



Hensel security defeats purpose

Editorial

The plan to limit access to Hensel Park won't solve any problems.

Putting a gate across the entrance won't prevent vandalism, and having guards on duty 24 hours a day won't solve litter problems. These measures will, however, discourage use of the park and destroy its basic purpose.

No longer will students be able to gather there informally, unless, of course, they receive the prior blessings of the Student Y Association. But vandals will still be able to climb the fence and ruin the facilities.

Granted, the new recycling center may need protection, but it doesn't need protection at the cost of the A&M student body.

The real value of Hensel Park has always been its free availability to A&M students. Making students reserve the facility means that they will now have to pay a price for its use. And it's a price we should not have to pay.

What Hensel Park really needs is the pride and care of the A&M student body.

If people from outside the University are responsible for damages in the park, let authorities from outside the University handle the matter.

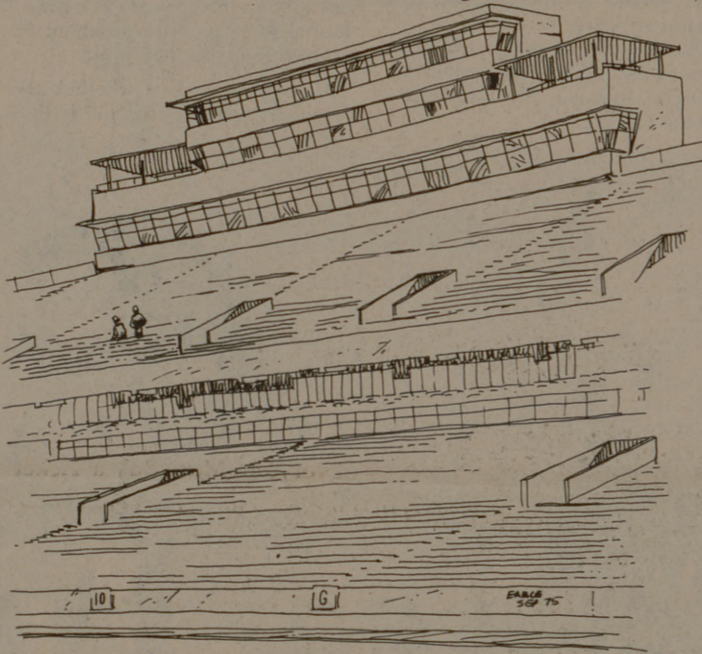
If the recycling center needs protection, it would be better to make it vandal-proof rather than imposing 24-hour guards and limiting access to the park.

What we really need to consider is whether we want to give up the freedom to use Hensel Park just so it will be protected. I think that we as students should use Hensel Park and take pride in the fact that we have available such a facility.

However, only if we show we care about the park will it be returned to the way it was.

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The function of government should be to govern, not to deal in the everyday matters of its constituents.

Yet, Americans seem all too willing to allow government to handle matters that the individual should handle.

If we really want less pollution, we should use those products that pollute less. If we want more responsible performance from business and industry, we should patronize those businesses that act responsibly.

These are only two examples,

while the list of government agencies is endless.

We also should consider that our tax dollars support this needless government work.

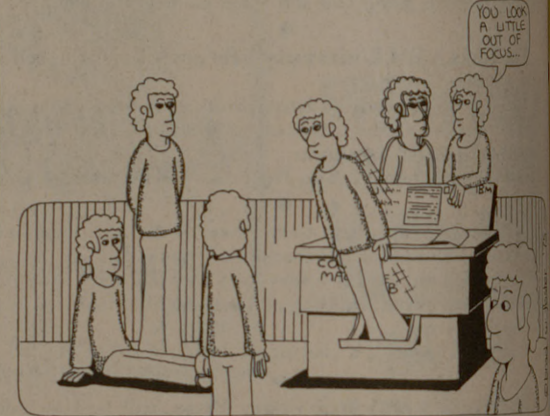
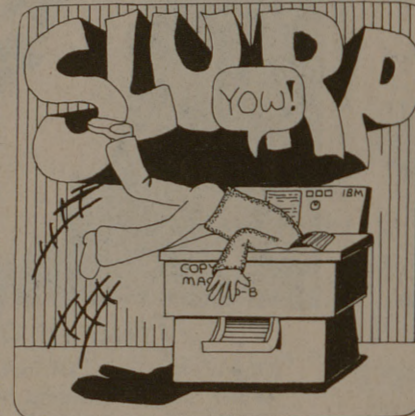
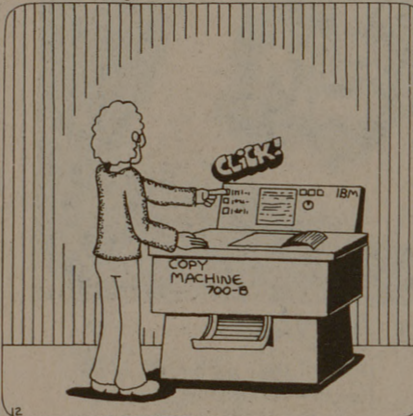
Perhaps the real problem is that we are not the rugged individualists our forefathers were. Above all else they feared strong government intervention. Although we obviously do not, we should.

I believe, as our forefathers did, that the least government is the best government. We should depend more on ourselves and less on our elected officials.



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