

'OK, WHERE IS IT? WHERE'S MY LITTLE BLACK BOOK OF PHONE NUMBERS?'

Listen Up Lack of campus diversion cited; Laundry snubbed

Editor:
As a new resident in Moses Hall I am astounded at the lack of entertainment facilities on campus. At first this shortage seemed very bearable, but the situation is changing fast. Residents on one side of the dorm find that it disturbs the residents of Keathley Hall if they look out their windows. We have been informed by the Campus Cops that strobe lights disturb our neighbors. Last Friday we were informed that "quads" and water fights are now outlawed.

This just about limits our activities to off campus; which wouldn't be so bad if I could park my car on this side of campus, but no freshmen or sophomores can park near the dorms and few upper classmen can find space near their dorms. Now I ask you, what are we to do?

Why can't we open an inexpensive club on campus? It seems a shame that the best university in the nation has the worst facilities in the nation.

Charles D. White

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Editor:

Laing Sun's letter to the editor on the laundry service (Feb. 9, 1974) voices my dissatisfaction with the laundry service.

A&M is one of a few universities in the country that has a laundry service, and A&M seems very proud of its archaic system which is guilty of the abuses Laing Sun has proclaimed. Other universities have no laundry service. But Rice in particular provides washers and dryers at a quarter each and has a profit to show for it (Lovett College). Laundromats cost a quarter for each machine, 50 cents to wash and dry one load, and the load is in the closet in less than two hours. Our laundry service costs \$1.47 per week (approximately one load), and requires more than

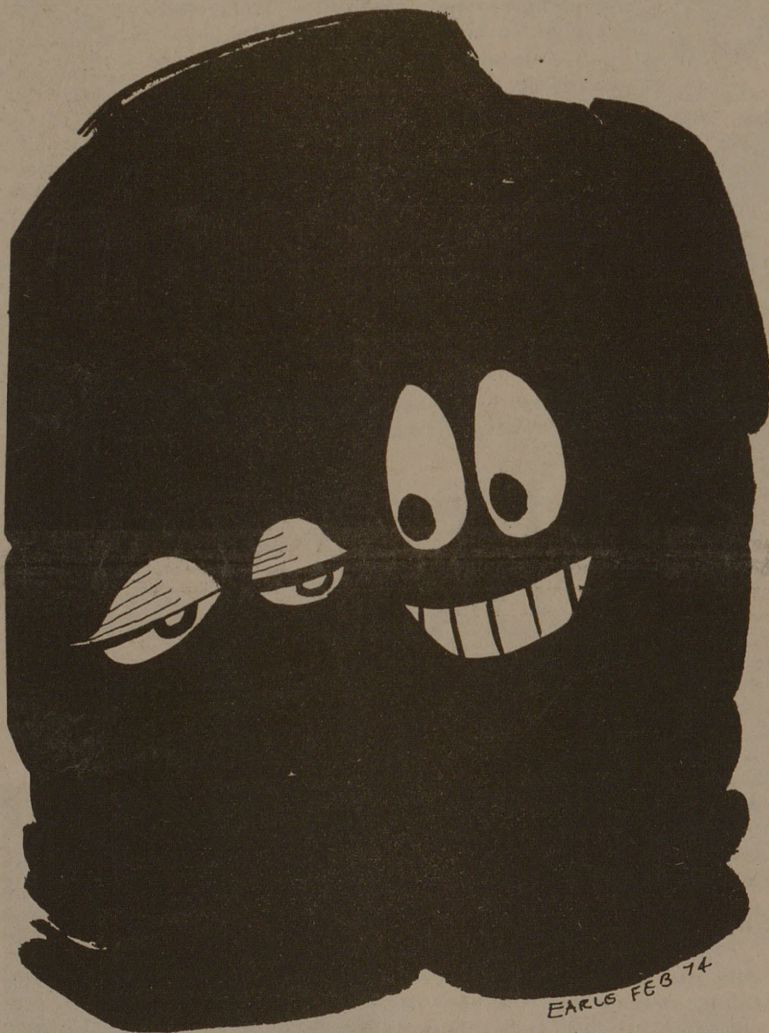
24 hours normally—except when laundry is deposited before 9:00 A.M. on Friday. It is returned Monday afternoon (at least 72 hours later).

In only one of my six semesters at A&M was a poll taken to determine the fate of the com-

pulsory laundry service. If the laundry service is so great, it seems that if it were optional with a \$1.47 per week savings on room and board, most students would still want it, resulting in everyone being satisfied.

Stephen Ray

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"It's also patriotic to not waste the dark either!"

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Your Man at Batt

by Greg Moses

In the confusing hurry-up-and-wait freshman orientation programs, many students failed to take full advantage of the credit by examination opportunities offered at A&M. But there are still opportunities for students to place out of courses required in their curricula.

University regulations lay down the basics for credit by examination. Although the wording is different, the gist of the regulation is that any student who feels he knows what a course intends to teach may try to get credit for the course without taking it.

"If a student shows he is knowledgeable in a field, he may petition his academic dean," says John Beckham, associate dean of science. "The dean may then give the student permission to take a comprehensive examination to determine his proficiency in the field."

If the student passes the exam (which will be tougher than the final for the course) he will receive credit but no grade points.

Beckham is an advocate of credit by exam. He also deals with students applying for advanced placement in the College of Science. His interest and experience make him an unofficial expert on the matter. He was also appointed chairman of an ad hoc committee on educational acceleration, which compiled a report clarifying the policies for credit by examination.

The report is being considered by the Academic Programs Committee.

Auston Kerley, director of the counseling and testing center, was also a member of the ad hoc committee. "The committee has made recommendations to enlarge the program (of credit by examination)," says Kerley.

"A&M is one of the few schools that does not charge for advanced placement tests," says Kerley. "We have resisted charging because we consider it as a scholarship program. When a student places out of a course, it saves him tuition."

Because of cost and personnel problems in administering the tests, entering freshmen must take tests for freshman level courses before they begin classes, says Beckham.

Refrigerator inquiries

The refrigerator rental office has moved from the basement of the old quack shack and some have been confused about where to go with questions about refrigerators.

The man to see with all the answers is Larry McRoberts, campus planning chairman. He can be reached in his room (Hart B1, 845-5806) or at the Student Programs Office (845-1515).

Hot check list

Lists of persons that have bad check-writing reputations with the MSC and bookstore are compiled by the fiscal office under assistant controller Robert Smith.

"We don't put someone on the list for writing one bad check or two bad checks," said Smith. "Three bad checks or failure to respond to notice of a bad check within 15 days are the two reasons for including a person on the list."

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