

Listen up Questions about lab fees remain

Editor:
I wish to thank you for your prompt inquiry into the lab fees situation (Your Man at Batt, Oct. 3). I asked a question and received an answer, but I do take exception to the way in which it was answered by the department officials.

I must have read the article wrong or I read it in such a way as to get the feeling I was being blamed for raising costs for future students of the course and departmental loss of funds.

I didn't think asking questions could be so costly! The whole matter might have been avoided had it been handled properly in class to begin with.

Another example of questionable lab fees is Genetics 301, where a lab fee is charged and there is no lab! Dr. Magill informed us of this the first class meeting but said the administration hadn't gotten around to changing it. It seems the fees situation is still far from clear.

Rick Aldridge '76

We're looking into it. The Student Government has recently established an Academics Complaints File and is also investigating. — Ed.

Military hit

Editor:
Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children. . . . This is not a way of life at all, in any true sense. Under the cloud of threatening war, it is humanity hanging from a cross of iron.

Dwight D. Eisenhower
Consider the present waste of resources, manpower and energy. In the United States, for example, \$83 billion annually is wasted by the Dept. of Violence (the military). Vast and half vast armies of con-

scripted and indoctrinated slaves slaughter each other by the millions.

Let there be no amnesty for those who put their faith in violence or kill for a price. Hail the brave men who for conscience sake did not participate in military violence.

Blessed are the peaceful. Let humanity unite into One World for Man on Planet Earth.

Ernie Sheffield
Osseo, Minn.

Seats needed

Editor:
I would like to express my feelings about the TAMU football stadium seats. It has gotten to the point where sitting on the seats (when we do sit) feels like sitting on pieces of glass. For days after the last home game, my husband and I could feel tiny pieces of glass fibers in our legs and hands which does not feel good — it can be very painful. Other people around were complaining about this too.

If the university has enough money to throw away half of a million dollars on a wall which nobody wants why can't they spend a little money to fix up the stadium seats — something everyone does want and can use.

There is another matter of the inadequate rain water drainage on the upper concession decks of the stadium. It would take so little of A&M's vast engineering resources to solve this problem I can't understand why this problem even exists. And while we are thinking of ways to spend our excessive money, how about a new baseball stadium. I believe the need here is obvious.

Mrs. John Sablatura

The possibilities of these suggestions will be investigated — Ed.

Category seen

Editor:
I am writing in response to a letter by Beth Sauder in the Oct. 2 issue of The Battalion.

Sauder says she was "nearly run down" deliberately by some athletes and was accosted with obscenities and "rude comments". She believes consideration of others isn't one of the traits acquired or held highly by the athletes and our athletic program has failed to instill certain "sterling qualities" into the athletes.

I don't know, Ms. Sauder, how you knew these men were athletes; but assuming they are, why did you choose to pick on this fact? They are also Aggies, males, Texans, etc., but you apparently didn't feel any of these were the reason for their behavior. Do you sincerely believe all athletes are rude because they are athletes? This is similar to stereotyping all blacks lazy, all Jews cheap, or all females incompetent in math. And wouldn't you expect one's parents to "instill sterling qualities" before an athletic program? As for being nearly run down and shouted at, I offer no excuses. I only want to point out that such incidents (which are only to get attention) happen all the time, and not only athletes are guilty.

I can understand your disgust, but I think your disgust should be leveled at the individuals rather than their categorization of "athlete".

Linda Lea

State houses

Editor:
Change is presently faster in Washington than usual and is sometimes questionable.

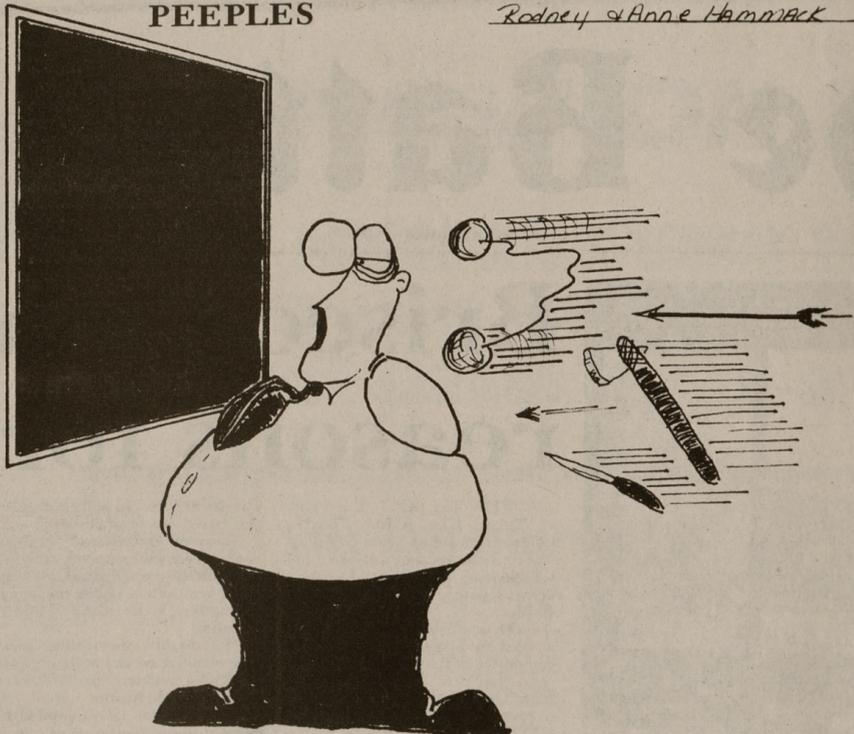
The influence of the local population is extensive. Embassies of foreign powers exert a tremendous impact. Well organized lobbies have great influence.

How does the influence of the 50 American states rate? Who represents the rights of each American State?

Shouldn't every American state have a state house similar to an em-

PEEPLES

Rodney & Anne Hammack



"I hope we got through that chapter of American history without offending any minority groups . . ."

bassy to insure and protect state rights? If each state had such a house in Washington and took active part in the American scene, there would be more American spirit in Washington.

I am certain that Texas manhood and spirit at a Texas state house would help America and Texas at all Washington affairs.

The State House would explain Texas to the millions of visitors in Washington each year from all over the nation and the world.

Washington should have 50 American state houses to insure the state rights of each state and insure the American way of life is at its best.

Library noisy

Editor:
I am writing this letter as a sincere request to the student body and library administrators of this school, because I feel that there is a serious noise problem in the library during the day.

I realize that with the construction and rearranging of the facilities the library is not the quietest place, but there are many students who must use the library as a place to study. And I am sure that they, as well as myself, would appreciate a little consideration on the part of the students who are coming into the library between classes. It is not a place to socialize!

Albert Price
Kane, Pa.

Robin Schriver, '76



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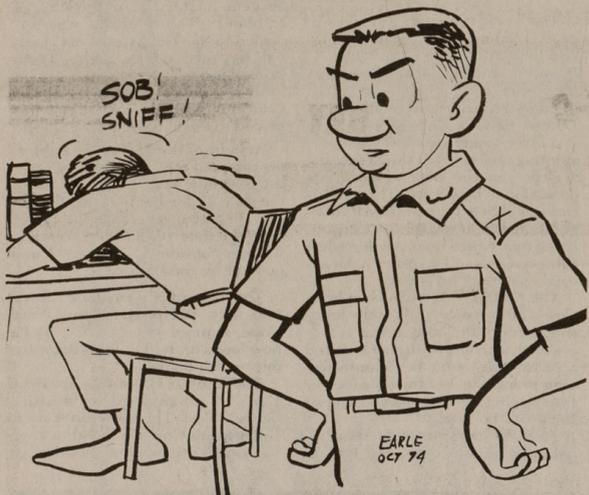
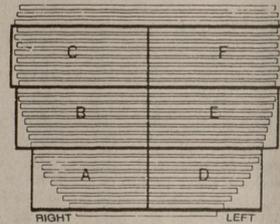
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