

# Student tutoring registrations needed

Editor:

The Texas A&M Scholastic Service started registration for free tutoring on Wednesday, February 24, 1972. For this purpose booths were set up in the Library and the MSC. The registration period ended Tuesday, February 29, 1972. When an officer of TAMSS went to pick up the registration forms from the MSC booth, which was located near the Post Office, he found the table occupied by recruiters from the Navy. The TAMSS registration forms were nowhere to be found. A gentleman from the Navy said that he had found the table completely empty. This set into action a frantic search

of the MSC for these materials. The Continuing Education Office and the main desk did not know where the materials could have gone. A search of the trash cans at the MSC ended in failure. The janitorial staff expressed complete ignorance about the matter. This could only mean that some person removed these materials from the MSC. As of Friday, 75 people had signed up in the MSC. Now as a result of the loss of the registration forms, all this work has gone down the drain. I would appeal to anyone finding these lists to return them to the Student Senate Office in the MSC as 75 people are depending on it. The delay in registration

caused by this circumstance is greatly regretted.

S. Sharig Yosufzai, '74  
Chairman, TAMSS  
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Editor:

This letter is directed towards Mr. Paul Richard, with regard to his letter in "Listen up," March 3.

Sir, I will agree with you that "Aargh" is of little comic merit; however the basis of your argument disturbed me. You say that "Aargh" perverts "the best of Aggie traditions." At "best" these traditions are perverted anyway. There is no argument that

A&M doesn't offer one of the finest scholastic educations in the nation. However this is not because of, but in spite of, its traditions. Traditions are trivial by nature, offering followers something to identify with and believe in. Consequently not everyone will follow or believe in these traditions (thank God).

In reference to A&M making men: a man makes himself, not the institution he attends or the traditions he follows. Men are of many shapes, sizes and forms; following their own philosophies and beliefs. Sir, if you cannot respect a man different than yourself then you are even less an individual and thinker than you suggest in your letter.

Bill Tygret '74  
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I was walking in the rain toward my dorm when a car pulled up beside me. The driver honked the horn and motioned for me to come over. Eager to get out of the rain, without a moment's hesitation I walked over, opened the door and got inside. A moment later I was shaking hands with President Jack Williams, who gave me a lift to my dorm. That in itself is enough to make anyone's day.

Wayne E. Cotton '75  
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Editor:

I could not appreciate the front page picture of the killing of captured rattlesnakes in Tuesday's Battalion (Feb. 29). The caption implied that the killing of these animals was the proper action to take.

I believe several points should be made in favor of the maligned snakes. The rattlesnake plays a required role in the wildlife community. The removal of the rattlesnakes will only unbalance the natural stability of the community.

While the collection of venom is an admirable venture, it is not necessary to kill the animal. It is not even necessary to remove it from its habitat. I am not aware of where the reptiles were collected, but it is doubtful that they were caught on some town's Main Street. These snakes probably would never have seen a man if man had not sought them out.

Many snakes, including rattlesnakes, do an unseen service to man by eating crop-damaging and disease-carrying rodents. Yet the rattlesnakes were destroyed. One might argue that a rattlesnake's bite can be fatal (though usually not) to humans. I do not mean to lessen the value of human life. Yet, more people die from bee and wasp stings than from poisonous snake bite, and man does not actively seek out and destroy the stinging insects. The rattlesnake, however, is relentlessly hunted.

Is an animal to be condemned just because it is not understood, or should we attempt to learn about and preserve the rightful place of each living thing?

Jack Pratt

We can't see how the caption implied approval.—Ed.

## Bulletin Board

Tonight

Psi Chi will meet in room 3A of the Memorial Student Center at 8.

Wildlife Biology Association will meet in room 113 of the Biological Sciences Building extension at 7:30.

## CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"Actually, we are concerned that the games may distract from the activities of the bat girls!"

## Traffic panel plans meeting Wednesday

The Traffic Panel will meet to consider bike path priorities Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in room 106 of the Highway Research Center.

Also to be considered will be the purchase of a radar system, rezoning of parking areas by dorm living areas and speed bumps and barricades in university married student housing.

## Library talk this Friday

Gordon Williams, director of the Center for Research Libraries in Chicago, will speak Friday in the University Library Lecture Series.

Williams' talk, "Research Library Cooperation Through the Center for Research Libraries," will be at 2 p.m. in the library conference room, announced Director John B. Smith. He said the public is invited.

The CRL, of which TAMU became a member last year, lists a three-million volume collection of research materials covering all areas of knowledge. Three-day delivery is achieved on teletyped or telephoned requests to the Chicago center.

Another lecture March 14 will feature Prof. Thomas D. Clarens on "Science Fiction: The Dream of Other Worlds." Co-sponsored by the English Department and library, the 2 p.m. address will be in the conference suite.

## Vote!

Though belated, we feel that a last minute reminder to vote in the constitutional referendum today is in order.

Imbedded in A&M tradition, almost as deeply as water fights, is the idea that the Student Senate is composed of nobody going nowhere. The constitution may be the means of changing that, if such has ever been the case.

But the constitution won't get anywhere if the students don't get out and vote. Knowing the usual student turnout, the vote will probably be less than one third the student body.

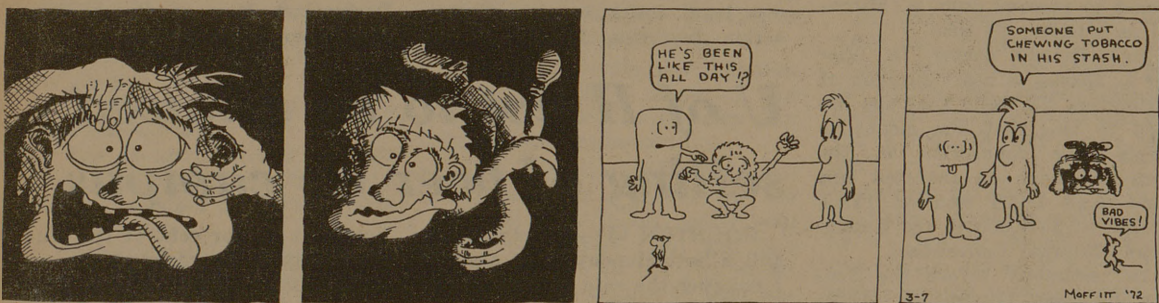
Most of this, on top of it all, will be the Corps. They manage to vote all the time. Civilians, if everything goes as usual, will probably have 15 or so people voting—those that stumbled over the voting booths.

It is pretty pathetic, or perhaps apathetic, that such is the case. Aggies, especially non-regs, have to be one of the most apathetic groups in the world. Nothing affects them, short of closing down a beer parlor.

If you give a damn, even a small one, about what is going on, get out and vote.

## AARGH!

...John R. Moffitt



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By Charles M. Schulz