

# J-Board

Commend, don't chide it

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### Editor:

In reply to the letter of Jimmy Arnold et al. in *The Battalion* of April 22, 1975 I would like to point out why the Judicial Board should be commended instead of chided. The following facts were presented at the April 21, meeting:

- a) That I indicated I was running for the Undergraduate position on the Secretary's list;
- b) That although I failed to specify such on the Filing Application, twelve out of thirty-one applicants also failed to specify "undergraduate" on the Filing Application;
- c) That the Election Commission failed to consider that I had taken a leave of absence from school for a semester and they subsequently "Boldly Assumed" that I was graduating this year and placed me on the wrong ballot;
- d) That no attempt was made to contact me on the matter or even to consult the positions on the Secretary's List which the candidates were required to sign.

Due to these facts the Judicial Board placed the fault of the error with the Election Committee. This in my opinion is a splendid example of an individual student receiving justice instead of being treated as a number and overlooked. The Judicial Board has my heartfelt thanks.

Thomas P. Donahue '75

### Is prof real?

#### Editor:

You printed an article supposedly by an A&M prof the other day (April 10) who predicted almost the entire outcome of the NCAA tournament, etc. before it occurred. The way it was written aroused my suspicions for some reason. Upon trying to locate his name in the catalogue, I was unable to find it. So, what I want to know is if there is actually such a professor at A&M named Gerard O'Donovan (I believe) who is a member of NATO and the other credentials you listed from him, or if this prof is merely a fictitious pseudonym for some enterprising sports writer on the Batt staff. Tell me, huh?

Alton Prihoda '77

Editor's note: Dr. O'Donovan is associate professor of biochemistry and biophysics and plant sciences (genetics division) in the college of agriculture. He joined the A&M faculty in 1968 and divides his teaching with research.

His regular teaching duties include: biochemistry 107; BiCh 604, genetics 310 and genetics 631. He has presented lectures at Harvard, Columbia, Washington, Stanford. O'Donovan holds an International NATO Collaboration Grant.

He received the Faculty Distinguished Award for Teaching in 1973.

### MSC tradition

#### Editor:

We saw something today that was very disappointing. While sitting in the Snack Bar of the MSC we watched as another A&M tradition was being broken.

For many years, the MSC was a place honoring the war dead. But today we are not sure that tradition is being upheld. We watched some fashion models modeling bikini bathing suits and other apparel (including hats) that was certainly not honoring these former Aggies!

We would like to know who gave them permission to do this and if they were aware that the clothes being modeled were disrespectful? It really bothers us, that this would be permitted by the University and/or student body.

We would like to see some of the old traditions upheld, and one of the places to start would be to limit things like that from happening in the Memorial Student Center. It was absolutely repulsive.

David Rosse '75, and two others.

### Stolen posters

#### Editor:

I am writing this letter in regard to the "kleptomaniacs" that have stolen all but a few of the advertising posters that belong to the Texas A&M Surf Club. Naturally, I don't know who these people are, but I can assure all of them that if these acts continue there will be no more posters to rip off. Why? That is very simple to answer. Without the precious advertising that these posters (for our films) give us, the club cannot attract an audience large enough to finance our movies. So without any financial back-up from previous films, there can be no additional films brought to TAMU. I am sure any "intelligent Aggie" can see why we need the posters left up.

The Surf Club doesn't mind anyone taking possession of these posters if they are acquired the day after the presentation of the movie. All we are asking is please don't let our tedious efforts be wasted by someone who disrespectfully deprives any student of TAMU from possibly enjoying the act of surfing through cinema. Thank you.

Steve Bullock  
TAMU Surf Club

### Reporters requested

The Battalion is seeking reporters to complete this semester and the summer. Anyone wishing to apply should come by room 216 of the Reed McDonald Services Building.

### Programs for blacks

#### Editor:

Recently, the committees in the MSC have been publishing and ing out opinion polls. This I am sure was done to actually find out what the majority of the student body desires in extracurricular activities. Being a person who likes to express my opinion I completed all the forms. To my dismay (but not surprise knowing TAMU lack of interest in minority affairs) found no Black programs listed. There was an exception. Townhall listed Blacks, Mexicans, and others in their programs. However, Townhall in its categorization of music left out soul music. For those who don't know soul music it is the basic music for Blacks. It is listed on the top forty charts. Is Townhall a greater organization than this national organization? The committee is belittling themselves in utter stupidity. I noticed that Country and Western music was listed twice as country-western and progressive country and western. Is it trouble to write four letters on a paper: S-O-U-L. Also Aggie Cinema has put out their opinion poll. Not one Black movie was listed. They always leave a space saying other, I AM A FULL TIME PAYING STUDENT (however small) AND NOT AN O-T-H-E-R.

Theresa Ann McDonald  
Texas A&M Undergraduate  
Yes, I would like some feedback on this point.

### Blood banks

#### Editor:

Have you heard the latest Aggie joke? While the Red Cross Blood Program in Bryan and College Station struggles to obtain the needed blood for local hospitals, (which is readily available for TAMU students and faculty and their families) the Aggies donate over 1000 units of blood for the residents of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area!

I hope that you realize that this is no laughing matter. The Red Cross is now responsible to supply the needed human whole blood needs of Brazos County. This means coverage for all residents of the county including TAMU students and faculty.

When a student, or anyone, requires blood, that blood must come from the Bryan-College Station donor base. It has always been this way. The Wadley Blood Bank does not ship the actual blood back here but instead works with a system of blood credits. By the way, the Red Cross can offer the Aggies essentially the same deal offered by Wadley as far as coverage is concerned.

As students of Texas A&M and residents of Bryan-College Station, I feel we are all responsible to support the Brazos County Red Cross Blood Program. After all, it is assurance that when blood is needed for ourselves, our spouses or our children, it will be available.

G. P. Boe  
Graduate Student

## An elephant's eyes

# Why Dunn changed mind

A true-to-life drama

By WILL ANDERSON

Student Government has been described as a circus but when I interviewed student body president Jeff Dunn in his office last night, it was a sort of melodrama.

Dunn was conducting his interviews to select next year's SG executive director when I arrived. All the applicants, Mary Ellen Martin, Allison King and Karla Mouritsen, had finished their sessions. Martin had then returned to Dunn's office with tears in her eyes to complain that she was always being "persecuted," or something like that.

Not bad, but the main scene was yet to come. When Martin left, I entered to ask Dunn some questions.

I talked to Dunn on the phone last Thursday and he had hinted that he would request an investigation of the TAMU Board of Directors in a press conference this week. Dunn explained last night that he had changed his mind over the weekend.

Pres. Jack Williams spoke to Dunn Sunday and told him that if there was a request for an investigation, "you can scratch my name off your list." Dunn said that had not influenced him to change his mind.

"My decision (to change his mind) was influenced only by the Executive Committee," Dunn said. "I represent the whole student body and I only want what is best for students, for SG and for the university."

Dunn had not gotten in touch with his vice presidents before he told the Batt about his decision to request an investigation, and some of them had disagreed. V.P. for Academic Affairs Raj Kent said he would sponsor a resolution censoring Dunn if any action was taken to get an investigation.

"I opposed an investigation,"

Kent said. "At this stage and time, it is an internal question. It should be handled through internal channels, not an external body (the Texas legislature)."

Dunn said he wanted "unified action" by the Executive Committee and was trying to avoid alienating the group's members from each other and from the administration. Dunn conceded he had made a mistake in not consulting the vice presidents.

"There's nothing we can do to change what's been done," Dunn said. "I'm not saying I'm going back on my campaign promises. But it would accomplish nothing to have the rest of SG hating my guts."

SG's main goal is to increase student input at the decision-making level, he said, and an investigation of the Board would do nothing to accomplish that.

He then qualified that statement by saying an investigation would help if—and only if—the legislature found something seriously wrong with TAMU's student input.

A bill putting a student on university boards might then be passed.

"We're going to try our persuasive approach," he said. "If it works, we'll seek out some answers in a legitimate way."

Williams is supposed to meet with the Executive Committee so he can better understand students' feelings and can voice his perceptions of SG's role, Dunn said. If the meetings result in increased student input (through an ex officio student member of the Board or an improved university committee system), an investigation would serve no purpose, Dunn said.

But if the administration's reaction is negative or a stall, requesting an investigation becomes a likely alternative, he said.

I suggested that the investigation was being used as a threat to get more input, but Dunn denied it. It's not a threat, he said, only an alternative if the input isn't granted.

I said I supported any attempts to get student input at this school, but it seemed every new SG sought in-

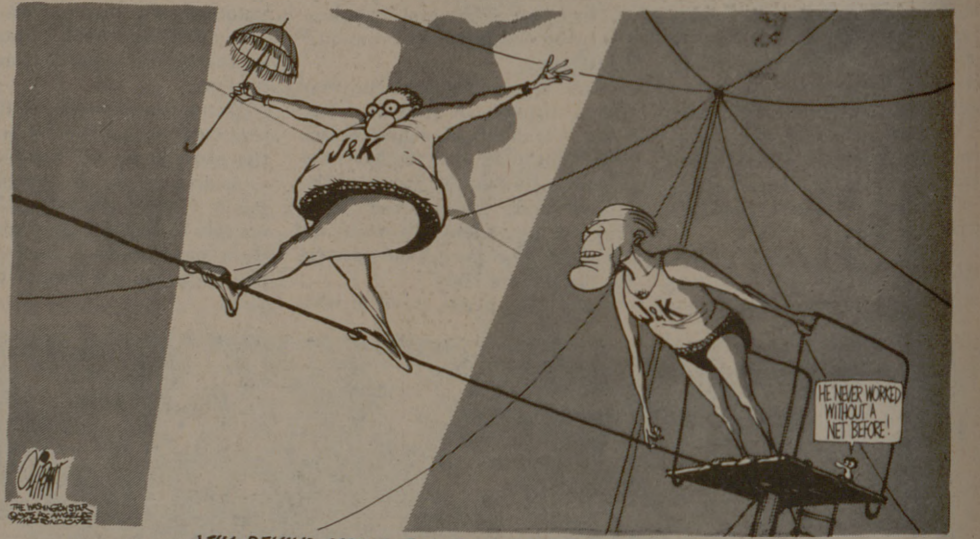
creased input and didn't get it. The failure to get input resulted from a "go-along-to-get-along" attitude with the administration (Dunn calls it the "persuasive approach").

Dunn had me fooled into thinking I was finally going to see a SG take some positive action, I said, but it now looked like only more of the same.

Dunn rose to his feet with a flash of anger in his face and began defending his government. It is hardly a week old, and it has a definite goal, he said; to increase student input into decisions and appropriations. He told me to criticize the SG for lack of action next March if there is reason to, but not to complain until then.

Is this the Jeff Dunn who wasn't a flashy candidate? All right, Jeff, but no one is going to hold their criticisms until next March.

There are a lot of students watching you now. Most of them are interested in campus politics for one reason or another; the others probably just enjoy dramatic scenes.



'I'M BEHIND YOU A THOUSAND PERCENT, HENRY!'

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