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# Bombs or books?

NSA says books, Teague says no bombs . . . SG waits

By WILL ANDERSON  
Most students will remember a charming little country called Vietnam.

When the U.S. withdrew its forces from a combat role there, it had an effect on American college campuses. The draft ended; an amnesty program was designed for those who had evaded the draft. A&M's Corps stopped singing jodies about napalm and turned their attention to "camel jocks."



A letter was left in the Battalion office this week which suggests the Corps may soon start singing about the jungles again. The letter noted that President Gerald Ford had requested \$300 million in additional military aid to the Thieu government of South Vietnam.

The letter included a brief UPI story. The clipping quoted National Student Association President Kathy Kelly as saying that thousands of American students were dropping out of college "because of inadequate financial assistance while our country spends millions of dollars on the Thieu government. This is an absurd and immoral set of priorities and so the NSA will fight for full funding of education programs and no funding for the Indochina war."

The letter asked if TAMU is a member of the NSA and to what extent Aggie representatives would

participate in the NSA's efforts. I called NSA headquarters in Washington D.C. and spoke to Chip Berlet, editor of the NSA magazine. He said increases in both tuition and inflation had put many students in a financial bind.

"The National Committee on the Financing of Post-Secondary Education did a study," Berlet said. "It showed that for every \$100 dollar increase in tuition, 2.5 per cent of the student body must drop out."

Berlet said the Thieu government was corrupt and jailed students and other Vietnamese who did not support it. This includes many neutrals who do not care who is in power, he said.

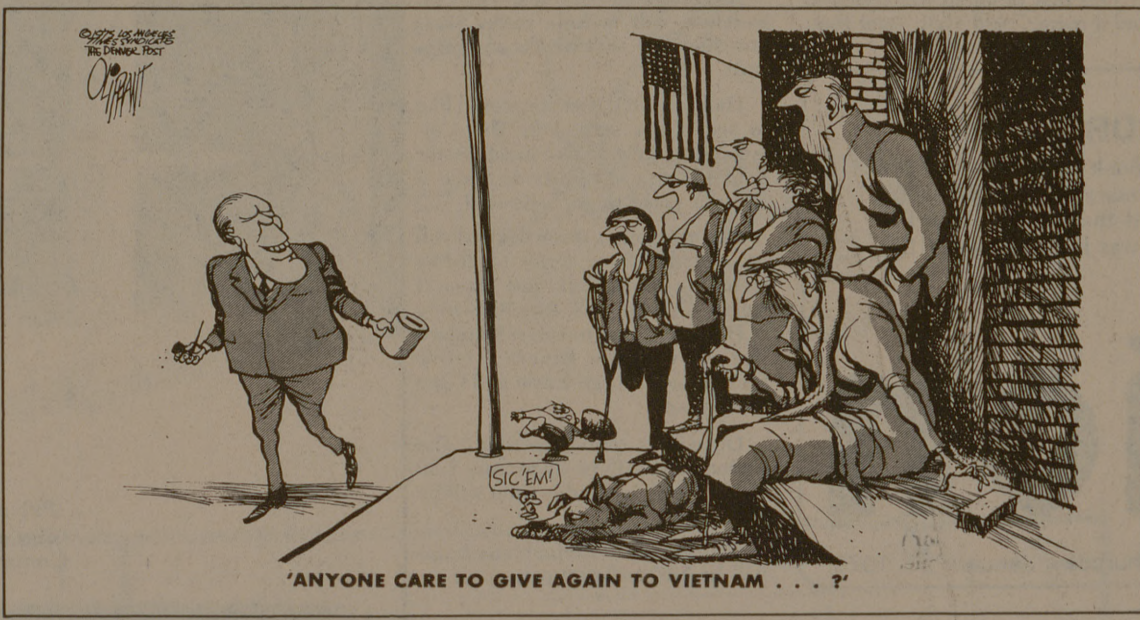
"The president of the Vietnamese National Student Union (a counterpart of the NSA) is a neutral and has been jailed for three years," he said. "It seems ridiculous for the U.S. to send money so Vietnamese students can be jailed."

The Federal Student grant programs have never been fully funded, Berlet said. He said money could seldom be better spent than on education.

Berlet said the NSA is urging students to write their senators and congressmen.

John Nash, Student Government vice president for external affairs, says TAMU is a member of the NSA. He is "somewhat sympathetic" with the NSA's goal but said he would require some direction from students before the Student Senate could be presented with a plan for formal action.

Student Body President Steve Eberhard said he would want to see information from the NSA about



their goal but that he thought it had potential.

College Station is in the Sixth Congressional District, represented by Olin E. "Tiger" Teague '32. I called the Congressman's office and asked his press secretary, John Howard, two questions:

What is Teague's stand on military aid to Vietnam and would he support an increase in student grant funding?

Howard reached Teague on the floor of the House of Representatives and called with the Congressman's reply: "I am not interested in sending more money to Southeast Asia to pour down a rat hole. If anyone can convince me it

will do some good or end the conflict I might support it, but right now I see no way I can support the aid to Southeast Asia."

Teague supports aids to education, but just because money is not spent in Asia does not mean it will be spent in the U.S. on education, Howard said. That is "another bill, another consideration and another issue."

Students are strongly encouraged to write their congressmen to express their opinions. For those who

vote in this district, Teague's address is:

Olin E. Teague  
2311 Rayburn Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

I also suggest that a referendum be taken on this campus to express students' feelings and to give the Student Government some idea of what action, if any, it should take.

After all, fee increases are not unknown at TAMU and, in any case, Vietnam was never really that charming.

## Curious? Join the Batt

If you are the curious type, The Battalion may have a place for you. There are openings for city and campus reporters, photographers, critics and artists. We also have an urgent need for a campus editor; Journalism 203-204 credit is preferred for this position, but not necessary. Come to the staff meeting Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. or call 845-2611.

## Cloud 9

# CS paving, drainage to be improved

A BIRD'S EYE VIEW  
By GERALD OLIVIER

College Station could receive about \$497,000 of federal funds in the next three years to use on projects in low income areas. The act requires citizen participation in the allocation of this money.

A Monday night meeting at the A&M Consolidated High School auditorium will give representatives of these areas a chance to determine project priorities. The low income areas of the city have been divided by City Planner Bill

Koehler into four neighborhoods. Each of these has met separately over the past two weeks to discuss problems in their areas.

The residents of the four neighborhoods have agreed on the first priority item — street paving. The need for better drainage runs a close second, with a host of complaints concerning inadequate water pressure.



Project director Al Mayo of the city planner's office said Wednesday those attending the meetings tend to think only in terms of the \$71,000 available for next year.

"The city can't pave many streets for this amount," he said. But, he suggested, they could begin a comprehensive program, finishing in

four to five years with all streets in the areas paved.

Mayo has said new roads, with curbs and gutters, would help solve the drainage problems.

The result: kill two birds with one paving project. Spend the money for a comprehensive street program and fix the drainage at the same time. If the money is spent for expensive storm sewers, the drainage would be great, but the street would still be full of chugholes.

If everyone agrees that street paving is the best use for the money, the next problem is where to begin. Of the \$71,000 available, the city hopes to use no more than 10 per cent for administrative costs, according to Mayo. He would like to see 10 per cent go into a contingen-

cy fund for a variety of projects including cleanup campaigns. There are several street sections which could be improved with the \$50,000 remaining. The money would pay for the paving of either Sterling Street, Pasler Street, Thompson Street or Park Place — from Texas Avenue to Anderson Street.

City officials hope that neighborhood residents will not fight over the first load of concrete — everyone will benefit in the long run. If citizens don't agree on which street to pave, the city will decide for them.

It's all up to you. Go to the meeting Monday, voice your opinions and don't lose sight of the long range goal of the project — better living conditions for everybody.

## Listen Up

# Cops not properly equipped

Editor:  
Last week about 10 cars, one of them mine, were vandalized and burglarized on the freshman parking lot west of the university across from Wellborn Rd. I was missing a passenger window, tape deck and tapes, plus my front windshield was smashed for no apparent reason.

My first reaction was extreme anger towards the A&M campus police for not patrolling the area more often at night. Naturally, when I spotted a campus police car I started cursing out both of the patrolmen for wasting all their time giving parking tickets instead of really protecting A&M's students. Both patrolmen got extremely upset with my barrage of language and had me sit in the back of the car while we went to inspect my car.

From talking to them I realized it's not entirely the fault of the

police force on campus. Instead, the major responsibility for this vandalism rests on the administration. The police department on campus has two cars to patrol this university. Those two policemen told me there was an excess of policemen but that the university has only given the police two cars. They told me I would be much wiser to yell at the administration, not at the police.

Of all the money we feed into this university for parking and building use fees, it seems logical to me that the administration could at least hire someone to protect that isolated parking lot at night and give the campus police better facilities to help ensure that this vandalism doesn't happen again.

If they don't, the same incident will take place again, but at least I

won't have to worry — everything's already been stolen from my car.

I love Texas A&M and wouldn't settle for another university, but I feel our bureaucratic administration just doesn't give a damn about the students that support it. If they really do, the administration should try shifting their spending priorities from such extravaganzas as the new MSC lounge to practical matters such as law enforcement on this campus.

Jeff Edwards

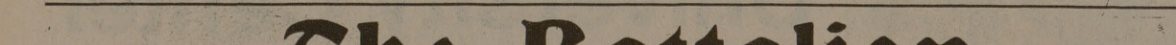
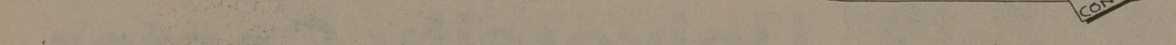
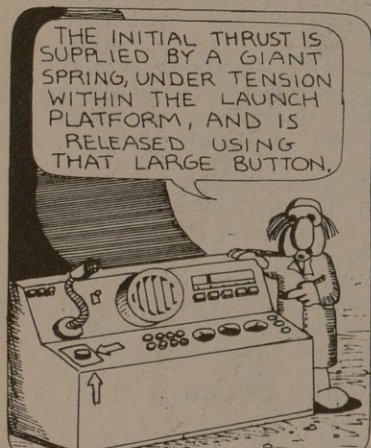
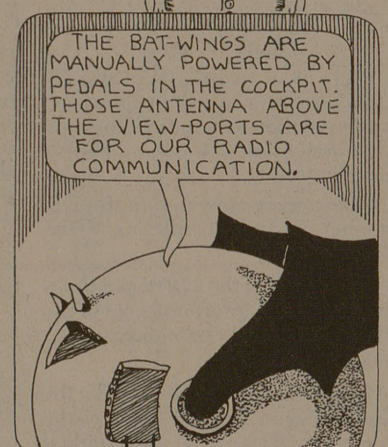
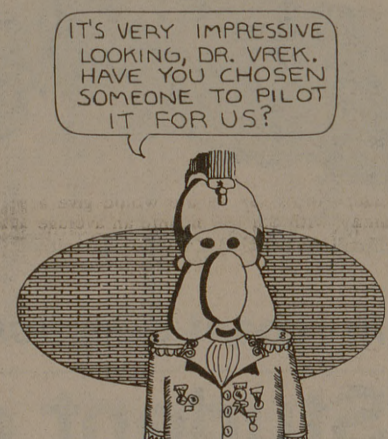
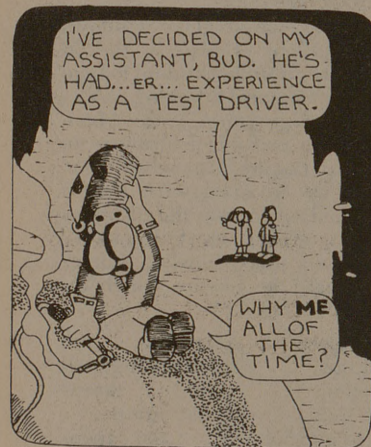
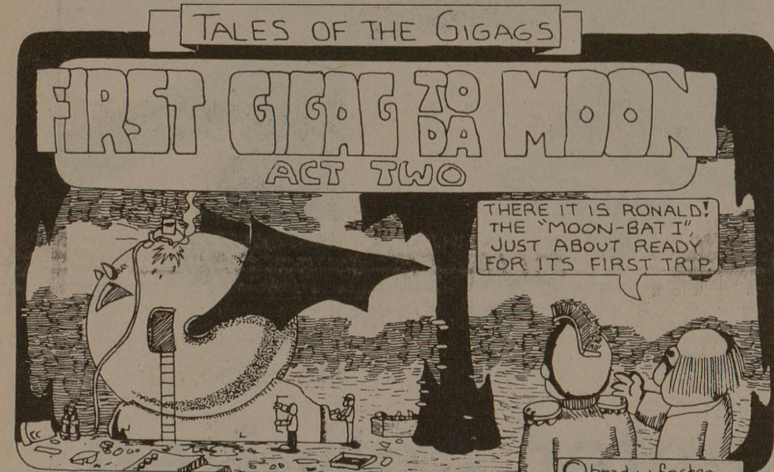
## Ain't it great?

Dear Editor:  
I want to write a letter to brag on the Texas A&M's wonderful inflation-recession fighting campaign. It was a revelation to me to

realize the depth of the University's plan.

Many of my friends said that the "WALL" is a superfluous, ridiculous, expensive, unneeded waste of money. They also griped with the same unenlightened enthusiasm about the gaudy fur couches and the new over-decorated room at the student center. My ignorant friends claimed that because of the school's squanderous spending we, the students, are being strapped with the tripled building use fee.

My shortsighted friends failed to see the significance of the program. Our great school has a plan to keep the local unemployment down by creating useless jobs, while cutting inflation by taking away all our money. You sure can't spend what you don't have! Ain't it great!  
John C. Hayre



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