

Listen up

Senate structure given

Editor:
I read with interest Robin Coppedge's letter concerning the Student Senate.

In it he said the purpose of the Senate is "to serve the needs of the student body." I agree. That is why I do more than show up every other week for a Senate meeting.

Almost all productive work done by governmental structures is done behind the scenes in committee (not Senate) meetings.

A quick check with the vice presidents of the various standing committees revealed that Coppedge was not involved in any of their activities. This I think is pretty strange for a senator so concerned about "the Senate's inefficiency and ineffectiveness."

In short, Coppedge was part of the problem, not the solution.

Tom Dawsey
Sen., Davis-Gary, Moore and Moses Halls

Numbers game

Editor:
The two of us feel that an explanation is in order for the recent hassle students have had in trying to get phone numbers from the Housing Office.

There are a lot of students here, and they invariably want a lot of phone numbers. These have been getting more and more difficult to obtain. When we first started working for the Housing Office, there was someone there 24 hours a day.

Now, due to financial reasons, the office is only open for 35 hours a week, beyond normal working hours. Also, we have been instructed to tell anyone asking for a phone number call the Centrex Operators, who have all the phone numbers we do after about the sixth week of school.

Now, we get a lot of hacked-off people calling back, saying that the phone rings 30 times and nobody at Centrex answers. This is because, unlike our regular phone that gives a busy signal, they have a couple of people at a switchboard with a lot of lines. So if they get busy, they just have the calls pile up on empty lines, letting them ring till they get to them or till the party gives up. My solution is to just put the phone

on my desk, let it ring and read a book till someone answers.

And so students, just because our administration, with the usual foresight, is phasing out our job, there's no reason to get mad at us. I suggest there be an increase in the number of Centrex operators.

By the way, Centrex is "7" from on campus, "845-3211" from off campus.

Greg Marchand
Elmer Baner

Poor planning

Editor:
As I was walking around the campus last week some questions came to mind concerning the construction work on campus.

First, several bushes were removed from the ground in front of Crocker Hall along University Drive. Whoever was responsible for this did not replace the soil neatly.

Second, the sidewalks and part of the mall near the Harrington Center were demolished and removed by construction workers.

Who is responsible for these actions? It is apparent someone is not planning for long range projects properly and should not be entitled to hold this position of high responsibility.

It does not make any sense to spend money for shrubs and sidewalks and then spend more money to have them removed!

Just because we have a half million dollars to waste on a wall does not mean this University is entitled to waste more money due to poor planning.

Richard P. Machos '78
An investigation of these conditions will be made—Ed.

W-1 respect

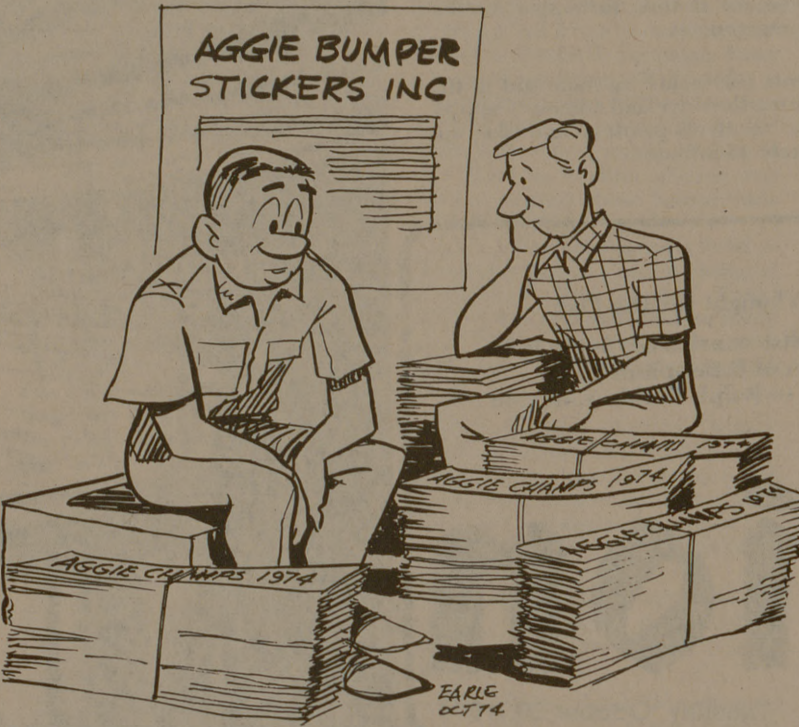
Editor:
With regard to the current Listen Up debate concerning the women's Corps:

It is not, as Katherine Beadling contends, the duty of civilian students to give the members of W-1 self respect. If they feel no pride in being a part of the Corps of Cadets, they are free to withdraw from it.

The men's Corps has had 98 years to establish the esteemed position

Slouch

Jim Earle



"I'm not sure I have th' fortitude for a business with such a high risk!"

they now hold. Of course, W-1, two months old, uniformless, scattered into several dorms, seems like, as Mr. Chamberlain says, "a joke" to many students.

Respect must be earned. It takes time, but it shall come. I know that other students will join me in saying that I have ten thousand times more respect for a Corps that bases its high standards not on arbitrary exclusion of any one group, but on acceptance of only the finest of all students.

However, regardless of my opinion or Beadling's opinion or the administration's opinion or the Board of Directors' opinion or anyone else's opinion, W-1 is here to stay. As a state-funded university, TAMU must eliminate sex discrimination; it must abide by the Texas ERA and federal HEW laws or suffer appropriations cuts.

If Schwab and Hampton would prefer to be dead when the first female band member hits the field,

perhaps something can be arranged because when fish Susie Snurd and her mean french horn decide they want to be in the band, there is very little that anyone can do to stop them.

So we might as well relax. In another 98 years, this will all be worked out. Maybe.

Speed limits

Editor:
Many people driving automobiles on the TAMU campus are disregarding the designated speed limits and are placing the pedestrian in danger.

The campus police, on the whole, are going to have to put forth a greater effort to reduce the number of these violations before someone is hurt or killed.

I, personally, have yet to see anyone receive a ticket for speeding on this campus. I have, though, seen a great number of parking tickets distributed throughout the campus.

Perhaps a greater amount of time is being given to parking violations rather than moving violations. I am almost certain that the parking violators would not mind giving up some of their allotted time to increase pedestrian safety here at TAMU.

If these irresponsible motorists are not controlled, we could be short one Aggie in the near future.

Richard Denson, '76

Late comment

Editor:
We thought at first that the indignation over the "unfair" distribution system was no doubt raised by those "fair-weather" fans who only support a winning team, but it appears that the people in this area will not even support a team that is one of the top ten teams in the nation.



We feel that until students and residents of this area can demonstrate their support of the best damn team in the Southwest, that the Student Senate should not undertake any attempt to change the system.

Beat the hell outa TCU!
Randy Janne '75
James Bassett '73

Word play

Editor:
I have the last word on the Maggie Aggie coed debate. What's a Waggie? An Aggie with a wiggle in her walk.

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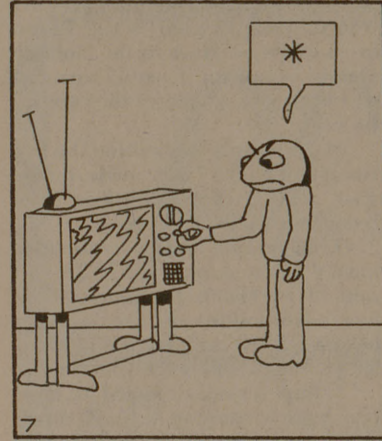
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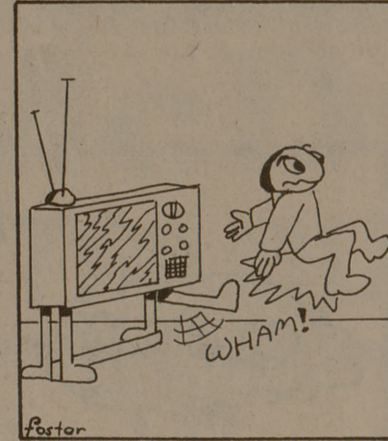
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