

Listen Up —

Concert, Pre-Registration Blues Cited

Editor: Hmmm? Interesting isn't it how something we don't even particularly like can bring so much excitement to us. Like an infatuation which is temporarily very strong yet soon fades away, the concert Saturday night was so typical. Gagged by the reactions of the crowd the concert was a success. But does that really mean so much? So the crowd became infatuated with an old feeling for a moment—it wasn't a love which would bring financial success and a fan following to a group and that is what we need more of today.

We need more superstars and not these pseudo-superstars that we have now. Listeners should be more serious about their music—serious in the sense that they really like something and aren't fickle. We must be stable, holding on to good things and speaking out against those things which would threaten our tastes. We mustn't sink into the mire of pseudo-musicalism!

All of this is not to say though that the concert itself wasn't good. It was. And I'm sure there were those present who sincerely enjoyed listening to good old rock'n'roll played well, and to those people I congratulate and say that the following does not refer to you.

Most youth detest listening to the roots of today's music, yet the reactions of the crowd Saturday night would have fooled anyone. But, how many of those people who ran down to the front and throbbed to the music went out and bought a "Flash Cadillac"

album or some other original rock'n'roll music as soon as they could after the concert? Yeah, that's it, those who aren't serious about it can't do any rocking when they are by themselves which is unfortunate. It must be the atmosphere around the pounding music which makes the difference then, a formula of quality and quantity of music times the density of the crowd. If the quality of music is low, either in the ear of the artist or in the ear of the beholder, then the quantity must be boosted to give the same effect. And as an extra shot in the arm stage theatrics can be added to instigate the sense of excitement even more.

But what happens when the group walks off and the music dies down to a faint ringing in the ears of the crowd? Oh, the people walk away, not dazed as if they've really heard something, not excited that they've found an old or new love, but becoming their same dull selves again, quickly forgetting the excitement which was created in them for that brief moment.

Karl Gordon

Editor: I started training today to get myself in shape for pre-registration. I started early this semester so as not to get caught unprepared.

First, I got up early and practiced standing and shifting my weight from foot to foot as though I was waiting in a long line. After becoming totally exhausted, I sat down and began the memorization part. I memor-

ized my I.D. number, social security number, draft board location, driver's license number, zip code, home address, P. O. box number and telephone number, in hopes to speed up "due process." After taking a short rest to let my brain resolidify, I continued.

The next step was to go to the R.C.C. and get a stack of old computer cards. I practiced flipping through them as if I were trying to find a certain card in my card packet. Tomorrow I will start running laps to get my legs in shape for the long walks from building to building.

I plan to continue my workouts in hope that I will have a jump on the other students. I wonder if I started early enough?

Rick Krenzke

Editor: The purpose of bringing a foreign student to our university is to give him the opportunity to experience the "American way of life." If a person is visiting us from a country which perhaps disagrees with American foreign policy, it is that much more important we put our best foot forward. It is in this way he/she can form his/her own opinion of us, not one tainted by anti-american propaganda, but an opinion based upon his/her own experiences. In many cases the views they form of us will far outweigh the value of their actual academic education.

One of the cornerstones of our "democracy" is the complete right of freedom of speech and press, not the all too common be-

lief, the right to expound upon that which only a few consider to be "American." Fouzi Ben-Ali, as a guest in our country, is entitled to these rights and was only exercising them when he wrote to The Battalion expressing a sincere belief. This was obviously more in line with American ideals than the belief of "freedom for a

select few" as was expressed by the aforementioned bigoted, but eloquent, author, Name Withheld.

Michael W. Trahan
James D. McColgin

Name Withheld is a member of the A&M faculty-staff, a free-speaking group of people if there ever was one.—Ed.

Bike Auction Held For Campus Chest

The Campus Chest has received \$385 from a bicycle auction conducted recently by the A&M Wheelmen, an organization of cycling enthusiasts.

Student Treasurer Virginia Ehrlich officially accepted the money from the Wheelmen. Gary White, Wheelmen president, said the university police provided 34 abandoned bikes for

the auction.

He said Campus Chest helps needy students with tuition grants, books, short term loans and pays for flowers for families of deceased students and faculty.

Last year, the Chest gave \$400 to a student who had about \$1,000 in medical expenses after being badly injured during bonfire construction.

Corps Of Cadets

(Continued from page 1) M. Sgt. Melvin P. Noack, Georgetown, corps staff;

Bank of A&M award to the outstanding first sergeant, 1st Sgt. Patrick D. Veteto, Tennessee Colony, Company H-1; Federated A&M Mother's Clubs of Texas award to the outstanding sophomore cadet, Cpl. John D. Chappelle, Dallas, Company L-2;

N. S. Meyer-Raeburn Founda-

tion award to the outstanding freshman, Pvt. Bill J. Helwig, Miles, Company D-2;

Best drill cadet awarded to sophomore and freshman, Cpl. Michael W. Whitted, Houston, Company L-2, and Pvt. Roger R. Poole, Dallas, Company D-2.

Forty-three other individual awards and Commandant Appreciation Keys to corps staff and commanders and drum and bugle corps keys were presented.

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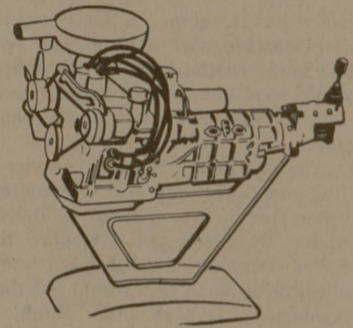
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The Serves Fee Petition

A petition movement has been started to bring pressure to bear on this past year's (dead elephant?) Student Senate and the coming year's Senate to keep Services Fees as low as possible while charging as many user fees as can be justified.

With the passing of the petition students who sign are saying they no longer want to trust the Senate to allocate funds for them—that the Senate is not responsible enough to do an adequate or fair job of distribution to satisfy the majority. With those who have signed the petition, we have no quarrel, nor with the students who don't sign it. We simply want to make a few points clear in case a referendum is called.

The plan on the petition is asking that the Athletic Department be dealt a \$70,000 chop in fees from the Senate-approved fee plan of \$18 payment in fees per semester. The Senate originally doled out \$170,000 for athletics for 1973-74. The new \$15 proposal also trims back intramurals several thousand dollars while giving the Great Issues Committee \$1,000 less.

The only compensation for these cuts would be a \$1.50 user fee per football game or \$6 charge for season tickets. Clearly, students would be able to decide for themselves whether they wanted to save \$6 by not going to A&M's five home games or spend the money. In either plan, students would pay a maximum of \$36 per year in fees with a possible minimum of \$30.

The question we ask is, "Does the Athletic Department deserve this cut in funds?" It's a question we won't try to answer by a sweeping "Yes," or "No."

We know that with the "small-time" teams A&M will be facing this year, collected ticket money will not be as great as past years. We feel certain that there is a fair amount of waste in funds committed by the department each year.

But what must be taken into consideration is the effect a cut would have on the recruitment side of the game. Sure, 9,000 students attending games can make up about \$55,000 of the \$70,000, but how badly (honestly) does the Athletic Department need the other \$15,000?

The answer is for you to decide when you're faced with the petition. It's your answer if you must enter the ballot box.

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