

# LISTEN UP

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Dear Sir,

Having only minutes ago experienced class registration for the eleventh time at Texas A&M, I am moved to express my frustration, disbelief, and anger at what seems to me to be unbelievably mismanaged and unorganized procedure. Time after time the same procedures that prove awkward, unfair, and unnecessary are repeated with seemingly no attempt at improvement.

Specifically, the very worst bottleneck in the entire procedure is the distribution of card packets. This process gives life to every Aggie joke ever told. The packets are distributed on a schedule in accordance with an alphabetical sequence for order of registration. Granted, a specific order for registration is necessary, but why must the card packets be distributed in the same order? The registration order could be set in the same manner, but the card packets should be distributed prior to registration day, or, if necessary, even on the same day, but certainly not in just a 90 minute period of madness.

Further, the traditional place of distribution is grossly inadequate to handle the long lines that form, if you can call a mob a line. No attempt was made to organize the

## Chorus group seeks members

The New Tradition Singers, A&M's new mixed chorus, is looking for new members. Any student or student spouse is eligible and welcome. The group started during the spring semester of 1970 and is now a recognized committee of the Memorial Student Center. The first summer rehearsal is Thursday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 119 of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Robert L. Boone, director of the Singing Cadets, is the director for the group. No auditions are required. Anyone interested can call Mr. Boone at the Student Programs Office in the MSC or come to the rehearsal.

lines other than the small little signs above the windows. Aisles for each window should be fixed by roping them off or building railings. The experience of standing in line for 40 minutes and finally approaching a window, only to see a new name sequence being put up, and hearing a voice tell you that you are now late and your card packet has been moved to a side window, and to please form new lines, instills tears of futility and deep seated hatred. No such change should occur.

May I make the following suggestions: (1) Hand out card packets by departments during the week before registration; (2) Barring this, hand out all packets at the same time, using at least 10 to 20 persons distributing the packets. (Six girls having to look up one by one alphabetically each registrant's packet for the entire student body is rather slow.); (3) Post two to three persons to manage the formation of lines in well roped off aisles; (4) Control the order of registration at the entrance to the registration hall, not by the distribution of card packets.

There are many other correctable bottlenecks inside the registration hall, but they are minor compared to the distribution of card packets. Surely, an institution with as many educated personnel as A&M can carry out a smooth running, efficient registration.

Ron Windham  
Chemistry Department

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Editor:

To the students, faculty, and friends of Texas A&M:

On May 7 of this year, Gary Beckcom Day was held. For this, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to all those who made it possible. I was greatly honored by the thoughtfulness and support of all my fellow Aggies. The spirit which has been so good to me is only to be found in one school... Gig 'Em Aggies!

Thank you again,  
Gary Beckcom

Dr. Heffernan says:

## Incompatibility is cause for all world problem

"All the great problems, national and international, with which we are confronted have not arisen because people can or cannot read, or spell or do the multiplication tables," Dr. Helen Heffernan declared Wednesday at Texas A&M.

"They have arisen because people have not learned how to live with other people," added the wrap-up speaker of the School Administrators and Supervisors Conference.

Dr. Heffernan is an early childhood education specialist and the retired California State Education Department elementary education bureau chief of 40 years experience.

She denounced the nation's educational practices and issued conference participants four challenges in her "Challenges of the '70s" address.

"From my point of view, if we respond to the call for action in these four challenges, we can look back at the 1970s with more approval than we may think the '60s merit," Dr. Heffernan said. "And perhaps what is more important, we might make it through the '70s. We are launched into a decade in which the vital and perhaps final decisions of mankind may be made."

Challenges to superintendents, kindergarten teachers and instructional supervisors attending the conference were:

- 1) to exploit all of man's capacities;
- 2) provide a more relevant curriculum;
- 3) establish closer relations between parents and children to enhance people's faith in education.

"Education has put almost exclusive emphasis on cognitive learning and comparatively little emphasis on other equally important aspects of the human mind," Dr. Heffernan explained. "We have disregarded the fact that man's emotions govern him much more than his rational or intellectual processes."

Education instead must take into consideration the child as an active, thinking, feeling human

being and "become increasingly concerned with the knowledge that people live with other people in this world."

She believes that schools, as a major social institution, should have the basic aim of development of the highest quality of citizenship. Reading, spelling and writing are necessary to communicate. Math enables students to understand quantitative aspects of his environment and participate effectively in business.

To justify the school curriculum in terms of its ultimate contribution to maintenance of the society which supports it, Dr.

Heffernan claims social studies should occupy a more strategic role.

Social studies, she says, helps the student see the relationship between man and his physical environment, involves civic literacy necessary for participation in democratic government and could be used to develop interest in cooperative endeavor and concern for the welfare of mankind.

Dr. Heffernan pointed out that every major problem we face — the Vietnam war, alienation of youth, riots and violence, polarization of groups, poverty and environmental deterioration — is in the field of social studies.

### GOLF CLUB SNACK BAR

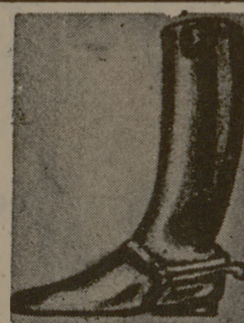
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