

# Streaker policy outlined in open letter to students

The administrative officials of TAMU are charged with the responsibility for providing a University of the First Class. From my perspective this includes creating and maintaining an environment which is most conducive to learning, and adopting as a guide a standard of behavior on campus which is consistent with the mores and laws of the state of Texas. It behooves everyone, therefore, faculty, administrators and students alike to uphold the laws of our land, our state in particular, and to otherwise make us worthy of the fine support and trust which the citizens of Texas have placed upon us.

As adults, and as citizens, students must accept the same responsibility as do all other members of the University commu-

ity. Under no conditions can persons cloak themselves with the mantle of "student" and become immune to the laws of our state, nor can the University become a haven of safety for those students who choose to challenge the University's authority by willfully violating state laws.

Recent events occurring on our campus have cast a shadow on the heretofore excellent reputation of A&M's student body. The unwarrantable public display of nudity by a few has damaged many, and the situation has reached a point where it becomes necessary to restate my position with regard to what has transpired. Thus, after discussing the matter thoroughly with President (Jack) Williams, I am using this means of communicating to you the procedures

to be followed in all cases which occur after 5 p. m. on April 3. All students who have been identified and proven guilty by due administrative process prior to this date and time either have, or will be placed, on Conduct Probation.

The Texas Penal Code, Title 9, Chapter 42, Sec. 42.01. "Disorderly Conduct," paragraph (a) (10), states "A person commits an offense if he intentionally or knowingly exposes his anus or genitals in a public place and is reckless about whether another may be present who will be offended or alarmed by his act." A violation of this statute is considered a Class C misdemeanor and punished by a fine not to exceed \$200.

Each case will be judged on its own merits—a weighing of the evidence in which our administra-

tive process will be engaged. Any one adjudged guilty of violation of the Texas Penal Code by virtue of the evidence in his or her case shall be reported to the court authorities for appropriate legal action. In addition, if found guilty by the evidence, no less a penalty shall be assessed by the University than conduct probation—the length and restrictions of which to be determined by the facts. A student whose participation is deemed as being particularly objectionable or conspicuous can alter the situation and may lead to his or her suspension from the university.

For the information of all, the term "probation" can be imposed for varying periods of time, and may include the inability to hold office in the university, the inability to represent the university in

any official function, the termination of financial aid administered by the university, and a notice of the probation in the student's permanent record.

In fairness to all students I felt the foregoing statement was necessary. Rumor and conjecture have a tendency to distort any situation, and sometimes create emotions which lead to more regrettable actions and serious consequences. Those among you who desire to maintain the fine image projected by the term "Aggie" are asked to use your influence and make every reasonable and legitimate effort to promote a return to the standards of decency which characterize Texas A&M. Thank you for your help.

John J. Koldus  
Vice-President of Student Services

## Weather

Partly cloudy Wednesday with a 10 per cent chance of rain. Northwesterly wind 15 m.p.h. gusting to 25. High today 85°; low tonight 51°. Fair Thursday with no precipitation. High tomorrow 80°.

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LEAVING THE SAME way he came, Duane Faith prepares to roll out of the Academic Building and into the late afternoon. (Photo by David Spencer)

## Steps, curbs pose problem to wheelers

By STEPHEN C. GRAY  
Special to the Battalion

Getting around on wheels at A&M doesn't seem to be much of a problem for most students.

But when the wheels belong to a wheelchair, that's different. And the Texas Rehabilitation Commission is trying to solve some of the problems that students in wheelchairs must contend with on campus.

TRC is working with a group of handicapped students to help them overcome some of the barriers they must face each day, going to and from classes. There are about 60 students involved in the organization called Help Our People Excel (HOPE). Only a few in the group must travel about the campus in wheelchairs.

One of those students is Duane Faith.

FAITH, 27, is graduate student in bioengineering working toward a master's degree in interdisciplinary engineering. His degree project involves the study of increased mobility of the severely handicapped. He has been paralyzed since November 1969 as a result from a motorcycle accident while attending the University of Texas.

"They (UT) had a head start on providing facilities for handicapped students but it looks like to me that A&M has a lot of possibilities," Faith said. "It won't take them long to catch up."

Faith said the main problem is converting some of the older buildings so that wheelchair students can get in and out.

"Once you've built a building

like that it takes a lot of money to reconstruct and adapt it," he said.

Faith is confined to an electric wheelchair which cost \$1,400. He spends much of his time in an office on the third floor of the Zachry Engineering Center.

He said some of the dormitories on campus could possibly be converted to accommodate wheelchair students.

"I think that Dorm 12 might be a good place to house some male students in wheelchairs on the first floor. There's only a six-inch step at the entrance," Faith said. Dormitories 10 and 12 house civilian students.

Faith said he sees one advantage that A&M might have over the University of Texas in enrolling more handicapped students at A&M.

"THE LAND around here is level and it's fairly easy to get around. But at Texas there are a lot of rolling hills and that's a little tougher," said Faith. He said he could make a trip in his wheelchair from the Zachry Engineering Center to the library in about 10 or 15 minutes.

Janey Ducote is also confined to a wheelchair. The sophomore wildlife science major was crippled from polio when she was three months old. She lives on campus in a specially designed room for wheelchair students in Krueger Hall. The native from Corpus Christi attended Del Mar College before coming to A&M.

Janey said all of her classes are scattered throughout the campus.

"I'm out of the room practically all day," she said.

She has two wheelchairs, one of which is electric. She said she uses the hand-driven one just to move around the dormitory but uses the electric wheelchair to get to class.

"People ask me what happens when it rains. They're afraid I might get shocked but all I do is just pop out my umbrella like everyone else," she said.

Janey said she hasn't encountered too many problems in getting around the campus. Like Duane Faith, she encounters the problem of getting up the stairs of some buildings.

"I have a biology class in the old Biological Sciences Building East and my problem is that I can't operate the elevator that takes me upstairs. But there's always someone nice enough to take me up there," she said.

She said she often receives offers to be wheeled about around the campus and in Krueger Hall. But she tactfully refuses.

"That's the only way I can get my exercise," she said.

"IT WAS ONLY in the last year or so that A&M realized how difficult it was for these people to attend some of their classes," said Don Gardner, campus counselor for TRC. "Some of the buildings have stairs leading to their entrances that make it almost impossible for anyone in a wheelchair to gain access to the inside."

Recently the University constructed ramps on the west side of the Academic Building and the north entrance to the library. Several curb cuts were added during

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## Prior restraint said used on newspaper

By LATONYA PERRIN

Charges of prior restraint were leveled against the administration by Battalion editor Rod Speer in a Student Publication Board meeting Tuesday.

Speer said that he was objecting as a result of a disagreement with Lane Stephenson, associate director of University Information.

Stephenson had told him that the pictures of the streaks last Friday could not be run unless a star was placed over the woman's breast and the star over the crotch on the close photo of the man be enlarged, said Speer.

Another argument used by Stephenson, Speer said, was that Speer had made a "contract" with President Jack Williams at the beginning of the semester not to run obscenities and pornographic material. This discussion was referred to by Dr. Tom Adair, assistant to President Williams, whom Stephenson had shown copies of the pictures the day

that they ran in the paper.

Speer said he did not understand the conversation with Williams to be binding in any way on editorial policies and did not consider the pictures pornographic material.

"At first, I thought that it was a good idea to have Lane Stephenson read the copy to keep out mistakes, but now I see the danger in it," Speer said.

Jim Lindsey, director of University Information, pointed out that Stephenson was not there to give his side of the story. Stephenson is attending an American College Public Relations Association meeting.

"I would like to hear Lane's side of the story because I simply cannot believe that he said he would not publish the pictures," said Adair.

Speer brought Section 70 of the University Rules and Regulations as evidence that the university could not practice prior restraint. It states that the director of Stu-

dent Publications is to advise the editor and neither the director of Student Publications nor the Student Publications Board has the right to make decisions on the content of the paper.

Chet Edwards, a student member of the board, asked Lindsey how he interpreted the Rules and Regulations on the matter and suggested that the board must decide whether or not to abide by the restrictions in Rules and Regulations.

After much discussion about professional ethics and good taste, Dr. Harrison Hierth, head of the English Department, asked if the university could keep the paper from being printed if there was a controversy over what should and should not be printed.

"I can stop the presses," said Lindsey. "The Rules and Regulations don't say anything about running the presses."

Jan Faber, student member, objected, "I think that Rod has a valid point. You can't stop the

presses over the content of the paper."

Adair made a motion that the board leave the system as it is "because it has worked all right for two years." Edwards seconded the motion. After more discussion, the board approved the motion unanimously.

Under that system, Stephenson reads all student-produced copy before it is sent to the A&M Press to be set for printing.

Hierth then told the board that he had received a telephone call from someone who is working with the Cotton Pageant who felt that he was being harassed by reporters and not getting coverage from The Battalion. After a short break, the board moved into closed session to discuss personnel.

The Board later directed Speer to dismiss Managing Editor Stephen Goble from the Battalion staff as he is no longer a student. Goble was a senior horticulture major before withdrawing from the university Feb. 20.

## Girls' dorms plan pageant

Women will make certain their presence is felt at A&M, the weekend of April 5 and 6. Dancing in the street, divorcing sweethearts and presenting careers for women are a part of a K2FH+0 campaign.

Rather than an algebraic formula, K2FH+0 is a quick way of naming the sponsors of the weekend. Women living in Krueger, Keathley, Fowler, Hughes and off-campus will coordinate the speeches, dinners, dances and carnival. "Career Day for Women" will begin the activities on Friday in the Rudder Tower. Beginning at noon a luncheon will be held in

the Tower to honor the 26 speakers. For \$2.63, anyone may attend the luncheon by making reservations with Karen Switzer, Counselor for women. Following will be presentations from various experts in their fields. The numerous concurrent speeches will last from 1:30 until 5 p.m., and programs will be available in the Memorial Student Center.

Women are encouraged to attend the "en masse" dinner at 5 p. m. Friday in the Sbisla Annex. All women who have paid the board fee are free, others must pay \$2. As soon as they finish, buses will come by to transport

them to the first dance of the weekend. The dance will be at the Lakeview Club from 8 p. m. to 12:30 a. m. Bus schedules will be posted in all the dorms and apartments. The Western shindig will cost \$2 for men and \$1 for women.

After recovering from the night before, booths will be set up Saturday afternoon in the mall between the Academic Building and the YMCA Building. The public is welcome to attend the carnival from 2 to 6 p. m. to throw pies,

get married (followed by a divorce) and walk for cakes.

As a finale, campus women are asking the public to dance in the streets. Preferably they are asking for the dancing to take place in the Grove, Saturday night from 7:30 to 12. At the dance will be a disc jockey from WTAW radio to play all requested songs.

This is the first time women have sponsored such a weekend event, and according to Kathy Gilliland, publicity chairman, "I know it will work!"

## Holt picked mayor in 15-vote margin

Tuesday's College Station city election results ended in a close race for mayor with Dr. O. M. Holt winning by a total of 15 votes.

"I appreciate the vote and the confidence of the people," said Holt, who won with 857 votes over his opponent Bob Bell, with 842.

During his campaign, Holt said one of his goals was to stay abreast of the needs of the city. He is a retired professor of agriculture at TAMU and has noted that a "growing city brings certain problems that need to be solved."

There were 1,738 ballots cast for the total of the 11 positions on the ballot out of the 2,294 registered voters in College Station. J. R. (Jim) Gardner, professor of urban and regional planning at TAMU, took place four on the council with 790 votes. Former place four councilman J. D. Lind-say followed with 528 votes and Charles F. Johnson had 362.

Gardner said he planned to work for planned economically,

sound growth, open government and developmental decisions based on a long range concern.

Lorence Bravenec took place five, an unexpired term for one year only, with 939 votes over Thomas R. Chaney (511) and Gloria Martinson (222).

Bravenec, an associate professor of accounting at TAMU, is also a lawyer and Certified Public Accountant. Bravenec basically opposes a ward system, favors stricter zoning and more parks and landscaping.

City Atty. James H. Dozier who campaigned on the basis of quality growth for College Station, was elected to place six with a vote of 1,074 over the 611 ballots cast for Mae B. Holleman.

Dozier, also associate professor of finance at TAMU, is not in favor of growth for its own sake and noted that due to quantity of transient residences that College Station has several unique problems that come with this type of community.

Homer B. Adams ran unopposed for place two.

## Additional polls set for Thursday voting

More polling places will be available for students in the elections Thursday.

In addition to the usual polling places at Sbisla, MSC, Library, guardroom and Krueger-Dunn commons, students can vote at Zachry Engineering Center, the Veterinary Medicine School and the married student apartments.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Barry Bowden, chairman of the election board, said that people are needed as volunteers to sit at the polls during the day. Anyone who would like to help is asked to contact Bowden.

All students will need their ID's and activity cards to vote. Students voting for senators must have their fee slip with them. Seniors may vote in senate at-large races for their living area and college and in any other elections except class officers, said Bowden.

No electioneering may be carried on within 50 feet of a polling place. This regulation includes all posters and any speakers.

Questioning the candidates at the Krueger-Dunn Commons,

Sbisla and Duncan dining areas is scheduled for Wednesday evening.

About six candidates will speak every 30 minutes to enable the students to get a taste of the contenders' personalities and views.

Group 1 consists of the presidential and vice-president of finance candidates. The group will speak at Sbisla from 5 to 5:30, at the Commons from 5:30 to 6 and at Duncan from 6:45 to 7:30.

Vice-president of External Affairs and Academic Affairs candidates will make up Group 2 speakers. They can be heard at Sbisla from 4:30 to 5, at the Commons from 5 to 5:30 and at Duncan from 5:30 to 6.

The final group of candidates are those running for student services and Rules and Regulations vice-presidencies. These will speak from 5:30 to 6 at Sbisla, from 4:30 to 5 at Duncan.

The organization of the program is a joint venture of Political Forum and the Student Government Election Board.

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