

Listen up

Faculty answers registration editorial

Editor: On behalf of this department, I would like to express my strong objections to the tone of your editorial June 28, on the "registration hassle." Your vituperation was untypical of this campus and equally uncalled for.

In the first place, you must know that many faculty are dedicated to the welfare of students and put the interests of students first in making administrative arrangements. Further, some faculty are also students and suffered equally from registration difficulties (imagine being a grandfather and having to request permission to live off campus!) Indiscriminate fulminations against faculty are therefore unjust.

In the second place, the faculty of this department made certain recommendations for registration for the second summer session, some of which emanated from students, which differed both from the solution suggested by the Registrar's Office and from the one agreed by the Academic Programs Committee. This indicates that men of good faith can

have different ideas and that they should not be treated with disrespect with whom one disagrees.

If the decision of the Academic Programs Committee was defective, this is more likely to be because the human intellect is frail than because the committee was seized with the need to protect faculty from inconvenience. Indeed, the very idea that academic deans should harbor such intentions would be difficult for many faculty to comprehend.

Kenneth S. Most, Head Department of Accounting

We would be shocked if some faculty members did not disagree with the editorial. No words by the editor of The Battalion should be able to make the good look bad or the bad look good. Your actions speak louder than our words ever will. If the shoe fits, wear it.—Ed.

Editor:

Your editorial on the "Registration hassle" has disturbed me greatly, because I feel that you

have unduly maligned the faculty without presenting the whole story. I was present during the entire registration procedure, and certainly the bottleneck was not at the departmental registration stations.

Indeed, one of the major problems was that the lines outside at the assignment card issuing stations were so long that the students were unable to get into Duncan in time, so that the last of them didn't get to the departmental stations until about 1:30. In inquiring into the cause of this delay, I find that the Registrar's Office had hired a considerable number of students to help in passing out the assignment cards, but many of them failed to show up. I don't see any emphasis placed on this defaulting on a commitment by the students.

I'm not familiar with the reasons for not staying with the decision to devote a full day to registration at the second summer term. I know that in times past registration for the regular semesters has occupied as much as a day and a half, and we seemed

to survive with only a modest amount of grouching.

One of the strong points of our university is that by and large the faculty are dedicated to working with the students, and spend far more time on the campus than is done at many other institutions. I know, for example, that at some schools the faculty does not assist whatsoever in helping at registration, not even to the extent of being on campus for counseling.

I'm afraid that if no real schism exists between the students and the faculty, your editorial might foment one, and if one has started, it can do little but exacerbate it. If I have my facts wrong, I will be glad to be corrected.

A. R. Burgess, Ph.D. Professor

It's about time first summer session registration was forgotten and next Thursday is thought about. At the meeting held more than three weeks ago, solutions to the difficulties you have mentioned were discussed and decided upon. The problem now seems to be finalizing plans for July 13.

A meeting is scheduled today and another Friday to complete plans, and the decision for registration procedure next Thursday will be in next Wednesday's Battalion, the day before it happens again.—Ed.

Editor:

While recognizing the need for continuing development of the TAMU physical plant, we feel that the traditional landmarks of this campus should be left intact. We commend the administration for the outstanding expansion that TAMU has made during the past year. However, we feel it is our duty to point out to the Department of Planning and Analytical Studies that the present construction also involved the demolition of certain A&M landmarks. All the street lamps on Military Walk have been partially or completely destroyed. While we feel progress is most necessary and commendable, the preservation of A&M's atmosphere and landmarks also contributes to the continuity of our past, present and future.

Bruce Rocholl '74 Dale Martin '73

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Three manned Earth orbital missions scheduled after December's Apollo 17

Three challenging Earth orbital manned space flight programs are scheduled to follow the final Apollo Moon landing mission in December: Three Skylab missions in 1973 will log more than 9,000 manhours in space.

The first international manned space flight is planned for 1975 when American astronauts in our Apollo spacecraft and Russian cosmonauts in their Soyuz will link up in space.

Manned Earth orbital test flights of the reusable Space Shuttle are to begin in 1978.

Skylab will be the first U.S. space station in orbit. The spacecraft and launch vehicles are elements of the Apollo program which became surplus after several Apollo test flights in 1967 and 1968 proved that the equipment was qualified to carry out lunar landing missions. The largest segment is the workshop or space laboratory, the size of a six-room house. It is a third stage of a Saturn V launch vehicle made habitable for a crew of three men. Attached to the workshop will be an airlock, docking adapter and a large solar telescope. These will be launched into Earth orbit with the first two stages of the Saturn V rocket from the Kennedy Space Center, Fla.

About one day later, three astronauts will be launched in an Apollo spacecraft by a smaller Saturn IB vehicle. They will maneuver the spacecraft to dock with the Skylab laboratory for

missions ranging from 28 to 56 days.

The workshop will be outfitted with equipment to carry out more than 50 scientific, biomedical and technical experiments in Earth orbit. The solar telescope will be man's first opportunity to study the Sun's activity outside of Earth's atmosphere which filters out some of the solar phenomena and prevents ground based telescopes from recording important scientific events.

Extensive biomedical studies will be conducted to study the effects of long duration space flights on the human body and test possible methods of preventing deconditioning of the muscular, skeletal and cardiovascular systems in the weightlessness environment.

Earth resources sensing systems aboard Skylab will survey crops, vegetation, geological formations, underground water and minerals and global wind, sea and weather conditions. Skylab technology and engineering experiments will investigate the possible use of space for processing materials and testing equipment which may enable man to maneuver and perform more effectively in space.

Launch of the unmanned workshop is planned for April 30, 1973. If all goes well, Astronauts Charles Conrad, Jr., Dr. Joseph P. Kerwin (a medical doctor), and Paul J. Weitz will be launched and will dock their Apollo spacecraft to the labora-

tory on May 1 to begin their four-week mission.

Late in July the second Skylab crew, Astronauts Alan L. Bean, Dr. Owen K. Garriott (an electrical engineer) and Jack R. Lousma will enter the Skylab laboratory for a visit of up to eight weeks. The third crew, Gerald P. Carr, Dr. Edward G. Gibson (a physicist), and William R. Pogue will carry out the last Skylab mission of eight weeks beginning late in October.

The United States and the Soviet Union have signed an agreement to carry out a joint manned space mission. Space officials of both nations are planning for American astronauts in an Apollo spacecraft to rendezvous and dock with a Russian Soyuz spacecraft piloted by Soviet cosmonauts, probably in 1975.

A tentative flight plan is for the Apollo spacecraft to be launched from the Kennedy Space Center, Fla. A few days later the Soyuz would be launched from the Soviet Union. The Apollo craft, outfitted with a compatible docking hatch and airlock will maneuver and link up with the Soyuz. They would remain docked for about two days.

The Space Shuttle will provide the most effective and economical means for the United States to utilize and advance its capabilities in space and at the same time reduce substantially the cost of space operations.

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