



"I wanted to use terminology everyone would understand!"

Bulletin Board

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

Monday
Cepheid Variable Science Fiction Club meets in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom at 7:30 to see movies.

Tuesday
Ag Economics Club meets at 7:30 in the Plant Sciences building, room 112.

Wednesday
Alpha Phi Omega will meet in their office in the Memorial Student Center at 8 for an officers meeting.

Steve Hayes

The need for a statesman-scientist

As the backlash to the environmental movement is beginning to take form there are two very obvious observations to be made. One is that just about everyone's definition of an expert is basically the same, despite the fact that so little agreement has developed on the solution to environmental problems. The second observation is that America has no counterpart to the British Statesman-scientist.

A universal definition of an expert seems to be any person who agrees with and can articulate your own personal position; of course, the more initials that follow the name of the expert, the stronger the case for you and your expert. Any person can drum up an expert to "validate" his or her beliefs and findings. President Nixon, for instance, relies heavily upon the National Academy of Sciences to validate his desires. The SST is an excellent example.

According to Daniel S. Greenberg, former news editor of Science magazine;

"The National Academy of Sciences has become the tool of vested interests. It is no secret that among government administrators a simple ploy for pushing a goal is to ask the Academy to study the matter, then ask it in a fashion that will assure the right answer, and even stack the study committee so that no maverick will spoil the results."

On the other hand, Phillip Handler, president of the Academy, has implied that scientists

who speak out on environmental degradation are "unscientific upstarts." He said, "... the nations of the world may yet pay a dreadful price for the public behavior of scientists who depart from the established fact to indulge in hyperbole."

The paradox of this argumentation is that men such as Greenberg and Handler are accusing one another of playing politics. The difference is that Greenberg believes that science should not be the tools by which to implement political desires, and Handler believes that science should maintain a very traditional approach, absolving itself of the results of its acts. Those persons who speak out are simply being unscientific because they are voicing a personal opinion.

Yet Handler's approach strikes me as an 'I wash my hands of the matter approach' which was made famous some years ago. It seems strange that scientists who express deep-seated fears about the future, would be considered as unscientific. (It was such "unscientific upstarts" as Commoner and Ehrlich, who on their own initiative brought the dangers of fallout and overpopulation, respectively, to the public attention.)

In reply to Handler, Stewart Udall stated: "Are we not already paying a 'dreadful price' for our past misuse of science and technology? When the survival of the species—or at least the quality of human existence—is at stake, is it 'unscientific' for scientists to enter the lists? ... I would rather see scientists err

Listen up Bonfire editorial gets criticized

Editor:
This is a comment on the article "Bonfire" found in the November 3 Battalion. My extreme gratitude goes to its writer. You have possibly destroyed the class of '75's eagerness to work on the upcoming Bonfire. You talk of spirit, yet you degenerate the value of our favorite and best known tradition. If the two freshmen said "So what" to last year's bonfire, it's the fault of their C.O. No one gets "instant spirit" by burning a stack of logs. The sweat, blood and exhaustion that was put out by them for the fire may have been wasted. Or perhaps their sweat, blood, and exhaustion was found lounging under a tree away from their outfit (not uncommon nowadays). Perhaps we must recognize the "two percenters" oh excuse me—I forgot you. Make that three solid two percenters.

As to the ravaged environment, will you please inform me of the whereabouts of the desert surrounding A&M. I'd love to go out on my dune buggy! As a Wildlife Science major I know you are mistaken. The areas that

are cleared are cleared of climax vegetation. This allows more room for the middle stages of vegetational succession — which, as I'm sure you're aware of — supports more numerous and varied species of animals, especially game.

I'm proud of my fish year, yes I'm a Corps member, and I want the same thing — if not better, for my freshmen. I'll be damned if I'll let a two percenter take an ounce of spirit from them.

Dave Gawthorpe

There is no ravaged environment around A&M. If you had read the editorial, and not just looked at it, you would realize that I said nothing about the Bonfire's damage to the environment in it. If you feel you must attack the editorial, then attack it on truthful grounds — not those that have been made up to please yourself.

If I have "degenerated" Bonfire by asking that it be made smaller then I apologize. It is just that during the two years I've worked on the Bonfire, I always believed it was the

thought behind it that counted, not its size. If it is the other way around, that spirit is in direct relation to its size, then perhaps nobody should work on Bonfire—we should have professional lumbermen do it, that way everybody would have lots of spirit. —Ed.

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Editor:
I am a member of the Corps of Cadets and am proud of it. With all due respect, I would like to ask some favors of the civilian population on campus. Please understand, I do not intend to place myself or my opinions on a pedestal, I am simply stating a few facts that, if acknowledged by civilians, would make for a more meaningful and friendly campus atmosphere at A&M.

Why don't you, as a whole, take more of an interest in school activities such as the Aggie Blood Drive? In all sincerity, if I were a civilian student, I would have been ashamed and embarrassed by the percentage breakdown on the blood donations. Even the coeds, who all live off campus, gave better than four times the amount

donated by civilians. Surely, there are more than forty "gung-ho" civilian students.

For years, it has been tradition, not a regulation, in the Corps to wear a decent pair of pants and a collared shirt to Silver Taps. More often than not, it is a civilian student for whom this ceremony is held, because of the simple fact that there are just more of them on this campus. Why doesn't the civilian population take more pride in their appearance, especially at such gatherings as Silver Taps. I am aware of personal freedoms and personal, liberal, dress codes, but I just can't understand how any student can attend the final tribute to a fellow Aggie in a teeshirt, cutoffs, and barefeet.

I realize that I will probably be cursed, cut down, and anything but favorably acknowledged as a result of this presentation, but, please, let's all: Corps members, civilians, coeds, faculty, and former students, pull together for a new and better A&M that we will all be proud to be a part of.

David H. Crook '74

See bean Good flicks are everywhere

Only the boring will be bored this weekend. Everyone else will have plenty to do when nothing else is up. Besides the Kris Kristofferson Town Hall and a home game, there will be at least three audience pleasing flicks playing in B-CS. Playing at the Palace will be See No Evil. Tonight and tomorrow, Friends will be at the Campus. Sunday The Last Ride will begin its run at the Campus.

Mia Farrow turns in a fine performance as a blind little rich girl in See No Evil—which is one hell of a good chiller. Grab this scene: a young (rich) girl is blinded in a horse fall. She readjusts to her blindness and returns home from the hospital. OK?

Now, while she is out, a maniac

killer slaughters her entire family. The blind girl returns to the family's country estate which has been freshly redecorated in red and wanders around the house for a day before she discovers that she is in imminent danger of the killer's return. Wild? You bet! There are plenty of thrills to please anyone although the rest of the film's situation begins to take on a stretched and improbable aspect somewhere there in the middle. While it is doubtful that See No Evil would ever rate as a classic this is still a very fine suspense flick and deserves a Film G.P.R. equals 3.2.

Friends, at the Campus, is a charming and disarming little story of young love. Have a date

this weekend? Stick this movie in your evening's strategy and you'll be miles ahead. It's the kind of a love story that would only be possible or probable in France—which is where the story is located. (Where else could or would a 14½ year old orphan girl and a 15½ year old rich boy with a habit of stealing automobiles run off together and set up house-

hold, make it work, make it, marry themselves in church, natural birth to deliver their own child, and baptize the babe themselves?)

And the scenery! I guarantee, you haven't seen such pure beauty in landscapes since Elvira Madigan. Friends, R-rated, will help you get your date's head on straight and rates a Film G.P.R. equals 3.2.

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