

# Texas court rules that state is able to prohibit abortions



"Am I wrong, or aren't there more decals out now than before the Arkansas game?"

## Listen up Civilian lack of spirit knocked

Editor:  
Last night's yell-practice was held in the civilian quad area in an effort to get the support of the entire student body. We realize that some people were studying through yell-practice and we have no bitch against them, but to those who saw fit to water-bomb the "CT's" within range and who slouched against the balcony rails through the yells, the War Hymn, and Spirit, "our" school song, we have a few words. First of all, we agree that "Black Sabbath" is a good group, but it is totally inappropriate when played in the middle of The Spirit of Aggieland. Spirit symbolizes A&M and the love each of us, whether "CT" or "Non-Reg," should have for this school. At the risk of sounding corny, we get chills up and down our spines each time we hear Spirit! Now, if we were "red-necks," we would suggest that those so-called "Aggies" pack their bags and head for t.u. However there is one catch, t.u. has a school song too, and they sing it!

Danny Eastman '74  
Mark Fitté '74  
Mark Sams '74

When I read Mrs. Bill Chambers' letter, I felt like standing up and cheering because at long last someone had taken the time to express what so many of us are thinking; and yet, when I read the reply of Jeffrey A. Seccrest, I could also see his side of the controversy.

We, the older generation, tend to equate an "Aggie" with the Corps of Cadets because the Aggies we knew (and know) are ex-military students. We are aware that all the traditions that comprise the heritage of A&M have derived from the military establishment. There is no greater spirit at any University or among ex-students any where than there is among Aggies who stand head and shoulders above the rest when it comes to loyalty to their school and their fellow Aggies.

We, the older generation, tend to be very suspicious of the long haired, the unshod, and in general, "hippie" type, for the reason that they are tear-downers. Their image is to ridicule all that we hold dear and that A&M has stood for in the past and we fervently hope will continue to stand for in long into the future.

There you have it in a nutshell. If the long-haired element at A&M doesn't wish to be tarred with the same brush as the disruptive element in society, then it is up to them to establish their own image.

We know what A&M has been in the past — it's up to you to convince us that the image of a "Civilian" Aggie can compete favorably with a "Cadet". Believe me, it's a pretty hard act to follow.

Mrs. R. D. Hupp  
Odessa, Texas  
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Editor:  
A number of months have gone by since the mammoth structure that has served as a college building in the past at Tehuacana was put up for sale. It was very reasonably priced at around \$250,000. Anyway, no takers seem interested.

I would like TAMU to seriously consider purchasing the structure and using it to establish another A&M campus.

The College Station campus would retain, say, the graduate school, the Corps, and the sports teams. The Tehuacana campus would then be strictly civilian, coed and handle freshmen through seniors.

Finally, think of the romance and history associated with the word Tehuacana. It makes me proud already to think that in the future I may be asked whether I was graduated from Texas A&M University at College Station or whether I was a product of the Texas A&M University at Tehuacana.

Joe Allison, '66  
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Editor:  
I have just returned from a very disturbing experience. As you may know tickets for the "Association" concert went on sale at 9 o'clock today. I arrived at the ticket windows about 8:30 and was about 20th in line. I had magnificent thoughts dancing through my head of obtaining excellent seats in return for my efforts at arriving early. Alas, my hopes were soon crushed.

Both ticket windows opened shortly before 9 o'clock. 45 minutes later I was still standing in line. It seems that several of the illustrious(?) "Texas Aggie Gentlemen," and in this case I use the term loosely, were buying tickets for everyone they knew.

AUSTIN (AP)—The Court of Criminal Appeals ruled Tuesday that the state has the right to prohibit abortions, saying an unborn embryo or fetus "has at least the potential of human life."

The decision conflicts with one handed down June 18, 1970, by a three-judge federal court at Dal-

las that the Texas abortion law is "overboard" and "vague."

Appeals from that decision are pending before the U. S. Supreme Court.

"Something, albeit sub-microscopic, exists which did not exist before and has at least the potential of human life which may

or may not be realized. The State of Texas is committed to preserving the lives of its citizens so that no citizen 'shall be deprived of life . . . except by the due course of the law of the land,'" Judge Leon Douglas wrote for the unanimous court.

The court upheld the conviction of Dr. C. W. Thompson of Houston, who was assessed a two-year prison sentence by a jury that convicted him of performing an abortion on an unmarried woman.

Douglas said the state's murder law, protecting "human life in existence by actual birth" gives "implicit recognition of human life not in existence by actual birth."

The abortion law defines a life not in existence by actual birth as the "life of the fetus or embryo," he wrote.

## Student leaders of SCONA to confer in Washington

Student leaders Ben Thurman and Chet Edwards of A&M's 17th Student Conference on National Affairs will confer this week with federal government officials for information and support of the February 16-19 event.

Thurman, SCONA XVII chairman of Dallas, and Edwards, steering committee vice chairman of Houston, will visit Cong. Olin E. Teague and officials of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, among others.

Speakers and chairmen for roundtables and Library of Congress research will be sought, Thurman said. Topic of the 1972 SCONA is "Impact of the University."

"The Library of Congress research report will give delegates

background on the conference topic," explained Edwards. Teague has assisted SCONA in the past in obtaining the report and in many other ways.

Thurman and Edwards will be in Washington, D. C., Wednesday through Friday.

## Beat the rap

### Minors and booze

QUESTION: What are the factors involved for a minor in possession of alcoholic beverages?

ANSWER: Minors in possession are usually fined in the City Court of College Station, since that is where most of the trouble occurs. You pay a fine of \$15 or \$20. In regard to minors in possession, if there is any beer in a car where there are minors, the minors run the risk of being held in possession. Ordinarily, testimony of an adult riding in the car, which indicated that it was his beer and if it was unopened, will probably get the minor off. However, if the beer is open, the minor is going to be in a tough spot. It is really not a very serious offense, however, there being a small fine in the City Court. The minor in possession laws still apply to minors drinking in an apartment. But if he is in his own home or in the presence of his parents in public, that's a different matter.

Being drunk in a public place is going to include almost every place except a private residence. Generally any place that anyone is entitled to go.

Possession of hard liquor by a minor is the same as above. If you're an adult, there's no problem with possession unless you have too much on you, which would get you in the bootlegging category. Too much is anything over a fifth or a case of beer. It's not very strictly enforced.

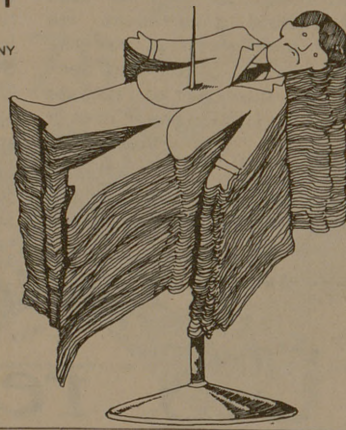
In regard to being caught on campus, the laws of the State of Texas apply wherever you are in the State of Texas. You are also subject to university sanctions which are: (Sec. 47, 5, e) Suspension is the recommended punishment for the following offenses: Drinking, or having in possession, any alcoholic or intoxicating liquor on campus. There are some places that drinking in public is illegal, like on state property, but sitting out on the curb drinking is perfectly legal. Drinking in a car is legal. Most DWI cases should be handled by an attorney.

If you have a legal question, write: Legal Rights Commission, Student Senate.

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Plus, they allowed a couple of their friends to join them in line. These guys were buying tickets in blocks of nine, ten, and even more.

I was particularly disturbed by one guy who took over ten minutes to be waited on. The secretary was trying to do her best and please him, but he was still not satisfied. Meanwhile two of his friends were making snide comments to the effect of, "I knew he could pull it off, these dumb secretaries don't look like they know what they are doing." I was not very amused by their fun.

By the time I finally reached the ticket window nearly all the main floor seats were taken. I was totally amazed at the number of seats 20 people can take up. I have two questions: since this is a special concert, were Town Hall season tickets honored? Second, why don't the people in charge of tickets place a limit on the number of tickets each person can pick up? I feel that it would be fairer to everyone else. If they allow a handful of people to pick up seemingly hundreds of tickets, then why bother opening it up to the rest of the campus?

Larry Marquardt

Students are allowed to purchase as many tickets as they want, within reason. The ticket office does try to discourage buying large numbers of tickets to prevent scalping and buying up blocks of seats. A student can pick up an unlimited number of tickets if he has student activity cards and IDs to go with them.

Season ticket holders always get first priority on the floor.

## Bulletin Board

Tonight

Chemical Engineering Wives' Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Ronald Darby. For more information, call Eileen Piewetz at 822-1262.

Agriculture Education Wives' Club will meet at 7:30 in the home of Mrs. Robert C. Jaska, 3108 Green, Bryan.

Radio Committee will meet in the Art room of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30.

Friday

Preregistration for first year Veterinary students will be held at 3 in room 201 of the veterinary Medical Science building.

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