Graduate Student Council positions is being held in conjunction with the General Elections to be held April 23. There is more information about the elections and filing procedures in the latest issue of the GSC Newsletter, which is now available through departmental secretaries.

Because of the deadlines necessary in publication of the Newsletter, one of the items is now incorrect. The new G.I. Bill was passed and signed the day after the Newsletter was printed, so I shall attempt to explain the major changes. Additional information may be obtained through the Veteran Affairs office in the YMCA. Benefits under the War

Orphan's plan also are included in these changes. An unmarried veteran will now receive \$175 per month, retroactive to 1 February 1970 as are all changes. A married veteran with no children will receive \$205 per month, one child bringing an extra \$25 (total \$230) and each additional child bringing an extra \$13 per month. The changes will not be reflected until the May 10 checks.

The charge has been levied that the G.I. Bill article in the Newsletter was blatantly political and out of order in that publication. It was interpreted this way because of the mention of Lloyd Bentsen and George Bush and the omission of the other contender in the U.S. Senate race, Ralph Yarborough. Significantly, it was a Yarborough supporter who levied the charge. He pointed out that in fact Senator Yarborough had sponsored the bill in the first place and that it had been held up in the House. It was the intention of the article to say that maybe somebody needed a fire built under them to get some action on the bill, not to promote Mr. Bentsen or Mr. Bush or to speak derogatorily of Senator Yarborough. I therefore feel that there is no need to apologize for the article and indeed I shall not.

## Listen Up the batt forum

Editor:

When Chip Brees calls himself "an ignorant Yankee foreigner", I am inclined to agree. Anyone who would stay at a school he regrets choosing could not be very bright.

If he thinks that "other colleges are moving forward" while "A&M is standing still", he should come out of his room to see what has been accomplished in the past ten years under the late Earl Rudder.

The school has increased its enrollment from \$7,500 to 14,000 students. The value of the physical plant has been doubled with the addition of such facilities as the Cyclotron Institute, Teague Research Center, Nuclear Science Center, Agriculture Building, Library, Plant Sciences Building, Biological Sciences Building, Information Services Building, and major additions to the veterinary medicine complex, Kyle Field, and numerous campus buildings. Research activities have been increased more than 100 per cent with an annual research budget of \$24 million. The university now has the highest ratio of graduate students in the state. The faculty totals about 1,000 with more than one half holding doctoral degrees. The number of colleges in the university has been increased from five to 10. In 1962 the Maritime Academy was added, and a whole new campus is

being built in Galveston. I could continue to sing praises for A&M all day, but my letter is already getting too long.

Present construction shows that our university is not standing still. Chip Brees' criticism of A&M without constructive content only provides a deterrent to a progressive school. We are moving forward with the prowess of an outstanding academic institution.

M. Bruce McGee

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Editor:

Since the letter in last Tuesday's Battalion was published concerning the Fifth Wheel Committee, we are still getting questions as to the specific nature of this group.

There are basic principles to which all of the Fifth Wheel Committee adhere. Foremost among these is that student government must move away from its status of being controlled by a small group of elitists who are unresponsive to your needs. It must instead incorporate the perspectives of all segments of the campus and effectively represent the feelings of the students.

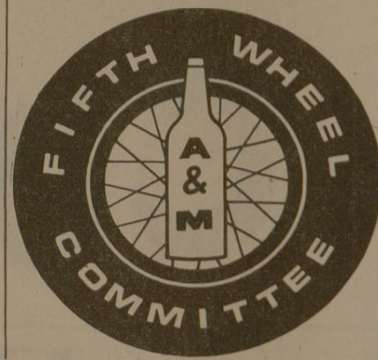
Although members of the Fifth Wheel Committee agree to these basic principles, there are many divergent political philosophies within the group.

We ask that you consider each

candidate according to his individual merits. We feel the Fifth Wheel candidates have demonstrated a desire to see that the students are effectively represented and a willingness to work toward this end.

Kent Caperton,  
Candidate for  
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## Bulletin Board

**TUESDAY**  
 Sigma Delta Chi will meet at noon. There will be a speaker. Agricultural Communications Club will meet at 8 p.m. in the Journalism Library. All agricultural journalism students should attend this important meeting.

**THURSDAY**  
 Army Cadet Wives' Club will have a wig party at 7:30 p.m. in room V-2-L of Hensel. This is a casual dress affair and all seniors are urged to come so they will be eligible for a PHT degree.

A.I.E. will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 226 Library. The speaker will be from the distribution division of Lone Star Gas Co.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 American Association of University Professors will hear a re-

port of the Feb. 25 meeting between A&M administrators and the national office of the AAUP concerning the Leon Gibbs case at 7:30 p.m. in Room 226 Library.

**THURSDAY**  
 Pecan Valley Hometown Club will meet at 8 p.m. in Room 2A Memorial Student Center. El Paso Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Art Room Memorial Student Center. Officers will be elected and plans for a party will be made.

**SUNDAY**  
 Chemical Engineering Wives Club will have a family picnic at Hensel Park 2:30-5:00 p.m. Drinks will be furnished, but each family is to bring their own lunch. Athletic equipment for football, baseball, volleyball and horseshoes will be furnished.

## tonight on the tube

Numbers in ( ) denote channels on the cable.

5:00	3 (5)	General Hospital	8:00	3 (5)	Bob Goulet Show
5:30	3 (5)	CBS Evening News	9:00	3 (5)	Academy Awards
6:00	3 (5)	News	11:00	3 (5)	News
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**APRIL 20-26**  
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**PEANUTS**  
 By Charles M. Schulz  
 PEANUTS  
 "HI, BUG!"  
 "HAVE A NICE SPRING."  
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