

Listen up

# 'Hassling the establishment' is called for

Editor:  
If you're really fed up with the policies of our beloved university, then do something about it, citizens. Hassle the people responsible. If you can't get to them, bug someone who can. And Keep At It. One permanent itch is a lot more irritating than any number of transitory problems. If the ticket policy gets to you, be sure you and everyone you know gets their tickets. Mail the unused ones back at the end of the season. If you don't like the laundry monopoly, send the maximum allowance every time—and get your friends to do the same. Practice massive civil disobedience—but don't break the law or you'll end up losing.

Bug anyone who can help out—student senators, committees, all university officials (when they catch on that they will get hell for bad decisions even when it's not their "responsibility," they'll start to get interested in what's

going on), your congressmen and other government people, your parents and relatives... Raise a big stink—if you want to still be here when they get around to doing something about it. Every minute someone is hassling the establishment, they lose that much time from their other work. They're so outnumbered they won't be able to afford bad decisions—and that's when they might start to think about us, too.

Stephen Goble  
Civil disobedience can be interpreted many ways. Working for change within the boundaries of the law is good. Working outside or on the edge of the law is usually ineffective.—Ed.

Editor:  
The article in the Battalion, Thursday, October 14, concerning the campus parking situation was very enlightening. Perhaps it was a misprint, but this article states,

"Staff make do with 3,198 parking spaces, most having individual reservations." It also states "... 2,663 staff permits issued as of September 10." It appears the staff does indeed make do very well with 535 more parking spaces reserved than permits issued.

This is very believable to any day student walking to his eight o'clock class after parking his car out in the boondocks. It is pretty depressing to walk through acres of empty staff lots near the center of the campus. Maybe it's just that all those empty lots are there because profs are always late for class.

It is really a comfort to know our illustrious University Police is working "... around the clock to keep students from blocking driveways and parking in staff lots." You can never tell, that student car parked in a staff lot at 2 a.m. might be blocking miles of traffic.

And just think of all the revenue those parking tickets bring into the university coffers. Not even the city of Houston charges a five dollar penalty fee if a parking ticket isn't paid within 72 hours. Of course it must take a large portion of the ticket money to pay the salaries of so many hard working officers and to buy all the hot new pursuit cars to catch the fleeing student parking offenders.

Campus security—HA! It seems the only security they are interested in is their job security.

Gary Markham '71  
James Willner '71  
Roger Pierce '71

Editor:  
I am an irate bikerider, who wishes to complain about inconsiderate pedestrians. I was involved in a near fatal accident on the 14th. While cruising along on my bike at 17 mph, eyeing the chicks on the Library mall, a C. T. marched rich in front of my bike. "Leaping Leukemia", I cried, as my bike swerved to the left, sailed over the ivy garden and into the barbed wire. As I lay tangled in the wire, my buddy took my twisted body and endeavored to stop the blood which was flowing profusely.

Don't these pedestrians know that the sidewalks are for the bikes and their place is in the street! How can I ride the wind if I have to worry about pedestrians in my way?

I hope in the future these people will learn their place on this campus. If you don't believe my story, ask anyone who was around the Library at 6:45 or one of the nurses at our fine hospital.

Dan Elliott '75

Oh, we believe you, we believe you. But are you sure the people in white were nurses? You can also take your complaint to the k.k., we are sure they'll help.—Ed.

Editor:  
Last week in this column, I complained about how the civilians were given no notification about the change of Yell Practice from in front of Henderson Hall to the Corps Area. You replied by quoting the Head Yell

### Bulletin Board

AIIE meets at 7:30 in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom to hear Donald Klein speak.

Business Administration Wives Club will meet at The Owl Shop, Dunn and Holick Sts., at 7:30 p.m. There will be a demonstration of arts and crafts.

All Engineering Technical Societies will hold a joint meeting in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom at 7:30 p.m. Speaking will be Don Kline.

South Louisiana Hometown Club will meet in the lobby of the Memorial Student Center at 7:45.

Leader as saying that notices were sent out to be placed on bulletin boards in the dorms. That statement shocked all of us at Walton Hall and several other dorms.

Therefore, I talked with Jim Ferguson (Head Yell Leader) to find out why he stated that we received notices when we did not. I was happy to discover that the Yell Leader Committee did try to send out the notices. I was also impressed with his willingness to serve the whole campus.

I wish to take this opportunity to apologize to the Yell Leader Committee for my criticizing them. The reason we did not receive notification was not unwillingness on the part of the Corps, but lack of ample communication systems between them and us. Hopefully, we will find opportunities for cooperation in the future to improve relations.

James K. Goode '73

Editor:  
This is written in reply to Mr. Wally Groff's explanation of the current ticket policy at this university.

Mr. Groff states "that he feels a student is cheating the others when he gets a date into a football game without buying a date ticket." All I can say to this is that poor Mr. Groff can't see the forest for the trees. The student tickets have all been paid for prior to the football season. If an individual student decides not to attend a game, is it not his right and privilege, to give his ticket to someone else to use, if he so chooses?

What Mr. Groff fails to understand is that a student at A&M is forced, and I mean absolutely forced, to buy these tickets to support the Athletic Department, whether he wants to or not. This strikes me as an extremely poor policy.

The solution to this deplorable situation is given by Mr. Groff himself, probably unwittingly. Quote, "We could make more money by charging \$3 for each student ticket and letting him decide which games he wants to attend," unquote. This is without a doubt the policy that should be in effect right now.

I am 28 years old, a senior, and a veteran. No one has the right to force me or any student

to spend hard earned money on extracurricular events without our own free choice.

I challenge Dr. Williams, President of this University, to rectify the dictatorial attitude of the Athletic Business Office and give freedom of choice back to the students, where it belongs in the first place.

Bill Jackson '72

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### CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"He's to blame for me missing class too! If he hadn't let me leave early for th' Corps trip, I wouldn't be so pooped today!"

## Avoiding the shaft

This university's fee and tickets policies, whether intentionally or not, are shafting a lot of students.

Students, without any voice to one way or the other, have to pay several fees that provide for things they don't use or don't have the opportunity to use.

They must shell out for football games they don't want to attend, they must pay for a laundry, perhaps clothes mangle would be a better term, they don't want to use and they pay for food they don't want to eat.

Ironically enough, when they pay for something they do want to see, such as the Carpenters, some are turned away because it is a "sell-out."

Indeed, it is a sell-out, the students have been sold out.

It seems ridiculous, and typical, that the university feels that a student should have no input into the levying of fees for something purportedly for him. If a student doesn't want to go to a football game, and there are a lot of them this year, he should be the one to decide if he is going to pay for his ticket. If, on the other hand, he decides to pay for the ticket, then he should have the rights of property and decide in what manner he wishes that ticket to be used.

About the same applies to the laundry. Many students put little trust in the university laundry, with good reason, and do their laundry elsewhere. They are still levied \$25 by the university, however.

Town Hall is a whole different matter. In this fiasco the students want to go, which speaks good for Town Hall, but can't, which speaks for itself. The problem is that the coliseum holds about 4,000 people less than those who have paid for tickets. They compound this problem by going ahead and selling tickets to non-students at raised prices even while they have students who have paid for tickets begging for them.

But what to do about it?

There is a lot. Hassle the people responsible for these problems, as the first letter in Listen Up says. Show them that the students are mad and want a change. Get out and work for a better system. All you can lose is the shaft.

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By Charles M. Schulz

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The boy ran to the store.

THIS IS FOR ENGLISH CLASS... WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DECORATE A SENTENCE..

YOU MEAN DIAGRAM

☹ SIGH ☹

PEANUTS  
HERE'S THE WORLD-FAMOUS HOCKEY PLAYER SKATING OUT FOR THE BIG GAME..

THIS IS GOING TO BE A ROUGH, TOUGH, KNOCK-EM-DOWN GAME! SHOW NO MERCY..

..BUT REMEMBER NOW...

NO RAISING!