

Listen Up the batt forum

Editor:

In yesterday's Batt several allegations were leveled at the Fifth Wheel Committee. These allegations were false and totally unfounded. The fact that they carried with them no justification or rational proof, either by logical argument or example, indicates the nature and invalidity of the charges.

The Fifth Wheel is not a political machine composed of a small clique of friends attempting to gain power at the expense of the interests of the student body. It is instead a group of concerned students who among themselves hold divergent political views representing all perspectives of the campus. However, these individuals formed the Fifth Wheel Committee because they adhere to one basic principle: that student government has in the past

failed to be representative of and responsive to the needs and desires of the student body.

The Fifth Wheel is campaigning as an organization because in this way we can more effectively communicate this basic principle to the student body. If you question the merits or motives of any Fifth Wheel candidate we urge you to get in touch with him, talk with him and decide for yourself whether this candidate is the most interested and qualified man.

The Fifth Wheel is not asking for a straight ticket or "bloc" vote. It asks instead that the voters examine the qualifications of each individual candidate, compare the merits and vote accordingly. The Fifth Wheel's primary objective is to see that next year's student government is composed of concerned and

qualified students who represent all aspects of the campus and who can work together effectively.

In his letter Punte referred to the "extravagant signs" in front of the MSC and Sbsa. These signs were painted and erected by concerned students who sacrificed their Easter vacations to remain on campus to work. This effort is indicative of the concern and willingness to work of Fifth Wheel members.

Incidentally, our inquiries to the Housing Office, grade records, and local phone books have revealed no one named Carroll Punte.

Kent Caperton
Candidate for President of Student Senate
Roger Miller
Candidate for Vice-President of Student Senate



Apollo Limping Homeward

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ill effect at levels as high as 22 mm.

To help matters, the ground suggested a makeshift remedy. It told the astronauts to rig a lithium hydroxide canister to the air system with a plastic tape and cloth, maybe even an old sock.

Apollo 13 started the long trip home Tuesday night after swinging around the backside of the moon at an altitude of 156 miles and looping back toward earth. Two hours later the crew triggered the Aquarius engine for

four minutes to accelerate their speed.

Little was said about the moon, which Lovell and Haise had hoped to visit as the third team of moon-landing astronauts.

Lovell made a brief comment that it looked "like the volcano fields in Hawaii." That's where the astronauts simulated moon-walking while training for the mission.

Several hours later, with the moon more than 15,000 miles away, Haise reported: "Sure enough the moon is getting smaller." He later snapped some pic-

tures of it.

In other developments:

—Experts said the best theory on the cause of the Monday spacecraft rupture was that a short circuit in either a fan or a heater associated with the oxygen tank allowed pressure to build to 1,500 pounds per square inch, causing the tank to burst.

—The third stage of the Saturn 5 rocket that boosted the astronauts into space last Saturday crashed on the moon as scheduled with a force equal to 11 tons of TNT, exciting a seismometer left by the Apollo 12 astronauts. The impact vibrated the instrument for four hours, and was expected to help scientists probing the moon's internal structure.

Fitzhugh Gives Inaugural

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tee," Caperton said. "I was shocked that anything we have done in the past or proposed in our platform could be construed as a union against anything. We have stated time and time again that we are simply pro-student, pro-student government and pro-TEXAS A&M."

"I spoke with Tom following the banquet," he said, "and he assured me that he didn't aim his comments at the Fifth Wheel. I guess I really don't have any choice but to accept his word on this. However, I would be interested in finding out just who he is talking about."

Fitzhugh also said that the central reception foyer and lounge in the expanded MSC building will be dedicated to the memory of the late A&M president Earl Rudder.

"This student lounge will stretch two stories in height and encompass an area four times larger than all currently existing lounge space in the MSC," Fitzhugh said. "It will be the focal point and central feature of the new MSC, and will signify the dedication of the man who de-

voted his life to the advancement of an institution whose hallmark is excellence."

Bulletin Board

TONIGHT

The Campus Committee of Concern is sponsoring a discussion of student rights featuring Engineering Dean Fred Benson and Philosophy Department Head, Dr. Manuel Davenport at 7:30 p.m. in the UCCF building.

The Hillel Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Hillel House. Plans will be made concerning the banquet and ball to be held April 18.

The Irving Hometown Club will meet at 8:00 p.m. in Room 2B Memorial Student Center. Officers will be elected for next year.

Panhandle Area Hometown Club will meet at Oakridge Smokehouse at 6:00 p.m.

Irving Hometown Club will meet at 8:00 p.m. in Room 3B of the Memorial Student Center.

Texas A&M Advertising Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Casa del Sol game room. Ad Recogni-

tion Week will be made.

American Chemical Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn for socials. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. and at 8:30 p.m. Dr. T. H. Grindstaff will speak on holography.

The Symposium for Environmental Awareness will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 208 Architecture.

THURSDAY

San Angelo-West Texas Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the rotunda of the Academic Building. Announcements will be made concerning a party on April 18.

Mid-County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Memorial Student Center.

FRIDAY

The Chess Committee of the Memorial Student Center will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 3B of the MSC.

SATURDAY

The Business Administration Wives Club will sponsor a special showing of "In Search of the Castaways" at 9:30 a.m. at the Campus Theater. Admissions are children, 50 cents, and adults, 75 cents. A drawing will be held.

Geology Wives Club will have a picnic at 4:30 p.m. in Williamson Park.

tonight on the tube

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	7:30 3 (5) A Boy Named Steve
5:00 3 (5) General Hospital	8:00 3 (5) Johnny Cash Show
5:30 3 (5) CBS Evening News	9:00 3 (5) Hawaii Five-O
6:00 3 (5) News	10:00 3 (5) Final News
	10:30 3 (5) It Takes A Thief

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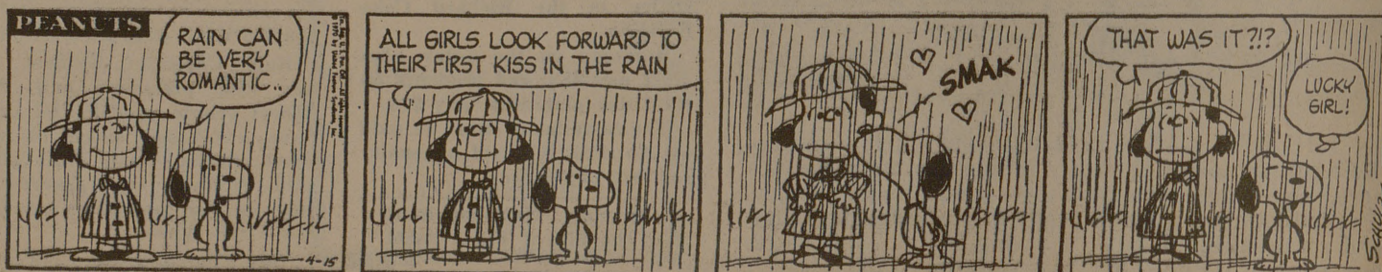
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