

More flak over that letter



"Frankly, I couldn't think of a thing to say!"

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Two of the biggest gripes heard on this campus are about Sbsa Dining Hall and the laundry.

The thing is, students do have the opportunity to change things if they want, or if not get them changed, at least let those in charge know how they feel.

They can do so by contacting the student members of the laundry and menu planning committees—both of which are meeting Monday and Tuesday, respectively—and letting them know how the students feel.

Student members of the laundry committee are: Fernando Giannetti, 404 Schuhmacher; Bry Loyd, Dorm 2, room 115; Mike Cunningham, Dorm 3, room 401; Brent Burford, 138 Moses; Juan Gonzales, Dorm 2, room 123; Steve Seligman, 323 Moore and Layne Kruse, Dorm 2, room 207.

Student members of the civilian student menu committee are: John Sheperd, 215 Keathley; Bill Darkoch, 3-D Puryear; David Ater, 215 McInnis and Randy Ross, 218 Davis-Gary.

Use these people, call them on the phone or button-hole them in the hall. Make them work for you and represent you.

Steve Hayes

Texaco blows its cover

A Texas tanker blew its cover, and Dr. William Sackett, a Texas A&M oceanographer blew the whistle.

For those of you who didn't get a chance to read the page one story yesterday by Harold Scarlett, in the Houston Post, an A&M pollution research vessel caught an anchored Texaco tanker cleaning its tanks over a remote but fish-rich reef in the Caribbean. Such action by Texaco obviously discredits its advertising campaign which has relied strongly on the recent ad proclaiming:

"We Swim In It Too."

"Long before all the headlines on ocean pollution, Texaco's tanker operating procedures prohibited the dumping of oil at sea. Anytime. Anywhere.

"This is our commitment that we will never willfully pollute the beaches of our world. After all, we swim in the same waters you do." (After all indeed.)

Dr. Sackett said the research vessel was on a pollution sampling cruise when the tanker was spotted. They were so surprised at seeing the tanker in the remote area, that after eight hours of collecting samples around "the beautiful living reef" . . . they decided to investigate, thinking the tanker might be in trouble.

Sackett said that they identified the ship as the Texaco Mon-

tana and spotted an oil slick extending out from the ship. As the A&M vessel approached, the tanker gave several blasts on its horn and started moving off. The research vessel's equipment detected extremely high hydrocarbon concentrations a half-mile from the departing tanker.

Sackett said "it was obvious that this tanker had been cleaning its tanks in contradiction to the highly advertised claims of its owners . . ."

Despite acknowledgements by Texaco that there was a tanker in the area, and reports by Sackett that at least 15 persons on his vessel took photographs, a Texaco spokesman said, ". . . We really do not believe that this is possible."

Dr. Sackett has requested that the Federal Trade Commission take action against Texaco under the FTC's "truth in advertising" regulations.

The FTC has been looking into the area of institutional ads that make ecology claims about strip-mining and timber cutting as well. It has ordered several companies to stop ads concerning certain products, but has not yet taken any action related to false ecology ads such as those allegedly made by Texaco.

Texaco has said that it will make a complete investigation into the complaint by Sackett as

Editor: I find interest in the works of "patriotic Aggies." I refer to an opinionated letter in the Battalion, Oct. 26, 1971, from Mrs. Bill Chambers of Rochester, Texas. My reply is not only to her, but to all former Aggies that are interested in the future of Texas A&M University and America.

There seems to be an animosity felt for the "long-haired students" who choose to pursue an education at Texas A&M. The University's publication of the University Regulations is quoted on page 15, part 44-3, as saying:

Every student has the right to all the advantages, prestige, and honors accruing to a student of the University. He retains the rights guaranteed him under the Constitution of the United States, the right of respect for personal feelings, the right of freedom from indignity of any type, . . . the right to pursue an education, and to receive a degree, or certificate, for the successful completion thereof.

To my understanding, when I was accepted by Texas A&M, these regulations were applicable to me as a student.

I, being included by Mrs. Chambers in the set of ". . . barefoot, dirty, long-haired, and foul-mouthed students . . ." feel that my "right of respect for personal feelings . . ." and ". . . right of freedom from indignity of any type . . ." have been trespassed. I am not crying for sympathy, nor asking for reconciliation. I am only hoping that the letter I

See bear

Dull weekend up

By D. P. FONTANA

Culture fans, this weekend looks pretty bleak.

The Palace will be playing G-rated The African Elephant until Sunday when Jules Verne's Light at the Edge of the World will start. The African Elephant has beautiful nature-type photography and an educational narrative. While the movie is long on violence and action and short on sex, it really doesn't have that much to offer the university student and should probably get a Film G.P.R. of 1.8.

The Campus will be offering The Anderson Tapes and, from what the lady at the ticket booth tells me, no Frolic this weekend. The Anderson Tapes stars Sean

read is not a representative consensus of all former students. I also hope that people will realize that not all long-hairs are out to destroy the System, just as not all cadets are "war-mongered, fascist pigs." I will not waste our time trying to list the countless numbers of "long-hairs" that molded the country that I would die for today.

It would not only be a loss of a valuable part of the future of Texas A&M University, but also of America, if closed-minded, prejudiced minorities from the "Past" are allowed to influence the young, potentially-creative minds of today's America.

Jeffrey A. Secrest

P.S. I would consider it an honor to receive any individual's views on this subject. A letter addressed to my personal mail box would merit a sincere response from me. Thank you. P. O. Box 3268.

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Editor: I have thought about writing to you many times, but my reasons weren't good enough. This time I feel I can't hold it back. The letter sent in by Mrs. Bill Chambers is one of the most one-sided, bigoted letters I have ever seen! Many things enter my mind as I read it. Realize that I have nothing against the Corps, it's all right, if that is where your head is at.

The first issue that really stands out is that "The Corps is the school." Mrs. Chambers

should realize that this school has a lot of civilians who go here who contribute a lot to this university.

She makes a gross rationalization that change brings "barefoot, dirty, long-haired, and foul mouthed students." I happen to have long hair, but I am not dirty, nor am I barefoot, nor am I foul mouthed. If she could look beyond her own stereotype of what long hair means, she might be surprised to find that they really are real people, just like everyone else.

The main reason ideas like this make me so mad is because they are the root of our problem of Corps-civilian relations. When are people going to quit judging others by looks instead of learning their attitudes and feelings? It is high time the men of this campus came together and not let prejudice rule. It might be well to remember that the "Spirit of Aggieland" contains these lines: "We are the Aggies, The Aggies are We./ True to each other, as Aggies can Be."

W. J. Hobson '74

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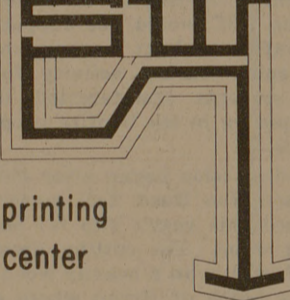
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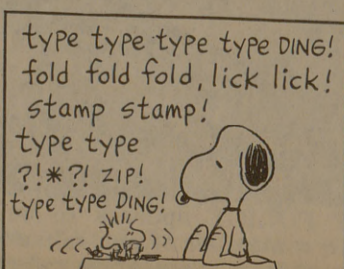
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By Charles M. Schulz

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