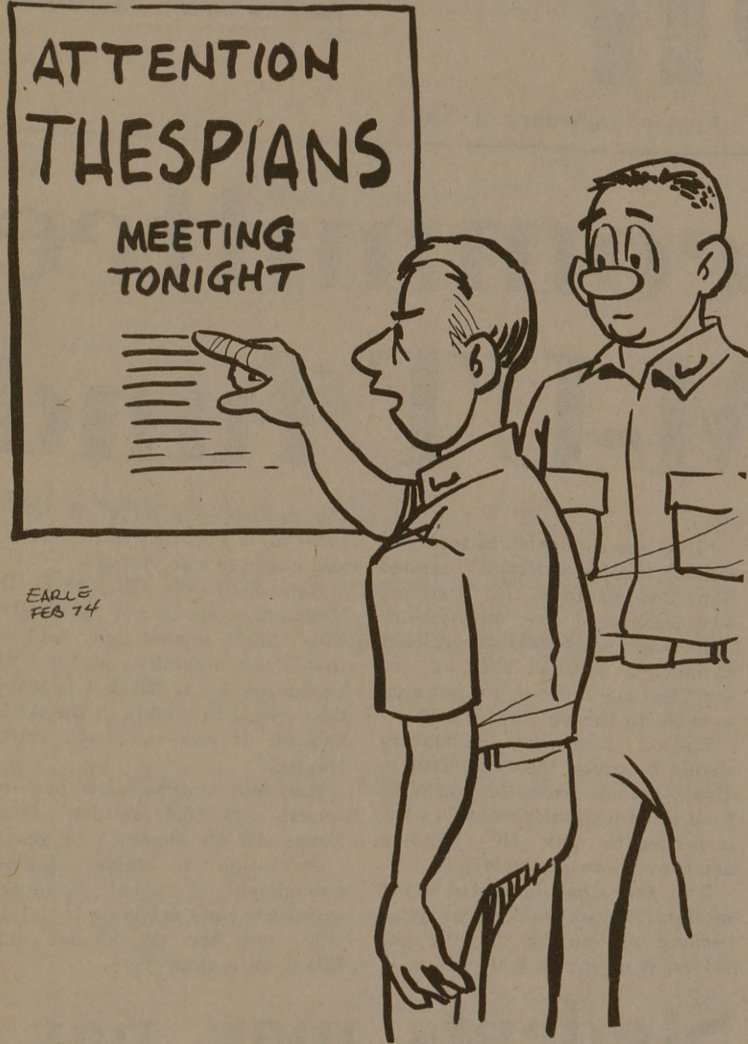


Equality asked with Health Center fee



"What are we coming to when these people can brazenly hold public meetings!"

Editor:

I am a married student living in the University Married Student Complex. Today I received a letter from a couple of student senators who are planning to "present a resolution in the Student Senate which, if passed, will request the University Board of Directors to make the Health Center fee of \$14 per semester optional to married students." After filling up the comments section and the back of the form with my opinion on the subject, I decided to make my opinions known through the Battalion in case my questionnaire is lost before it arrives at the Student Senate.

Why should the Health Center fee be optional for a student just because he is married? Sure some married students carry medical insurance and some don't. I would imagine that many unmarried students also carry some type of medical insurance. If they don't, they could. Many students, married or unmarried, may not want to pay Health Center fees or carry other insurance. They might just want to risk getting sick to save some money. I can't see why any distinction should be made between married and unmarried students on this question. If Health Center fees are optional for one, they should be optional for both.

Since I'm fairly sure this is out of the question, I have a suggestion. An option should be made for married students to pay more

than \$14 if they choose for the Health Center to take care of their dependents, also. This would make their other medical insurance unnecessary if they so choose.

If base Health Center fees were made optional for marrieds, then more of the burden of supporting the Health Center would simply be shifted to the unmarrieds. This would not be fair. If one pays, we all pay. That's the Aggie way.

Mark C. Drew

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Editor:

There have been many students dissatisfied with the laundry service for a long time. I think there are some rules that must be changed or at least be under reconsideration. So, I would like to point them out as follows:

(1) There is no reason for a compulsory service on campus. There are a lot of washing machines off campus. Students can wash their clothes anytime they

wish. They can save from counting clothes again and again for not being charged correctly. And they wouldn't need to rush to the deposit place afraid of getting a late charge!

(2) The laundry service is very bad. Good clothes are turned in and ruined when you get them back. And there is no sign of any change. Sometimes my clothes have been lost. Under this situation, I can't see why I must have such a kind of service.

(3) The fee is too high compared to the service we get. I just wonder how many students have turned in laundry totaling \$1.47 every time. Sometimes I didn't have a lot of clothes to turn in.

They should have a more flexible service.

(4) Lots of students believe the laundry service tries to get more money from students. For example:

a. You will be charged because some of the clothes turned in number more than allotted for that item even if the total amount is far below \$1.47.

b. Even if you just wash a mattress cover or a bath mat they will charge you. They say bath mats are listed on the sheet but not as a regular laundry item. How ridiculous it is!

I propose:

(1) That the laundry service be made optional.

(2) Or, based on the regulations, charge the fee according to the amount of clothes turned in.

Since they count your clothes very carefully everytime, you can list the amount of money you should pay and not add any work to the laundry service. At the end of the semester students can either pay to get back the money paid at the beginning of the semester.

We have noticed there has been a lot of changes in this area and we are very glad. The dry service is one of the changes that's left and needed changed a long time ago.

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proposal. Concerned that only two graduate students were selected as SCONA delegates, Marianne Hamm, treasurer, said that the matter should be looked into.

"It's a shame we show interest and are not given a chance," she said. "We could make meaningful contributions to SCONA. We have opinions and would like to be given a chance."

One vote short

We felt the time was right for instituting an athletic user fee at TAMU, but apparently the Student Senate has not been convinced. The Senate, in a tragic 41-40 vote with one abstention, decided not to recommend a \$1 user fee for home football games at Wednesday's meeting. The proposal would have saved those who didn't attend any games \$3 per year in reduced services fee.

Ideally, the users of a service should pay for that service entirely. However, in the university environment there is power in numbers and some services can be provided cheaply when charged to all. It would be difficult and costly to assess a user fee for all the Memorial Student Center committees. Likewise, student subscriptions to The Battalion would be equally impractical. A user fee for football games would only mean collecting a dollar when tickets are distributed. Wally Groff, athletic business manager, predicts with next year's anticipated enrollment increase the average student attendance at games would not suffer if the \$1 fee was charged.

A football user fee would not set a precedent that would result in a mad rush for more of the same. Each argument for additional user fees would be considered individually and would no doubt receive opposition both in the Student Senate and from the Board of Directors.

In an effort to reduce Student Services Fees and place the financial responsibility on the users of an activity we hope students seriously consider implementing an athletic user fee in the future.

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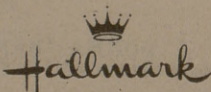
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