

Listen Up

Board harassment 'inflicts harm', says dean

Editor:

A small group of students in this university, by the hue and cry that they raise, by the flood of harsh criticism that they publicly unleash, by their harassment of our Board and our President, and by their direct initiation of contacts with State legislators so that they may air grievances — real and fancied — with this audience, are inflicting grievous harm upon the university.

Is it too much to ask that they recognize the consequences of their actions? The punishment of the university and the retribution that they seek cannot fail to hurt our students as a whole and this small group are unwitting allies of those who do not wish us well.

We have no lack of avenues within our university through which complaints and criticisms may be directed to the appropriate persons. This small group of willful students appear determined to play Samson among the pillars which support our university community, in their shortsightedness. I do not question their motives — only this impairment of vision — but the result is the same as though they sought the worst for the university of which they are a part, and in behalf of which they profess to act.

W. David Maxwell
(Editor's note: Maxwell is dean of liberal arts).

Foolish spending

Editor:

Today's (April 13) Dallas News had a half page describing the new building and its furnishings for the Board of Directors. I was a little bit surprised that the public would be allowed such a close look and detailed description since it follows that some more frugal and sensible-minded people might object.

I am against such lavishness — it would be much more to the point if that huge sum for the building and decoration could have been spent on bringing the older buildings up to comfortable standards.

I have been alarmed about the foolish spending of some of the heads of departments in Washington — I wonder if other persons don't have the same feeling about the Texas A&M directors' spending for splendor.

Maybe some firm of decorators had the "ear" of the committee chairman or its members.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kathleen Holmes
Dallas, Texas

New election

Editor:

Congratulations all you under-

Jim Earle

grads living off campus. The Judicial Board thought that you did such a good job of voting the first time that they want you to do it again.

Thomas Donahue has won his case before the J-Board asking for a new election because he was placed on the wrong ballot in the original election.

According to testimony at the J-Board meeting and an article that appeared in The Battalion (April 17), Donahue "did not specify for which off campus position he was applying." This omission was made in three of four places that require the candidate to specify the position for which he is running.

Donahue listed himself on the application forms as a junior who is a member of the class of '75. The registrar's official listing of Donahue is as a senior. On the basis of these listings, Donahue was placed on the graduate ballot.

According to the Election Regulations of the Texas A&M University Student Government in paragraph 70 section 1-b-2, "The University Registrar's classification as to classes, colleges, and overall grade point ratio shall be final."

Apparently the J-Board does not agree with the Student Government constitution or they feel the registrar does not know what the official classification of Mister Thomas Donahue is. In either case, the J-Board has decided to call for a new election on May 1, 1975 until which time the approximately 12,000 undergrad Ags living off campus are not represented in the student government.

- Jimmy Arnold '77
- Joanne Arnold '76
- Mike Garrett '77
- Karen Gilmer '77
- Steve Ingram '77
- Dave Johnson '78
- Marcy Roman '76
- Dick White '76

ERA reply

Editor:

In reference to Terry Hunt Tooley's letter (Listen Up, April 16) on the ERA now in the Texas legislature:

(1) So, the country is going to draft women for combat duty? That has to be one of the more absurd things I have heard since the building of the Northgate wall. I seriously doubt the DOD would, in all its knowledge of strategic warfare, "cut its nose off despite its face." Any rational person understands that a woman is simply nowhere equal to a man in physical strength. On the average, a man can run faster, lift more and perform other physical tasks with more quickness and concentrated strength effort than any woman. Drafting women for combat duty would be like sending boys under 15 and men over 65 out, before men in their prime. Come on, people, let's not get so wrapped up emotionally in this issue that we

stop thinking in rational terms. So what if women can be drafted? Who was running the factories during WWII, guys? And to add a rather pertinent fact, I seriously doubt there will be one whole hell of a lot of "combat duty" in the next war. They have buttons and test tubes now.

(2) Marriages between people of the same sex will be legal? Don't you straights out there see the amusement in that? The gays with enough social conscious, liberalism or whatever one has, to speak against the status quo, that of a heterosexual society that persecutes homosexuals, want to get married. Big deal, that poses no threat to any

secure heterosexual. If they want to get married, let them. I mean, ugh, how conventional can you get? The sooner the straight society can accept gays as productive citizens with different sexual preferences, the better off we will be. And, don't hand me any psychological i's, and's or but's. There are too many unstable straights. (Besides, think of the population growth benefits.)

(3) As far as sex laws protecting women, I see Mr. Tooley didn't mention the one closest to any woman's fears. I'm talking about rape. If anything, seduction laws work against us. Seduction is what women get hit up with when they report rape to police. I would like

Mr. Tooley to show me the last conviction of statutory rape. What a laugh! And obscene language? I've heard 'em all and you know what? A man can't coerce or threaten me with obscene language like he can my mother. When you argue with me, baby, you stick to the facts. Please, brother, don't hand me any out-dated, 19th century bull. The person who opens the door out of helpfulness should be the most able, not the male. I've opened plenty.

I could go on about the inequity of passion killing, how a married woman needs her husband's signature to buy property or a car in many

states, even though she may be making twice his salary and how the list goes on and on, but I've already written more than allowed.

I encourage every individual to become aware of the hundreds of state law inequities this amendment would abolish, instead of the few emotional issues everyone seems to be talking about.

Sherry Lynn Cochers '77

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COMPLAINTS! IF IT ISN'T THE PUPILS, IT'S THE TEACHERS OR THE PRINCIPAL OR THE CUSTODIANS!
SOMEDAY I'D LIKE TO GET 'EM ALL IN THE SAME ROOM, AND DROP A CEILING ON 'EM!

PEANUTS