



"Wanta know how you could help?"

Listen up

Some Ags are immature

Editor:
 I just had another run in with immaturity here at A&M. A guy was kissing his girlfriend good-night when three guys in a car drove by. The whoops were irritating if not disgraceful. The guy-girl ratio may be poor but that doesn't mean we should condone rudeness. During a Town Hall series, Helen Reddy sang a song that made reference to sex. The whoops came in ready abundance. Have some demented persons forgotten that there is another sex, is it necessary to show off in rude displays or have some people already given up ever getting a date?

It may be funny the first time but next time look around and see the frowns of disgust.

Mark S. Abramowitz
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Editor:

I read on the front page of both The Battalion and The Daily Eagle that the rent increases on married housing was needed to "proved for employment this year of additional maintenance personnel and to meet debt service requirements for enlargement of the utility system." I would like to say a few words about this.

First, the university wouldn't need to hire additional maintenance men if their crew were more

efficient. The sloppy jobs that they do require that it be done over and over again because they never quite finish a job to perfection. I had occasion recently to watch their work. Across the street from us they tore up the sidewalk, graded the yard and spread dirt, and replaced the concrete. This took five days—a job that would have taken an efficient crew, maybe two, days. Several times a day when I looked out no one was there, or they would be lounging around talking. Do they really get that many breaks during the day?

I have also seen three or four men sent to do one job. The others watch and give moral support to one man who works. When he gets "tired," another one takes over. Is this necessary? Also, are more maintenance men needed to pull such stupid stunts as putting barriers across the middle of all the streets in married housing? Why should I have to take an extra \$7 a month out of our meager \$180 a month intake to pay for all this foolishness?

Second, the utility rates can't go up during the freeze, so the university was trying to make more profits out of the rent increase—as if they don't make enough profit now. Also, I have seen no evidence that they have increased any utility services to the apartments. We still have only one electrical outlet to a room—a potential fire hazard because of all the extension cords needed. The university seems to be here not to help the student but to take him for all they can get.

I feel that the university should build low-rent married housing and get rid of these buildings they acquired for temporary use in the 1940's. I have heard (from friends who were refused fire insurance for this reason) that these buildings are condemned. Renovating them doesn't help if they are about to fall apart. The more I see, the more convinced I am that these buildings are condemned. Are our fire escapes safe? Why do the door jams

bow? Why do things on wheels roll across the room? Why can someone running up the stairs shake the whole building. Why does the shower upstairs drip into the one downstairs? Why has the shower rusted out between the water taps and the university tells us to fix it? There are many more. I will leave it up to our "illustrious" university administration to answer these questions—as if they ever will.

Mrs. Ronald L. Nelson
 The university is not allowed by state law to make a profit off of any dorm or apartments. There is no way they can "take him for all they can get."

Howard Vestal, Director of Management Services, said that more personnel are required because of the poor condition of the older apartments. That is the reason for the increase, which was recently halted by the Office of Emergency Planning.

Also, the buildings are not condemned. They are scheduled to be replaced in the future, when the university is able to.

If you have any more complaints or questions the Student Apartment Council, headed by Paul Amons, is available to every resident of the married student apartments.

Ed.

EES to conduct Police course

A&M's Engineering Extension Service will conduct a one-week course to explain probable cause in criminal arrests beginning Monday in Madisonville.

The course is sponsored by the Brazos Valley Development Council through EES's Police Training Division. Chief Instructor Ira E. Scott expects 15 law enforcement officers from the seven-county area to enroll. Classes will meet from 8 a.m. until noon in the Madisonville City Hall.

Bob Austin and Tom Robinson of the police training staff will be course instructors.

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FDA claims criticism of PCBS is unjustified

WASHINGTON (AP) — The commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration declared Wednesday there has been unjustified public alarm over discovery of the industrial chemical PCBs in food. He blamed alarmists and what he called unbalanced reporting.

"We still have as many questions as answers," said Dr. Charles C. Edwards. "We do know that as a toxic substance PCBs are a potential but not immediate health hazard."

The FDA announced Monday it had discovered PCBs, which have been implicated in human skin and liver ailments as well as in birth defects in animals, in seven packaged foods and was surveying 15 foods nationwide for PCB contamination.

So far this year, PCBs have forced the destruction or detention of chickens, eggs, turkeys and fish.

"Public confusion has created public alarm and a feeling of still another crisis in the food supply," Edwards told a news briefing.

Edwards did not name the alarmists nor cite the unbalanced

reporting he blamed for the confusion. Consumer advocate Ralph D.-N.Y., have been critical of the FDA's handling of PCBs.

Dr. Albert C. Kolbye Jr., deputy director of FDA's bureau of foods, noted that someone would have to eat a half-pound of food contaminated at the highest level permitted by the agency every day for six months to show ill effects from PCBs.

"But human exposures to food contaminated to this extent are infrequent and sporadic," said Kolbye. "To our knowledge we are not aware of any foods contaminated at significant levels on a regular and consistent basis."

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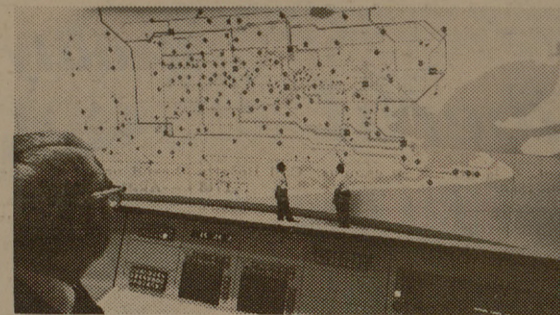
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