

Listen Up —

Exchange Store, Registrar Rules Hit

Editor:
I am incensed about the fact that with all of the publicity in recent years concerning the preservation of our natural resources, our Exchange Store still requires that each purchase (regardless of size) be placed in a paper bag.

Think of the number of students who made purchases during the rush at the beginning of each semester. How many students visit the Exchange Store several times during the week and receive a bag each time?

The environmental questions notwithstanding, think of the money the Exchange Store could save by not having such a requirement.

Bob Thomas

Chuck Cargill, manager of the Exchange Store, doesn't want to think of all the theft which could occur without the use of the bags.—Ed.

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Editor:
I had an experience last Monday which puzzled me considerably and I am sure it puzzled hundreds of other students who had the same experience.

Although I had paid my registration fees within the allotted time, I faced the first day of classes without a schedule. The Registrar's Office informed me that it would give me a Xerox copy of the original for a dollar and if I wanted a copy of my fee receipt, I would have to go to the Fiscal Department and pay another dollar.

I realize that in a school this large unfortunate things like lost schedules are inevitable. Even though we students are given little or no mercy if payment for our fees is one day late, I can be understanding when my schedule does not arrive on time.

But why must I pay a dollar for a piece of paper hardly worth a nickel, especially when I have done nothing wrong?

Is this an example of higher education or big business?

The Registrar's Office explained, "That's just what we charge."

Steve Luse

University Registrar Bob Lacey says that the Fiscal Office spends extra money to mail out schedules via first class to stu-

dents' local spring addresses. If they are undeliverable, the schedules are returned to the Fiscal Office where students may find them. Otherwise, duplicates cost a dollar apiece, he said.—Ed.

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Editor:
After reading Mr. D'Abadie's letter, I felt I had to write in and show the other side of the coin.

For three years I lived in Pur-year Hall. If it weren't for the good friends I made there, I would have left A&M three and one-half years ago. I remember the nights when I'd come back from the library at 11:30 after being there all night. I remember those lonely weekends I spent in my room, or somewhere else, when everybody else went home. I remember the hours of TV watching and basketball playing I did, instead of having something better to do (with the exception of studying).

I bet you could go over there tonight and find many of the same examples.

In my opinion, some of that lonely time could be spent in a fraternity, as long as studies

aren't interfered with. The more activities that would be planned because of these fraternities would break the boredom of A&M. And don't tell me people can't get bored here because of so much offered. I, as well as many students, have seen the parking lots on weekends and the faces of Ags who receive or don't receive letters in their boxes.

People need to be involved. Not only in the Corps, CSC, Ro-

deo Club, dorm councils and all the other countless organizations, but in something new and different. Different in the sense that it is not peculiar to A&M.

It is my belief that A&M will be like TU, socially, in 40 or 50 years. This will be after you and I have been long gone from A&M and maybe this earth. Fraternities aren't hideous and evil. They accomplish worthwhile goals and represent a university well.

John Rapp

Watergate Defendant Declares He Was Just Under Orders

WASHINGTON (AP)—The man who said he listened to wire-tapped conversations from Democratic headquarters testified Monday he thought it was legal because his orders came from the security chief of President Nixon's reelection committee.

"Weren't you suspicious that some hanky-panky was going on, that something was wrong when he told you to use an assumed name?" Judge John J. Sirica asked the witness, Alfred C. Baldwin, III, at the Watergate trial.

"Not the use of an assumed name, no sir, your honor," said Baldwin, a former FBI agent who

once taught police science. Baldwin said he used the alias Bill Johnson at McCord's direction.

Baldwin, the prosecution's star witness, was on the stand for the third day as the third week of trial began for G. Gordon Liddy and James W. McCord Jr., charged with conspiracy, burglary and illegal wiretapping in a case involving a break-in at Democratic headquarters last June.

The judge questioned Baldwin out of the hearing of the jury at the completion of cross-examination by McCord's lawyer, Gerald Alch.

The judge said he felt it his duty to clear up questions.

Viewpoint

Things Only Nixon Can Do

by Norman Cousins

In the spring of 1972, Richard M. Nixon, in a simple sentence of 12 words, provided his own theme for the next four years and, quite possibly, for his place in American history.

The President was talking about his trip to China—a trip that symbolized the end of China's isolation from a large part of the world community. "There are things I can do that no one else can do," the President said in describing his journey to Peking.

What Richard Nixon said about himself in that connection also applies to his role in approaching three major problems:

1—The organization of the peace: The American people have been so preoccupied with the Vietnamese war that they haven't given enough attention to the single greatest problem of the 20th century: How to prevent violent outbreaks among major nations. Intercontinental ballistic missiles with thermonuclear warheads have created an entirely new dimension in warfare. Yet there is no corresponding new dimension in the machinery for maintaining peace. Approaches to the resolution of disputes among nations are as unscientific and disorganized as they were 500 years ago.

No world statesman today is in a better position—to paraphrase the President—to help build a structure for an enduring

peace than Mr. Nixon himself. The United Nations is not now equipped either to deal with the basic causes of war or to prevent a major breakdown in the international arena. Unless the United Nations can be given lawmaking and law-enforcing powers, it is difficult to see how the organization can survive—or, indeed, how world peace can be preserved.

President Nixon's historic triumph sets the stage for unparalleled opportunities in creating a workable system of peace through world law. Apart from the traditional problems of nations in dealing with one another, there are now entirely new questions beyond the reach of individual nations to solve by themselves. World environmental deterioration is one such issue. Depletion of world resources is another. Only a fully functioning world organization can cope with such problems.

2—Improving the quality of life in America: If a sound basis for world peace can be achieved, the President will be in a position to reduce our commitments abroad. American money and energies can be turned to basic needs and challenges at home—rebuilding our cities, fighting contamination of our air and water, providing jobs and decent housing for Americans most in need of them, giving our disadvantaged citizens a sense that they belong in and to this society,

raising the level of education and health care, and removing the elements of combustibility from inter-race relations.

3—Restore the historic right to privacy of American citizens: Under both Democratic and Republican administrations during the past decade, individual liberties have been eroding, especially in matters of privacy. The advent of electronics and transistors has made available all sorts of exotic devices for depriving individuals and organizations of their constitutional rights of privacy. Obviously, government has to be efficient in combating lawlessness. But much of the wire-tapping and spying has nothing to do with law enforcement. Abuses in this area are now so widespread and flagrant that they constitute a major threat to American values and traditions. Nothing short of presidential concern and initiative in these directions can reverse this ominous drift.

The President's acceptance speech was free of gloating or personal jubilation. He was obviously conscious of the fact that a new stage now opens for serious and sustained achievements. It is doubtful whether any President in our history was in a better position to do what Richard M. Nixon can now do. It will be an interesting four years.

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IN THE OLDEN DAYS MEN USED TO WALK BY WITH TALL BLACK HATS ON, AND KIDS USED TO THROW SNOWBALLS AT THEM

IF I COULD ORDER YOU TO SEND ME FLOWERS, WOULD YOU DO IT?

NO, I'D GO TO JAIL FIRST

I'D COME TO VISIT YOU!