

Listen up

Sale of students' names defended

Editor: As the introducer of the recent senate resolution which sold the freshman class, according to your editorial, I would like to correct several inaccuracies which appeared therein.

Inaccurate statement #1 - "Student senators found a life insurance plan better than any (sic) in the country." Unfortunately, this is not true, nor was such a claim ever made or implied. It was stated, however, that the policy was "low-cost" (\$20 per year for \$10,000 coverage) and "time-tested", having been administered by the National Student Association for 10 years.

Inaccurate statement #2 - "They know it's the best because NSA told them so." While the policy was never claimed to be the best, the fact that the program has been successful since its inception ten years ago seems to be empirical evidence that it is at least not antipathetic to the student interest. In addition, as was indicated at the meeting, several other endorsements of the policy were available for inspection.

Inaccurate statement #3 - "The insurance company offered the Senate \$125 for a list of the freshman class..." Even though the exact figure is somewhat irrelevant if the action was not in the interest of students, I felt it should be included in a list of inaccuracies. At the meeting, it was stated that the amount would be between \$115 and \$215, the reason for the discrepancy being that there was some uncertainty as to how many freshmen entered this year. The \$125 figure assumes the worst, which as it now appears, is an unjustified assumption, since the figure will be around the upper figure.

Inaccurate statement #4 - "...the Senate is supervising student welfare." This is the most critical inaccuracy because it implies that Student Government has adopted the *in loco parentis* doctrine. In my opinion, at least, the purpose of Student Government should be to make as many services as possible available to the students. Carried to an extreme, of course, (e.g., if the Senate handed the list of names to a large number of companies) this service would become a disservice. However, it does not seem that one mailing will inconvenience anyone and could be of great benefit to someone if they decided the plan was the best. Actually, the policy implicitly advocated by the *Battalion* (that the Senate should decide for the students that they should not be offered the insurance plan) is the only one which limits

students' options and "supervises student welfare."

Four misstatements in an editorial of nine sentences do not speak highly of the *Battalion's* devotion to the principle of veracity.

In addition, two issues which I feel have great relevance were not mentioned in the portion of the editorial which implied that it was reasonably certain that the list would be used for multiple mailings. First, by Texas law, the list is public record, so if NSA has such evil intentions, they could procure the list without senate approval. Second, as provided for by a friendly amendment to the resolution, an affidavit will be sent by NSA swearing that the list will be used only for the stated purpose—one mail-out of literature on the insurance policy.

Thank you for your consideration in allowing me this space to respond to your editorial.

John Nash

Ag starts young

Editor: Aggie fans seem to turn up anywhere.

This "haiku" poem was handed in to me by one of my fifth graders:

Longhorns are stupid
Because they don't use their head

I guess it's too big
The student's name is Cody Kruse. His father is a graduate of Texas A&M.

Ima Balte
Cameron

Stadium service

Editor: I'm a day student and, like so many others living a considerable distance from campus, invested \$15 in a shuttle ticket.

The service is reasonable, and recent changes in route schedules have been aimed at improvement. It could, however, become more complete and satisfactory for student's needs if the service included what many other universities offer—runs to and from the stadium on game days.

Not only would this be of great help to those of us who want to get out and support the Aggies but lack transportation, but it would also alleviate much of the congestion and havoc created by traffic in the rush for the scarce parking facilities.

The \$15's charged per individual

Students angered

adds up to a considerable sum which should be ample to cover this extra service. For those without semester tickets and wishing to use the convenience, perhaps a small 15 cents or 25 cent charge per game would suffice.

Susan Majors, '76

Editor:

We are writing in regard to the article entitled "Memories relived in AAA football" by a Mr. Tony Gallucci.

We would be interested in knowing the extent of Mr. Gallucci's musical background that entitles him to pass such a harsh criticism on the Taylor and A&M Consolidated marching bands.

The article baffles the imagination as to how one man can be both so cruel and so ignorant at one time.

We would like to ask that, in the future, Mr. Gallucci restricts his writings to a subject at which he knows something about (if any).

Lorena Stancil
James Stancil
A&M Consolidated Students

Editorial

Play editing unjustified

John Joy, head of the Theater Arts Department, was given a choice last week: edit sex scenes from the department's production of *Marat/Sade* or cancel the play.

Liberal Arts Dean David Maxwell requested the editing for three reasons:

(1) Some students involved in the play "did not approve of the play..."

(2) The community would find the play offensive. (Although Maxwell attributed this value judgement to the complaining students, we assume he agreed.)

(3) The showing of the play "would lead people to think the administration would approve of a play that was considered offensive."

We do not agree with his reasoning because:

(1) Although some students did complain, Joy said the turnout for tryouts was large and indicated a high student interest.

(2) We consider our adult community mature enough to decide for themselves what is offensive. We also consider our adult community mature enough to recognize that attendance is not mandatory and if they find it offensive, they don't have to go.

(3) A university administration with integrity should be able to back the right of its theater arts department to show a play which its director deems as an exercise in "total theater."

For these reasons we feel Maxwell's actions were unjustified and he should not have put pressure on Joy to edit the play.

Cadet Slouch

Jim Earle



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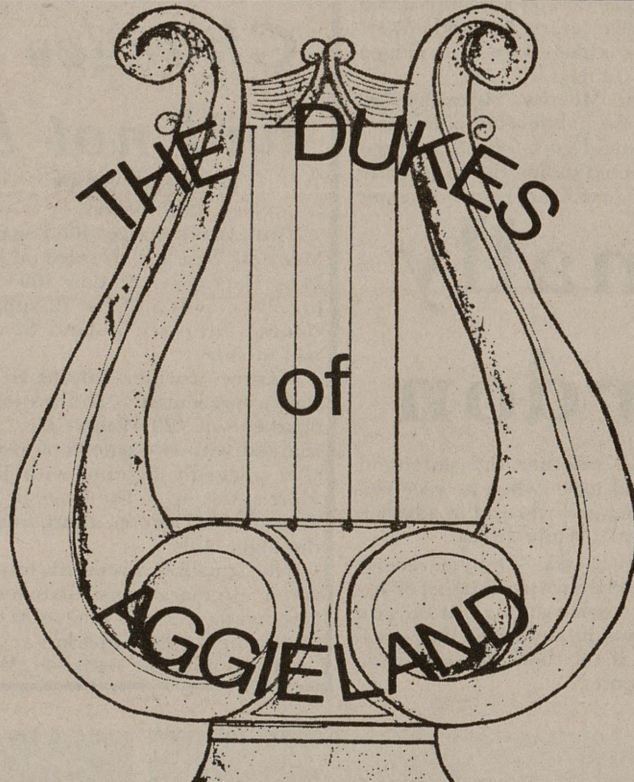
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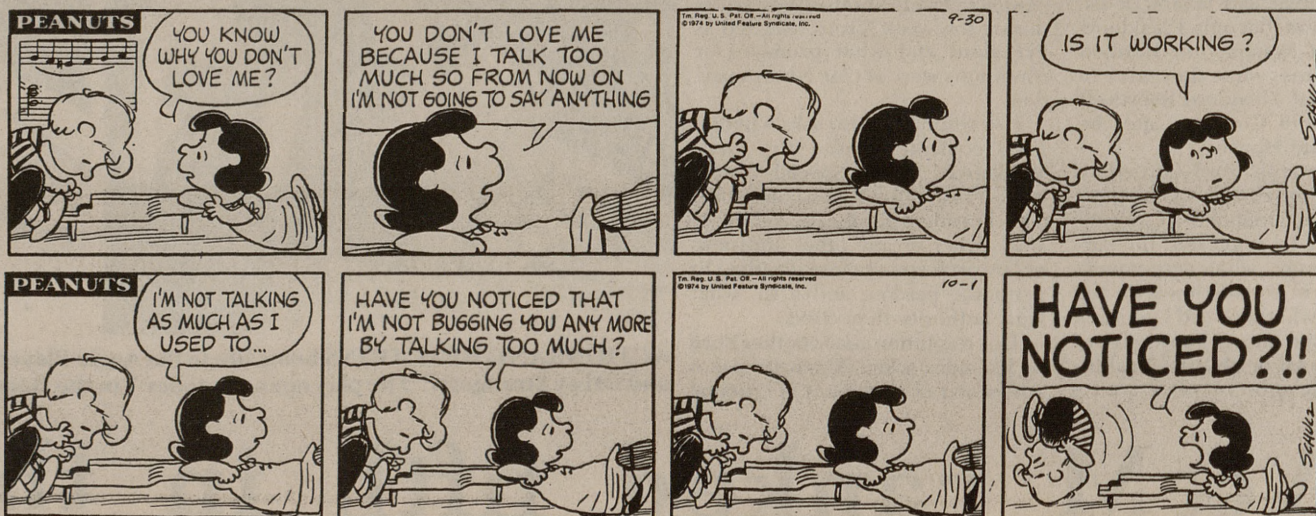
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