

Listen Up

# Boycott of vending machines asked

Editor:

As chairman of the Student Senate Financial Reports Committee this year, I did some investigating of the vending machine operations at Texas A&M. The major controversy in my mind is—Why is the consumer at Texas A&M paying for more than what it costs to supply him the service of vending products? The simple, unequivocal answer is that the Board of Directors approved at President Williams' request the letting of a concession contract which allows 40 per cent of the gross receipts of the machines to go to an account of the university to be spent at the discretion of President Williams.

The other 60 per cent of the receipts from the machines goes to Bryan Coca-Cola and Bottling Company. My contention is that the consumer should pay for what he receives in a service at Texas A&M, and anything other than that is DECEPTION. That is also saying that if the contract that was let between the Texas A&M Board of Directors and Bryan Coca-Cola had incorporated "service" instead of "pure profit" as its motive, then the over 300 machines on the campus would probably have canned soft drinks for the same price as our post-mix drinks now. To substantiate that statement, I refer you to recent minutes of the

Board of Directors of the Texas A&M System which state that other universities in the A&M System (i.e., Prairie View and Tarleton State) have vending contracts let by the same Board of Directors for the sale of canned soft drinks at a maximum price of 15 cents each. Furthermore, if one went to Baylor, you can buy canned soft drinks for 15 cents out of all the soft drinks machines on that campus. Therefore, I conclude that any profit over and above the expenditures A&M incurs of water and electricity in those machines is frivolous, excessive and unnecessary for the A&M Directors to have to spend, and I call on consumers at A&M to boycott vending machines.

me that it's not, I'll open an abortion clinic. In the meantime, I'll give the pre-natal child the benefit of the doubt.)  
John Reyland  
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## Bill of Rights

Editor:  
Hooray for a Student Bill of Rights! I was thoroughly shocked to learn Texas A&M, a university I feel is a fine institution, does not have a Student Bill of Rights. If students are not allowed to make decisions for themselves now while they are being trained in an educational environment, how will we, the students, possibly hope to make correct, discreet and intelligent decisions in the society and coun-

try we will one day control? I ask for a petition on a Student Bill of Rights which should be written by the Student Government under the supervision of students and faculty to fully satisfy the majority who attend Texas A&M now and in the future. With proper and thorough announcements, students and faculty could send in to a Bill of Rights Council suggestions and proposals on what the Student Bill of Rights should contain.  
Thank you very much and please everyone, for your own good and future, send out the word for a Student Bill of Rights!  
Laura Clark

The Student Senate's version of a Student Bill of Rights appeared on page 6 of Friday's paper—Ed.

## Your Man at Batt

by Greg Moses

The campus police have been paying a lot of attention to bicycle registration and non-registration lately. Cindy Wilke was stopped by a University Police officer during spring break for riding her bicycle on campus without registration. She wanted to know why students were being forced to register their bikes.

Chief O. L. Luther said the recent crackdown on bicycle registration was a routine enforcement procedure.

"It got to the point where this was the only way we could get the bicycles registered," Luther said registration was important in the recovery of stolen bikes. "Ninety-five percent of the recovered bicycles were registered," said Luther. "One registered bicycle was recovered at the University of Texas."

In answer to criticism that students can keep track of their own serial numbers, Luther replies that he doesn't think students will do it.

He has a few hints to bike owners who would like to remain bike owners. "Ninety-three percent of the bikes stolen last month were inadequately secured. The best way to secure a bike is in a bike rack with a good thick chain and a strong lock. I think that would help some."

## Daylight posting time

Jorge Rivera, an RA at Milner, would like political candidates to post their signs during the day.

"The pounding and talking outside the dorms at midnight and 1:00 in the morning are disturbing the residents," he says.

Larry McRoberts  
Forty per cent profit by the university is made only on soft drinks; profits on other vending machine commodities are considerably smaller.

The policy establishing the special concession fund from vending machine revenue was set in 1965, five years before Dr. Williams came to A&M as president.  
—Ed.

## Sissy

Editor:  
Frances Farenthold Tuesday expressed her gross disregard for human life at all stages of development. When asked whether she would support a Constitutional Amendment which would put into effect in this country the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, which was adopted unanimously by the United Nations in 1959, she very bluntly replied, "No."

She seems to be more interested in just getting elected than in nothing less than the total social health of America at heart.

The UN declaration is as follows, "The child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection before as well as after birth." Apparently, Mrs. Farenthold has no regard for human life before birth. (Is it human life? Well, when you prove to

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by Jim Earle

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