



Listen Up

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Vote Shroff

Editor:
This letter is a humble reply to the letter of April 2 which claimed that Jeff Dunn had the guts (uck!) to state his beliefs in public. If he has why doesn't his platform call for an end to prayers at football games? After all he fought vigorously for a Senate amendment which said just that.

As far as we can see there is only one candidate who has never let politics interfere with his ideas. We're speaking of course of Doc Shroff.

In addition, we totally agree with Dennis M.'s opinion that Tom Walker is a "true raspberry."

We are sick of the way the members of Student Government have let the administration push us around and we don't intend to be snowed into voting for candidates who are going to let this continue. That is why we are strongly supporting Doc Shroff in his candidacy for Student Body President.

Joy Drummond
Terry Naugle
Liz Leuschner

Vote Dunn

Editor:
This is indeed an interesting election coming up, especially in regard to the student body president. From where I stand, there are two and a quarter candidates.

The one-fourth candidate is Doc Shroff. Who is he? Few people currently in student government know. It seems that he has run for president (never anything lower) twice and after failing to win election has disappeared from sight. Some leader! His only platform is helping people out of wheelchairs and an affinity for girls in bikinis. I also endorse those things. Does that qualify me for president?

The second candidate is Tom Walker. He is many times more qualified than Shroff. He has been involved with SG since his freshman year. Nevertheless, I am going to find it difficult to support him because his platform seems to be a rehashing of what Jeff Dunn has worked on, and has largely accomplished this year.

Dunn has been in SG since his freshman year. This year he served as vice president of Academic Affairs in which, among other things, he organized a committee which was responsible for the teaching assignment and student evaluations of professors publication. He supports student-SG open forums, students on governing bodies, student control of student money and eight other major proposals.

Tom Dawsey

Vote Karla

Editor:
I have been around Student Government for a long time and I know each of the candidates running for V.P. of Rules and Regulations very

well. My vote will be based on the quality and ability of the candidates in the race, not the clothing they wear or the sex they happen to be. There is only one candidate out of the three who clearly stands out as the most qualified and her name is Karla Mouritsen.

Karla Mouritsen has the most experience on the Rules and Regs Committee since she was Secretary for the Committee when I was Chairman of it a year ago and has been a regular member on it this last year. She is also the Recording Secretary for Student Government and she has served on numerous University Committees. Karla is also the only candidate to have served on the Executive Committee of Student Government.

One of Karla's biggest concerns is that too often the normal student is forgotten in the haggling that can go on in S.C. She would like to see the individual student have more freedom and flexibility in his dealings with the University.

Since I formerly held this position, I am deeply concerned that the best candidate wins. The best candidate is clearly Karla Mouritsen.

Curtis W. Marsh
V.P. for Finance

Vote Wallace

Editor:
In the upcoming class office elections (those that have opposition), I would like you voters to keep something in mind. There are a lot of people running who have a good record as far as working for their class is concerned. I'm talking about those gophers who go to most of the meetings and end up either committee chairmen or hard-working committee members. I have been one of those gophers for two years and inactively my freshman year.

I now feel qualified and prepared enough to run for Class Historian of 76. I might add that this is the only campus office I am running for.

I've worked with the Council of 76 for two years and had my eye on historian this year. Notes on class functions and activities have been collected regularly by me for a scrapbook of my own. I am a history major and writing accounts of historical worth is required in all my courses. With these qualifications, I ask you to support me in the elections Tuesday. Please remember those who have proven their willingness to work.

Cindy Wallace

There is a shortage of room and the cartoon had to be held. My apologies to the Gigags (Vrek forgive me).

There will be two strips next week.

Vote Lombardino

Editor:
I am a candidate for junior yell leader. For those of you who don't know me, I am a member of the Corps of Cadets and presently

vice-president of the Class of 77. I feel the need to universally support you and the fine men and women who represent Texas A&M in athletic competition. I can only do this through your support. On April 8, I urge you to all represent your school by going to the student polls and voting.

Paul Lombardino

Vote Sterling

Editor:
As athletes, we know what spirit and a good yell leader can really do. Austin Sterling is just such a spirited person who will be a great yell leader. We ask our friends and fellow Aggies to vote for Austin Sterling — Senior Yell Leader.

Don Riggs
and 7 Other Track Athletes

Karla again

Editor:
Because of its "outstanding performance" this year, the Student Government has suffered a loss of credibility which is evidenced by the meager number of candidates for Student Government positions. There are some candidates, however, who I feel can do a great deal to restore the function and credibility of that body.

One such person is Karla Mouritsen, a candidate for the Vice-President of Rules & Regs. I have been a member of the Rules & Regs Committee with her this past year.

Gwen Flynt

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Editor:
I would like to voice my response to John Vanore's review of the new Jimi Hendrix album "Crash Landing" (page 3, April 1). First, I do agree that the album does represent the real Hendrix, and that it is a definite must for Hendrix fans. However, Vanore's comments at the end of his review about Robin Trower "copying" Hendrix and his style are unwarranted. Trower, former lead guitar player for Procol Harum, does sound like Hendrix a little, but he has refined his own music into what I believe Hendrix would be playing today if he were still alive.

For a real, honest-to-goodness imitator of Jimi Hendrix, I suggest a Canadian group called Mahogany Rush. Their album "Child of the Novelty" really exhibits a reverberation of Hendrix in his "Purple Haze" era. The lead guitar player on this group believes that he is the reincarnation of Hendrix, and he really sounds like Hendrix.

Finally, I would like to say that John Vanore's reviews have really been super. I hope that he is able to continue doing this. Keep up the good work John, and rock on!

Mike Mayer

Your man at Batt

What a loss Language valuable but not economical

By **WILL ANDERSON**
An academic tragedy may occur at TAMU next semester in the name of economics. The department of Modern Languages plans to phase out the Czech language.

Czech is a valuable language here. It is the third most spoken language in Texas, behind English and Spanish. The Czech program at TAMU is recognized as being one of the best in the country. The summer study program to Prague, Czechoslovakia, was created and is coordinated by TAMU's Czech professor.

The Prague program has grown steadily for the three years of its existence. The trip this summer will take 25 people; there have been 44 applications from around the country, including the Universities of Texas, New York, Houston and Iowa, Georgetown University and Yale. Seven Aggies are going.

The students study at Charles University, the oldest university in Eastern Europe. The program is the most successful study program offered by a foreign language at TAMU and the only one of its kind in the United States.

So Czech is not being phased out because it isn't valuable; it's being phased out because it is not economical.

Dr. Anne Marie Elmquist, head of the Department of Modern Languages, said there are about 25 students taking all levels of Czech at TAMU. The starting classes in the other languages have 30 to 40 students, she said.

"We can't justify the expenditure for a professor for that few students," she said. Money spent to benefit 20 students starting Czech is more severely needed by 150 students beginning Spanish. She said enrollment in the other languages had increased while Czech enrollment has been getting smaller.

An explanation for that was given by Prof. J. J. Skrivaneck, the Czech professor. Ten years ago Czech was taught in Texas universities only at TAMU and UT. It is now taught at Texas Tech, UH and several junior colleges, so the enrollment has been spread out in a relatively short period of time.

Another reason is that many advisers strongly disapprove or will not allow their students to take

Czech, he said. "That's been going on for years and years," Dr. Elmquist said. "The sciences discourage students from taking languages like Czech or Spanish because so little research is written in those languages."

It seems to me that most research will be translated into English anyway. And someone who could translate Czech research (and Prague is an educational center) would be very valuable because it is not a language commonly studied. That is why students who major in one of the Big Three (French, German, Spanish) are now having difficulty finding work, while Russian, Czech and the other Slavic languages are actually in demand.

The Prague trip was begun by Skrivaneck with his brother, the late Dr. John M. Skrivaneck. But if the language is not taught here, it is doubtful that TAMU can maintain its coordinating position. It may go to an out-of-state school (thus making it much more difficult for Texas students to be accepted) or it might be discontinued altogether.

Dr. Elmquist said she had to be economical, but she did not want the language discontinued here if it could be avoided. She suggested that some Czech organization could endow a professor.

Skrivaneck said he did not support that plan because "it is a state school and the state should pay for the education." Czech-Americans would be paying twice to have the language taught, he said, through taxes they already pay and through the endowment.

But Dr. Elmquist suggested another method. She said that if she could get a list of 25 students (or future students) who are definitely going to start Czech in the fall, the university would continue to offer the language.

So if you are going to take a foreign language or know a student who's coming next fall who wants a foreign language, consider Czech. It has much smaller sections, more personal attention and is no more difficult than the Big Three. If it is phased out later, students already studying Czech will continue to be offered upper level courses.

If you are of Czech descent, you now have an opportunity to brush up on your hereditary language.

Interested students should see Prof. Skrivaneck in office 129 on the first floor of the Academic Building.

Or else, just drop me a line. Send any letters to me at the address

given for Listen up in the bottom left-hand corner of the page.
S Bohem.

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At the beginning of last semester I attempted to write a story about the new women's outfit, Company W-1. I was so hassled and lectured on "the best interests of the Corps" that I have avoided writing about the Corps since.

Yesterday I happened upon a news-worthy story in the Corps area (See FISH, Page 1) and I received the same treatment.

This satire is dedicated to all you **swell guys** who gave me so much flak for doing my job. You know who you are, and you know what you can do with it.

★★★

Remember the stories about "Old Army Good Bull"? Wow, those were the good old days and it's too bad they're gone. But, good bull is, in reality, not dead; it's just going through a period of change. For example, the Old Army quad job (approved by Corps staff) —

Mr. Sneeer, sir (Tom to his drop-handle buddies), jolts awake when his alarm clock goes off. He groans to himself as he squints at the morning sun beaming through the window, "Wow, it's 10:30 already." (Morning formation has been made optional for all classes.)

He checks his appointment book and sees that he is to be taken to the quad that morning for his "fart-off" of Company Q-2 (The Fightin' Quakers). About that time there is a light rapping on the door — the Quaker fish had come for him!

"Mr. Sneeer, sir," they cry. "Open the door."

Sneeer already knows who it is, but there is a special procedure that must be followed.

"Who is it?" he asks.

"Mr. Claus, sir," the fish reply.

"Who?"

"Mr. Claus, Sir."

"Who?"

"Mr. Claus, sir."

"Okay, Santa," he says, and he opens the door (it wasn't locked anyway). "You fish come on in and make yourselves comfortable."

(Corps staff has decided it degrades a fish to not grant him the privilege of "feelings.")

Sneeer gets into his swimsuit and parka and he and the fish walk down the two flights of stairs to the quad. When they get downstairs the fish carefully pick him up and carry him

outside. They put Sneeer down and he yells twice for help (it's traditional to resist). When he finishes, he lays down on the thick carpet the fish have brought with them. Now the quad job begins.

A member of Corps staff has been following the whole procedure, checking off a list of items. There are only three more categories. The outside temperature is well above the 80 degree minimum for quading activities. The thermometer indicates the water in the bucket is comfortable 72 degrees.

The Quaker fish then raise the bucket to "a height not to exceed 60 inches" according to The Standard. The fish wilicat enthusiastically as the water is poured onto the helpless Sneeer, grimacing on the carpet. Now that's Old Army!

Sneeer then walks back into the dorm to take a shower and notices he is a little sticky. Someone must have poured some Dr. Pepper into the water! How groady! Someone will be rammed for this, he vows.

Then he thinks the better off and decides to shake it off. After all, it was Old Army Good Bull, and if the news got out, it would put the Corps in a bad light. (Corps staff has determined that the Corps of Cadets should pattern itself after the Vienna's Boys' Choir.)

Imagine what it would do to the image of all Aggies if it was known the Corps has such activities. Yes sir, you're a good man, Tom Sneeer.

Corrections

Yesterday's Battalion reported the address of Janice Wood to be in Bryan. She has moved to College Station. The Battalion regrets the error.

Due to an omission in the Senate record, James Powell's name and votes at the March 27 Senate meeting did not appear in the Battalion. This is the way the graduate senator from the College of Liberal Arts voted.

He voted in favor of the amendment to raise Student Service Fees to \$23.00 per semester without the athletic user fee option (it failed).

Powell voted against the "Dunn Amendment" which allowed seating blocks at football games of up to 20 people (it passed).

Powell abstained from the Football Ticket Allocation Resolution (it passed).

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