

Consideration?

Handicapped fans angry

Editor:
This is addressed to the group who insisted upon standing during the game Saturday even though they were located in lower rows of the Consideration Section, in section 234.

Did it occur to you that maybe all the other people, who repeatedly asked you to sit, were not lazy or not without the Aggie spirit? Did you consider that the reason they had tickets in the Consideration Section may have been because they were physically unable to stand for the entire game? People do have physical handicaps!

In the future if you wish to stand please get seats in the other sections. If you were forced to be in the Consideration Section because those were the only tickets left, why not try the following suggestion? Trade your lower row seats with the people behind you in the upper

rows. If you traded with someone in the top rows of the Consideration Section you could stand and be happy and we could all see the game, which is why we were all there.

Mark O'Shea

Intent missed

Editor:
Re: Ms. Laura Holmes' letter demanding equal rights for bicyclists. Obviously, the intent of The Battalion article, "Dodge Those Bikes!" was missed.

The implicit question was, "Should pedestrians be expected to stop, look and listen when leaving a building or approaching an intersection of sidewalks?" I think not. However, I may change my mind after I'm hit by a ten-speed racing from Zachry to G. Rollie White. (So far, I've only been forced into the ditch.)

Listen Up

Cars driven on campus are expected to be parked in a designated space until it is time to leave. Why not bicycles?

Dan Parker

Growth limits

Editor:
I read your editorial "Growth, Hassles Go Hand-in-hand" in the Sept. 4, Battalion and in general agree with your comments concerning the crowded conditions. Yet, I was disturbed by an attitude that was expressed when referring to non-resident applications. Specifically the statement was "After all, the first obligation of A&M is to the people of Texas."

My concern is just who are "the people of Texas"? I enrolled in A&M in 1946 and upon graduation went to work for my present company. In 1970 I was transferred from Houston to Philadelphia by the same company. I still own property in Texas and pay a considerable amount of taxes there. In addition, I have supported Texas A&M every year with contributions and, in fact, purchased ticket options for Kyle field expansion. Yet when I enrolled my son in A&M this year he is considered a non-resident.

I accept the non-resident status because the rules, although rigid, are clear. Yet, I can't help but wonder why residents pay four dollars per semester hour, non-residents pay forty dollars per semester hour and aliens pay only eighteen dollars a semester hour.

I have never considered myself other than an Aggie. I have supported, and will continue to support A&M accordingly; but, what about

those other ex-students who have children growing up? How are their contributions going to be affected by an attitude such as yours? In fact, some of those students attending "that" school in Austin are most probably legal residents of Texas, and I doubt if many Aggies will agree with you that we have an obligation to them.

I sincerely feel you are deeply rooted in A&M or you wouldn't be writing editorials for The Battalion. Editors should not let their emotions cloud their good judgment because statements like those made in your editorial could have a financial impact on the ex-student contributions, because not all of us who consider ourselves Aggies live in Texas.

Bill L. Couch

Economic recovery? Ha!

By JOHN CUNIFF

NEW YORK — If the economy is recovering you can't prove it by some of the reports — not opinions — released during the past few days. If you tried to do so you'd look ridiculous.

Associated Press Business Analysis

• Business continues to cut its capital-spending plans. These cuts have shown up in one survey after another since late last year. In the latest report, the Commerce Department shows a \$730 million cut between June and August.

Spending plans for new or expanded plants and equipment now might total about \$113.51 billion for the year, the government said, which means that when you discount for inflation the total is 11.5 per cent lower than in 1974.

This seems to suggest that busi-

ness is waiting for consumers to give them a clue about the future. If consumers began spending, then it is likely businessmen would regain some of their own spending confidence.

But guess what? Consumers have clearly indicated they aren't in the mood, at the moment anyway, to take the lead.

• Retail sales fell eight-tenths of 1 per cent in August. It was the first month to slip in five months, the Commerce Department said.

Optimists will note that, nevertheless, sales remained 5.3 per cent above a year-earlier figure. Realists observe that consumer prices have risen 10 per cent in that period, meaning an actual decline in sales volume.

• Automobile sales in August were 12 per cent below a year ago. True, the auto market was unusual in August 1974: buyers were rush-

ing to conclude transactions before a price increase.

Still, the August figures show no improvement over those for July, suggesting that Americans aren't going to flock to showrooms as many industry officials had hoped and had even forecast.

There are marked differences in expectations in the auto industry. General Motors remains bullish, expecting a 23 per cent industry-wide improvement over the 1975 model year. But some private analysts foresee little or no improvement.

• The prime interest rate is rising again, and that's bad news. Rising interest rates discourage borrowing — for new plants, for houses, for just about everything. Recovery depends upon the use of borrowed money.

—Brad Foster



Aggiatoons



Pathetic walk-out

Concert reception poor

By JOHN VANORE

Friday night's Town Hall presentation featured Gene Cotton and Blood, Sweat & Tears, both highly talented performers. To say that the audience reaction to Cotton was enthusiastic would be an understatement, but the reception for Blood, Sweat & Tears was poor to say the least.

Sure, a crowd rushed the stage, as much as a G. Rollie White crowd ever did. But the number of people who walked out was appalling.

The concert was a sell-out, and many B,S&T fans were left out in the cold, while others who wanted nothing more than a cheap date on a football weekend sat around and left early. Hard-core fans were locked out while seats which should have been available weren't.

If you go to one of these shows, find out what you're going to hear. If you don't like it, stay home. Let someone more appreciative get in. Don't make these entertainers feel like they're on trial.

B,S&T played solos a lot, but that's the trademark of good jazz. Other big bands like Chicago don't do many solos because they hope that the size of the band will disguise any musical deficiencies. B,S&T are good, and they're professional. Walking out on a good band like that is pathetic, especially for the people who went there expecting AM Top 40.

Remember, this is the place that Elton John won't come back to because we couldn't even fill 8,500 seats. Three years ago, all of A&M's taste was in its mouth. It seems like things haven't changed much since then.

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By JIM EARLE



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