

Listen up

Wrist-slap suggested for Batt writer

Editor:
Whoever wrote the article criticizing the senate's approval of Jerri Ward as chairman of the Judicial Board should have his wrists slapped and sent to bed without dinner. The article was derelict in its reporting of what was brought out at the meeting. I would like to make a few corrective statements:

1. It is not that she was merely a member of a debating club but that through her participation in this club she proved to be capable of quick, analytical reasoning.

2. It is not that the qualifications of the other two applicants were not considered by the senate but that it is not the senate's responsibility or authorization to consider anyone except the one appointed by the SG president. We vote for or against an appointee on the basis of that person's qualifications—not on a

comparative basis.

3. Not brought out in the column was the fact that Jerri has attended every J-Board meeting this year and that she has correspondence with members of other J-Boards at other schools in other states in an attempt to research as much information as possible on possible improvements to our present J-Board. (i.e. She's involved.)

4. The senate is careful in reviewing committee appointments (Jerri was confirmed by only five votes). In that same senate meeting the senate disapproved of the appointment of Bill Davis for Student Publications Board.

There is another senate meeting this Wednesday to approve the publications board seat originally intended for Bill Davis. Please send an

honest reporter with writing experience.

**Tom Dawsey
Senator for D-C,
Moore and Moses**

Ward did not attend every Judicial Board meeting this year and her correspondence with other schools began within the last two weeks. —Ed.

Thanks

To The Aggies:
A special thanks for the honor of being named "Aggie Parents of the Year." This certainly was an unexpected thrill and an honor we shall cherish.

Let us all work together to make Texas A&M the BEST. This is our tradition we should strive to keep.

Wishing each of you the very best of everything, God's blessing,

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hamilton

Paint it blue

Editor:
In the "Listen Up" section in the May 2nd edition of The Battalion, John Howard spoke out against further construction of the new water tower because he was "shocked that it would be the color of our most vehement rivals." Now, unless t.u. has changed its school color to blue, I can find no valid reasoning in Mr. Howard's statement. As the Batt has already mentioned, the orange primer coat will be covered with light blue paint upon completion of the tower. I must ask Mr. Howard to tolerate the construction of the new water tower until it is painted a color that, in his opinion, won't have "everyone at t.u. . . laughing in their sleeves at us."

William Hildebrandt

Boycott

Editor:
I would like to bring to the attention of the students and faculty of A&M the need for action against three businesses in the Bryan-College Station area. In the midst of a dwindling energy supply and a threatened ecological balance, Fed-Mart refuses to carry or refund deposit bottles. Courtea, a hairstyling establishment in Bryan, advertises: "Three stylists available—1 man, 1 lady, 1 girl." This breakdown by sexes is outright discrimination, not to mention the change of context from "man" to "lady" to "girl!" Kesami Sandwich Shoppe needs "female" help—with an apology to all males—"Sorry guys!" I urge an immediate and indefinite boycott of these businesses.

Gary Kotara

Hang it up

Editor:
Last night (Wednesday) I attended a meeting of the student senate just to see how it worked. I was appalled. At one point during the gathering, a senator said he "was sick of people calling me to tell me how to vote."

It seems to me that the senator is obligated to vote the way he is told by these people no matter what he personally believes. If any senator were to vote opposite of the majority of the views of the people he represents, he should be impeached. If students bother to take the time to call their senator and give an opinion, that senator is obligated to listen and consider it. All senators should be glad that people tell them their views so they don't have to face an issue of not knowing where any of his constituents stands.

If it is too much trouble for senators to listen to and obey those they represent, they then should

hang it up and resign.

Jay Dougherty

Harassed

Editor:
I am writing this letter to point out a somewhat tragic situation which exists on this campus; harassment by mistake. I received a second notice on a parking ticket sometime ago; I didn't recall a ticket, so I thought that I would try to straighten it out, but then I got busy and really forgot about it. I received a third notice, and then spring break was upon us, so again I did nothing. I thought about it today before I registered, so went to pay it, although I no longer had the notices. After the smoke had cleared, it was apparent that I had never owed the ticket in the first place; that I was being billed for a ticket already settled.

But that is not all. When I register, I must go to registration headquarters, then to the Coke Building for a special card and then register in order to remove the block on my registration. So I must pay the penalty for the police mistake. If I had just brought the overdue slip in, then I would have paid the \$11 and never thought about it. What I suggest is this: when the police are found to be in error, they should have to pay the student the amount of the error; in my case \$11 plus removing the block on my registration themselves. This would accomplish several things; it would give hassled students a measure of value for their hassle; it would make the police much more careful in their book keeping without the expense of auditors or other watchdogs. As it stands now, if the student wins he gets back only his initial starting point. If the police win, they gain real money and other benefits. Let's give both sides a chance to win.

Mike Perrin

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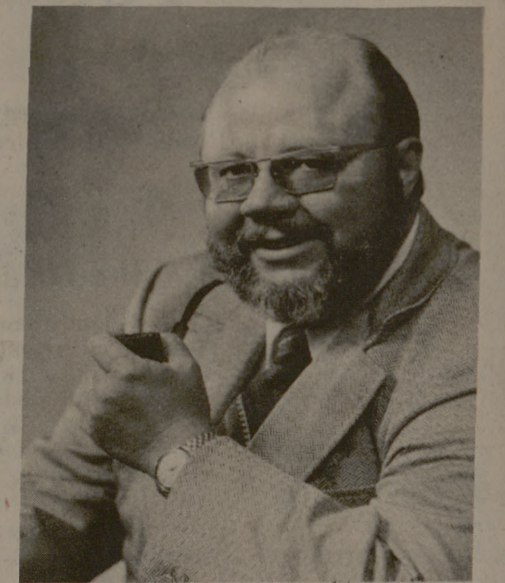
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Editor's Notes

by Rod Speer

When I took over as editor, I vowed never to write a word about voter apathy, since it is one of the most overworked topics editorially and its influence is questionable at best. However, when less than 28 percent of the electorate show up to determine who will govern the state for the next four years, it may be time to do more than talk of voter apathy—it may be time to talk of alternate forms of government. (Only 27.89 percent of the registered voters in Brazos County cast ballots in Saturday's Democratic Primary.) An electorate like this deserves a fascist dictator or totalitarian system. It would no doubt be more efficient (no Congress or state legislatures!) but one shouldn't cry about the rights of man.

TAMU students have little to boast about after Saturday's activities. Only three students attended the Republican precinct convention (and one was the chairman) for the on-campus precinct (No. 20) which was announced in Friday's Battalion. The precinct is supposed to choose delegates and alternates for the county conventions, where the work is begun on the party platforms, but the interest was not there. Of the 407 registered to vote Democratic at the on-campus precinct 192 actually voted. That is far better than the county voting average but one wonders if the 18,000-407 students not registered here are voting in their hometowns, at an off-campus precinct or just haven't gotten around to registering.

Even if everyone had voted they would have found a rather disappointing ballot in terms of variety. Candidates ran unopposed in 26 of the 35 posts open on the Democratic ballot. There was no competition for U.S. Congressman, for three positions on the Texas Supreme Court, Railroad Commissioner, seven openings on either the Court of Criminal Appeals or Civic Appeals, County Judge and County School Superintendent, among others.

With this kind of election we have only ourselves to blame for unresponsive state and county government.

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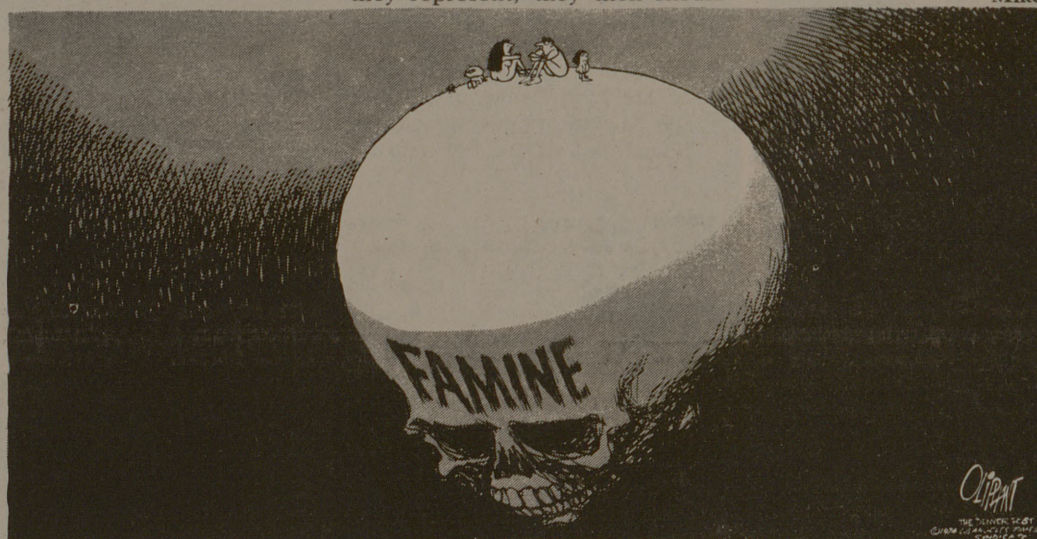
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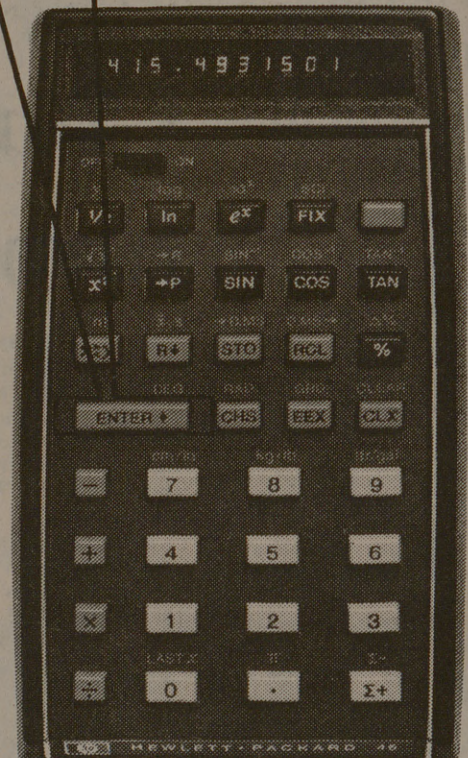
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