

Listen Up the batt forum

Editor:
After attending this university for three years I'm pleased and genuinely enthusiastic that someone is attempting to redirect the Student Senate to deal with the issues that really affect the individual student. In the past three years no senator has ever come to me in an attempt to establish the point of view that he would present at a senate meeting on the basis of being his constituent's opinions. The Fifth Wheel has shown me that not only will it attempt to deal with issues that really affect me as an individual student but that it also seeks my opinion even the establishment of its campaign platform.

"Carroll Punte" in his letter of April 14 accused the candidates of the Fifth Wheel of being unqualified. I, of course, do not know all of the Fifth Wheel members; but I do know the members that live in my dorm and these students are well qualified by virtue of their past activities in the many areas of student concern on this campus. These same students have a definite interest in the major problems that face A&M and are willing to work to solve these problems.

The fact that the Fifth Wheel may be considered a political party seems to bother quite a few students. In the past, the Student Senate has not acted as a representative body should. We need a change. The Fifth Wheel at least knows that the senate should be dedicated to the needs of all the students on campus, including the corps, civilians, day students, and all other interest groups.

I'm glad that there are students at A&M who are genuinely interested in good student government and want to see a senate that can effectively respond to student needs. These students undoubtedly feel that by banding together, even only temporarily, they can acquaint themselves with as broad a cross-section as possible of this campus, and therefore are actually becoming more qualified as the campaign progresses.

Emil Pela, '71

Editor:

It is quite apparent that the student body at Texas A&M is in a state of change.

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A problem has arisen in that the students do not know what they want to change into. This makes it difficult for dedicated students who want to serve in student government. One segment of our school wants to be "Old Army." The other group wants A&M to be a "Love and Peace" university where students have power on all boards and elect profs and presidents. This leaves no place for the moderate conservative civilians who want A&M to be a unique old southern school with pride in its heritage.

Too many civilian students have no idea what this school's past has and still means to their degree and the "Aggie Ring."

So until the corps grows up enough to accept the civilians, and the civilians realize that the corps is made of students with the same needs and wants as themselves, and until all students here realize that "pride in A&M" makes our degree worth more, dedicated leaders are going to shy away from lowering themselves into the mickey-mouse, manure slinging of student politics.

Therefore, we withdraw from the following candidacies in the election of April 23.

- Marcus Hill, Candidate Senior Class President
- Bruce McGee, Candidate Sr Class Concessions Chairman
- Joel Sheffield, Candidate Senior Class Treasurer
- Craig Bradley, Candidate Civilian Student Council President

Editor:

As a Vietnam veteran returning to A&M after a three year absence, I find a great many things changed. But my attitude has been one of letting the campus life pass by as I have been out of touch with it for so long. Lately, items have been brought to my attention that I think I am somewhat qualified to speak on. I refer to the peace fast and anti-war day of April 15.

Mr. Fisher has excellent intentions in trying to help women and children of a war torn land. This would be great if he could really do this. But many times the medicine and supplies given by various peace groups to North Vietnam find it's way to the North Vietnamese Army in the south. I do not report this from hearsay or grapevine news but rather from what I have actually seen. I have actually seen these supplies in bunkers and supply depots of the North Vietnamese Army in South Vietnam. Some of these supplies were found still in

the original packing crates the peace groups used. Can you imagine the psychological impact this can have on an American soldier!

I do not think that Mr. Fisher or the various peace groups fully realize what they are doing. If they think that turning their backs on the destruction the enemy does, that it will not be there, then someone is being fooled. In case of the North Vietnamese he will stab you in the back. The leaders in the North want only to take over the South and will use any help, including the highly publicized Quaker groups to do it. If a person is foolish enough or lacks the experience I suggest several things to open his eyes. Talk with a G.I. from Vietnam. I do not mean a Saigon Warrior or a Remington Raider, but an infantryman with combat experience. Read some of the writings of Ho Chi Minh, Giap, or Le Quan about fighting and the take over of the South. Find out what they think about how a war is fought. Realize that you are aiding an enemy that is trying to kill American soldiers. A soldier, whose only thought is to come home alive and in one piece. If the peace movement people want to help, why not help the combat soldier in Vietnam. I am sure he would appreciate a few of the little extras in life that we have

David E Sneed

Editor:

By now everyone knows the story of Wednesday's display of power on the part of the man who ordered the arrest of Earl Brown and the breaking up of the peace rally.

I wish that he could have had the foresight to see the result of that action. It wasn't the "peaceniks" who hurt A&M. It was the unjustified display of power that created something feared among administrators in many backward universities—the movement for student rights.

The movement that had only a small following until Wednesday was given the largest boost it could have received and will get an even greater shove if Dean Hannigan carries out his threat of disciplinary action against the other students apprehended.

An anti-administration sentiment was stirred by Wednesday afternoon's events and the best way to avoid the kind of trouble seen at other universities will require not only student responsibility, but a measure of restraint on the part of the administration.

Steve Nesbitt

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"They're not real glasses; they have eyes painted on them for you know what in class!"

Bulletin Board

- TONIGHT**
Ag-Eco Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Rooms 112-113 Plant Sciences.
- Alpha Phi Omega will meet at 7 p.m. for an officers meeting and at 7:30 p.m. will conduct pledge interviews in Room 3D Memorial Student Center.
- Black Awareness Rap Session will meet in Lounge A-2 at 7 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**
Veterans Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Rooms 3B and C in the Memorial Student Center. Senator Bill Moore will speak on specific state problems. The club will have a very short meeting following the speech.
- Sailing Club will meet in the Architecture Auditorium at 7 p.m. to plan for the Fort Worth regatta.

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WHAT IS A FIFTH WHEEL?

A Fifth Wheel is an individual who has been ignored by student government.



WHAT IS THE FIFTH WHEEL COMMITTEE?

The Fifth Wheel Committee was formed to insure all students of a voice in student government. The Fifth Wheel Candidates have varying philosophies and approaches to problems and our basis for unity in our belief that every student should be represented in student government.

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By Charles M. Schulz

