



"It was hard to get used to the idea of Aggies holding hands with each other—but winning beauty contests is too much!"

Cooperation needed

Editor: I'd like to point out what seems, to me at least, to be a glaring fault with the new Town Hall ticket distribution system. This fault can either be eliminated by an alternate solution, which I'm afraid I can't provide, or widespread student cooperation.

My point is this: What is to prevent students from getting tickets because they think they might like to attend the concert, later decide not to go, and leave their tickets gathering dust in a drawer?

The last day for students to pick up tickets for the Oct. 11 concert is Sept. 30, yet many students won't make definite plans for the weekend until much later. Also, since distribution is on a first come, first served basis, students might be tempted to get tickets as soon as possible to make sure that they get one.

Since the tickets are free, a student has nothing to lose by getting one even if he decides not to use it.

The losers will be those who really wanted to attend the concert and couldn't get tickets.

Therefore, I'd like to suggest that those who get tickets do so because they definitely plan to use them, and that if they later change their plans, they make an effort to get the tickets to someone who does want them.

Lori Raesner '77

Illegal parking

Editor: Being upperclassmen here at Texas A&M University and of as sound mind and body as can be expected, we do hereby petition the respective authorities to pull their respective heads out of their respective places and hear us.

Attention gallant men of the University Police Force. We consider it a great honor to be called on to present the following horrendous facts to the attention of your ever present pad and crayons. Look at the

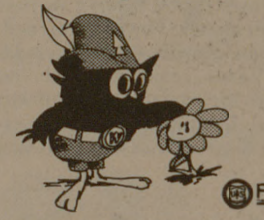
maroon sticker parking lots around Davis-Gary Crocker, Schumacher and Walton halls. If you can see through your cool ray sunglasses it will become apparent that there are some green, yes green stickers in these upperclassmen lots.

Now, we are men of compassion and understanding and realize you have all been busy riding around keeping cool and staying out of the rain.

But please, consider our side, we have gone through two years of school, parking behind the Slut Hut and University Cycles. Now after paying \$30 for maroon stickers, we feel entitled to a parking space on this side of the tracks. Please show us some concern and visit our lots pad in hand and plenty of pencils for at last count there were 97 in there, excluding girls. If you do not come soon, we will be forced to hijack you Cushman, pad and black crayon and get it on!

William Dale Dykes '76
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The inside view

"Disunity and battle" mark convention, says delegate

This article was written by Jeff Dunn, who is Student Government Vice-President for Academic Affairs and was a delegate to the Texas State Democratic Convention last Tuesday—Ed.

The gavel met the podium thirty minutes late as Bryan's Calvin Guest, the Chairman of the State Democratic Party opened the 1974 convention. Guest was faced with the usual diversity of Democrats ranging from the very liberal to the very conservative; and an air of disunity and battle filled Austin's Municipal Auditorium.

It was interesting to note that Brazos County's delegation (Guest's home district) was seated in plush seats near the stage, and my delegation (home of liberal Billie Carr) was seated in fold-away chairs at the rear of the hall.

The convention progressed slowly and undeliberately, and my district's delegation (Sen. Dist. 7) was the slowest. We finished seating our proper delegates (154) by 2:30 p.m. and then attempted to elect a chairman for our delegation while the convention sang "Texas Our Texas" and heard the opening remarks of the convention by Governor Dolph Briscoe and Senator Lloyd Bentsen. District Seven never did complete a proper balloting for a permanent chairman, but we moved toward other convention business.

When the convention recessed around 6 p.m. for the purpose of

letting the convention committees meet, I left my delegation to attend the Resolution Committee's hearings where I presented to the committee a resolution on student service fees. The TAMU Senate Executive Committee approved the drafting of this resolution, which in careful wording expressed our desire to see students have complete control over the allocation of student service fees. The arguments were philosophical in a way, acknowledging that students are legal adults but also showing how the state law already provides for the separation of these funds from other university accounts, and the attorney general's position on what these fees should be used for.

In short, the resolution is just one way that Student Government has been trying to establish meaningful student controls over student funds. We hoped that the Democratic Party would pass this, so we would be able to lobby for a law with a clear mandate from the party.

The committee decided to hear only those resolutions that were approved by Senatorial District Convention or personally handed to the committee by Calvin Guest. As the Student Service Fee resolution had not been approved by either, I secretly slipped the resolution into Guest's folder, not knowing at the time that they were the selected resolutions. The result was that the chairman considered the students' resolution and discarded about 50

others. But like the 15 resolutions hand-picked for consideration, all were tabled except one (concerning disagreement over convention housing). The intent was to decide on the resolutions at the end of the hearings, which lasted about three and one-half hours. However, before any of the previous 14 resolutions could be brought back to the table the committee chairman, Senator Peyton McKnight from Tyler adjourned the committee.

McKnight made it clear as he called the committee to order that all 100 resolutions would be heard. He then adopted the restricting rules ("to save time"), and said he decided to chair his committee under his own rules and not those of Robert's Rules of Order.

Frustrated and bewildered over the entire proceedings, a minority report of five resolutions was prepared, including the service fee resolution. But when it came time to present the minority report, the parliamentarian refused to let it get to the floor.

Meanwhile, while I was trying to get support for the resolution a crucial vote was being taken on the floor, and my alternate had taken my place. The problem was that my alternate was a member of my opposition and our group noticed that she didn't have the proper badge to take my place. Disagreements and

arguments broke out, and in the end my group managed to get six Department of Public Safety officers to escort her away. Because she was from my home precinct, she expressed her discontent with me and my group, even though I was not present, and announced her intentions to defeat my delegate attempts in 1976.

One of the first orders of business for the convention, the election of a permanent chairman, now began at 1 a.m., Wednesday and the calling of the roll began. This was the crucial vote of the convention. Calvin Guest secured reelection as state chairman by defeating Leonel Castillo by a 57 percent margin. It was 2:30 a.m. before adjournment—most delegates had left or were asleep in their chairs—soon the diverse groups of Democrats left the convention hall; some jubilant over victory, many suffering the frustration of defeat, but they were all Democrats, and proud to be a part of the Party of the People.

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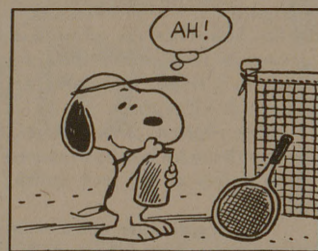
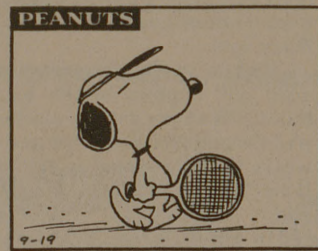
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