

# Student likes MSC design

**Editor:**  
Of all the recent letters the Battalion has printed about the MSC, a number of them have been "questioning" the works of Mr. Bill Pahlmann. Therefore, in all fairness to Mr. Pahlmann, and for us Aggies who do appreciate the MSC being a unique "campus living room," I offer congratulations on a job well done.

I am no E.D. freak and I really don't care where Mr. Pahlmann came from. What I do care about is being able to walk into a place that has a totally different environment from that of any other place on campus — and any other place in the state for that matter.

I realize it is quite exotic, and that is the reason I like it. I also realize it was expensive, and that is why I'm proud of it. Whether the money came from my tuition, state taxes or donations from former students, I appreciate what Mr. Pahlmann did with the money. He designed for A&M a social center that no ordinary school in Texas would dare build, and for that, Mr. Pahlmann, I thank you.

David D. Vrla

## Wall explained

**Editor:**  
Several rumors are now circulating around the campus concerning the current construction, which we feel should be brought to the attention of your readers. Among the more significant are:

1) The workers who are building The Wall have thick Russian accents. Some can not even speak English.

When completed, The Wall will contain but one entrance, to be known as Checkpoint Charlie, located at the North Gate post office. Checkpoint Charlie will be patrolled on the north side by American soldiers wearing Army ROTC shoulder patches with maroon and white armbands and carrying M16 rifles. The south side will be patrolled by soldiers wearing field gray uniforms and foreign helmets and carrying AK47 submachine guns.

Spelled out in broken glass glued to The Wall will be the greeting "Welcome to Aggieland". A bronze plaque bearing the inscription "Lest We Forget, Highway Six Runs Both Ways" will be placed on either side of this greeting.

2) In order for Texas A&M to present a new face to the taxpayers of the state of Texas, rhinoceros heads will be mounted at 45 degree intervals around the top of the new water tower.

As a precaution, ten foot diameter storm drains are being installed in the new street construction, should the water tower rupture. In spite of this measure, contour maps showing safe passage around the campus will be provided each student. Unfortunately, this will necessitate a further increase in each student's building use fee of \$2 per semester hour. To allay rising fears about ris-

ing water, the engineers who designed The Wall have given their assurance that it will contain any overflow.

Whether these rumors are true or not, it heartens us to know that our building use fees are being spent so wisely and not going down the drain.

Michael L. Fisher  
William D. Heinze  
L. David Jones  
Charles A. Hinson

## Male sexism

**Editor:**  
There has been much talk recently concerning female yell leaders; unfortunately, not much has been said. Once the controversial topic is raised in passing conversation, a hot-headed, narrow-minded Ag immediately conjures up a bouncy cheerleader such as the one recently pictured in Alan Killingsworth's preposterous satire (Jr. Prom III, Feb. 13).

The bill recently rejected in the Student Senate concerning yell leaders was designed merely to delete the word, "male," from the provision concerning yell leader elections; females do not have to be included in every ballot in every election. There is no mention of appropriations for pom-poms or maroon hot pants. The deletion of the word, "male," would eliminate the sexism now implied.

Sure, at first a few girls might run just to see if they could do it; I've

seriously considered the prospect myself. But I doubt even more seriously that a female would ever be elected. It's quite a feat to outvote a preponderance of c.t.s., rednecks and boot chasers (not necessarily in that order).

Moreover, to paraphrase Bill Sheen (B.S. breakdown, Feb. 12), if current traditions (i.e., male pseudodominance) is indeed valid and worthwhile, it will remain unviolated regardless of the number of resolutions passed, articles poorly written or b.s. spouted.

Susan Rudd

## TAMU praised

**Editor:**  
Last Saturday, I had the opportunity to briefly address a large number of former students who serve as local club officers and workers in the Association of Former Students.

Saturday night, during the Arkansas basketball game, this same group of former students was treated to a working example of what I was trying to convey in my talk. The student body displayed leadership, discipline, sportsmanship, respect of the rights of others and a host of other fine traits which we as former students admire and have come to expect of Texas A and M students and graduates. Individuals and other than former students and friends of the University also had an opportunity to view the fine support offered by the No. 1 student body of the No. 1 University. The example Saturday night, which I have witnessed on other occasions, makes all former students proud to be a part of the team working for the benefit of a great University and its student body.

Douglas E. Flatt '53  
V. P. of Public Relations  
Assoc. of Former Students

## Your man at Batt

# SG radio

## The difficulties of reaching entire campus

By WILL ANDERSON  
The inability of many dorm students to get the Student Government radio was noted by Paul Mueller. He asked why the station was carried on Midwest Video when most dorms are serviced by Community Cablevision.

Disk jockey Bo Booty said that at the time the station was formed that Midwest Video was the only system interested in carrying it. That cable system services all the dorms in the Corps area and Puryear, Crocker and Moore halls.

Community Cablevision is available in Moses, Hart, Legett, Keathley, Fowler, Hughes, Schumacher, Walton, Davis-Gary, Puryear, McInnis and Hotard halls. Both systems serve Law, Krueger and Dunn halls.

The cable which serves each dorm is selected by the dorm councils or popular vote, so it is unlikely that all dorms could agree to tie into the same system.

Station manager Jim James said

the relationship between the two cable systems has not been good, so he thought it was also unlikely that the station could be carried on both systems.

However, Community Cablevision's vice president in charge of sales, Gordon Gregg, said his company is very receptive to the idea. He agreed the cost would be extremely high, but he said he would be very happy to listen to any SG proposals that might work.

Midwest Video's reply was provided by general manager Bob Reese. The station is now operating on equipment and space provided by Midwest and all maintenance is by Midwest, he said.

Reese said his reply to the possibility of tapping the SG radio into Community Cablevision's system would be "probably no." He said the companies had never collaborated on anything like that and that Midwest had gone to too much expense and trouble to just allow the station to be tapped into another cable.

If Community Cablevision wants to set up its own station, dual carrying of the station might be arranged, he said.

SG Vice President of Finance Curt Marsh said he had initially had the idea of tying into both systems. The costs appeared to be so great that long range plans seemed wiser, he said, and SG began an investigation of the opportunities of forming an open air station.

The question is "kind of in limbo now," Marsh said, and SG is willing to study all options, including the possibilities of tying into both cables. Many students do not take a cable but probably as many as 70 per cent might, he said.

Marsh said SG will make a few intermediate steps and it is hoped that an open air SG radio station will be operating by early 1976.

### Liberty bell

TAMU has been asked by the Texas American Revolution Bicentennial Committee if the bell on the Academic Building rotunda could be used in their festivities in Austin. The Board of Directors has approved the request. Dr. Haskell Monroe, dean of the faculty, was asked if he would look into the possibilities.

Dr. Monroe said that if the university approves, the bell would be moved to Austin, presumably to the Capitol. The bell would be returned

after its use.

The biggest problem with the plan starts here on campus. Dr. Monroe said. He doesn't know how the Bicentennial Committee would get the bell out of the Academic Building.

When the bell was placed there after World War II, there were glass partitions leading onto the rotunda, the dean said. Some of the glass would have to be removed to move the bell and Dr. Monroe guessed that it would cost approximately \$1,000.

Any expense would fall to the committee, Dr. Monroe said. No committee members have been named by TAMU to study the situation yet, but the dean said he expected them to do so soon.

### Board meeting

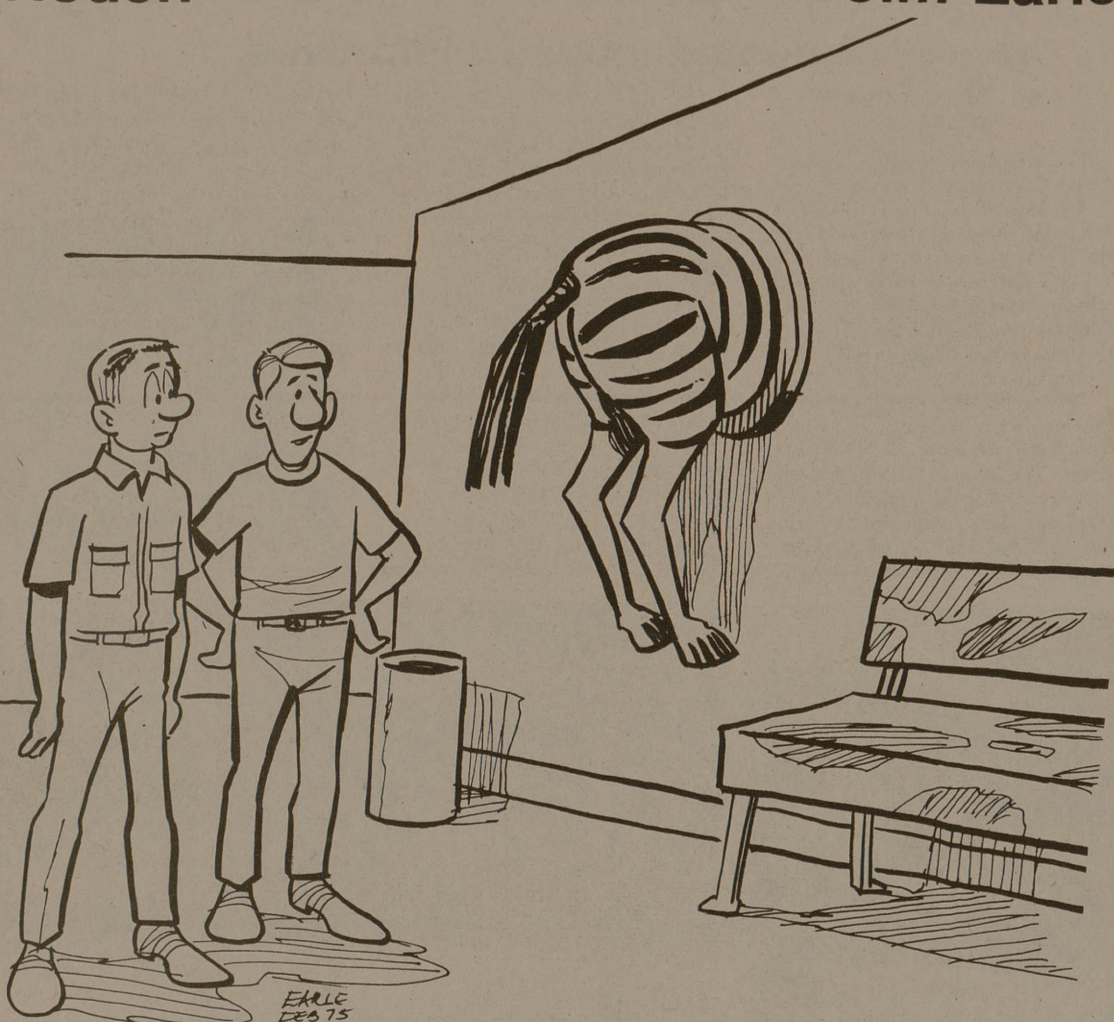
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The Board will reorganize the Building Committee on Feb. 24, 10 a.m. The Board's regular meeting will be Feb. 25 at 9 a.m. Board meetings will be in the Board room of the MSC which should be entered from Clark St.



Slouch

Jim Earle



"I think I liked the heads better."

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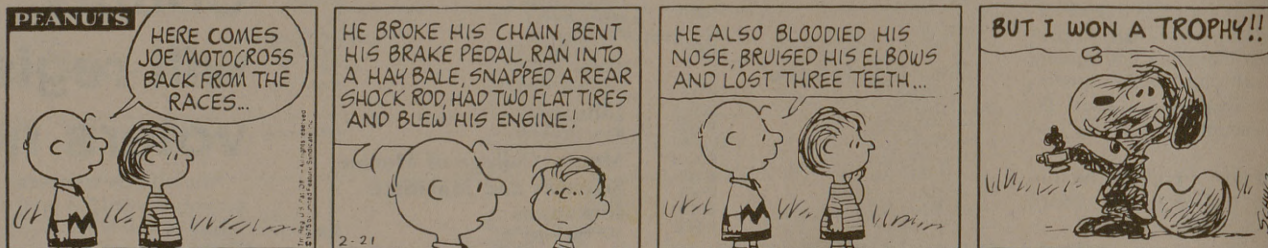
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