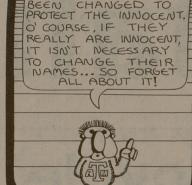
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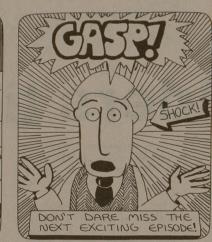












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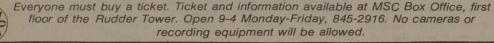
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By ROXIE HEARN

Assistant Editor The Ombudsman is a reader service that

fields questions, complaints or comments about The Battalion. This column is a discussion of calls and letters received throughout

Two items stood out on the list of complaints this week: a column on cockroaches written by the editor and a misleading news article on choice of professors.

Wednesday's Editor's Notes entitled "The lighter side of editorial living" was supposed to be a humorous discussion of a research document on roaches. That's a bad move when the people who do the research are also the people who read the newspaper.

Dr. Gordon W. Frankie of the

Ombudsman

Entomology Department was the first to call. His department receives a \$30,000 per year grant from the Environmental Protection Agency to find ways of controlling cockroaches without the use of chemical insecticides. He felt the article was ridiculous, unfounded and misrepresented the research of

the department. The article was not intended to be a slur on the researchers, or on the German population (as many felt the remarks aimed at German cockroaches were), but was merely the editor's attempt at humor. We

apologize for the poor judgment. Within the week we hope to have a news article on the type of re-

search Dr. Frankie is involved in. The second problem we had this week was our lead story in Friday's paper that announced, "Students to choose times, profs." The article gave readers the impression that the choice system was already a reality. Actually, it is still a proposal, in little

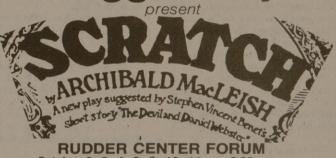
more than the committee stage. This is a constant problem faced by this student newspaper: getting the hierarchy of campus power straight. There are all sorts of organizations that must approve pol-

icy changes before they can go into effect. Student organizations at

only the first small step. Before choice of professors a become a reality, it must be ap proved by the student senate and

the university's Academic Council

Another question readers has throughout the week concerned the layout and design on The Battalion A few weeks ago we started a "Spe cial Section" that was filled with views, coming attractions and fea ture stories. At first, it was two fi extra pages but when that got to expensive, we had to do some shift ing on the news pages to make room for it. We're trying to work out better system, but in the meantime we'll probably just appear unor



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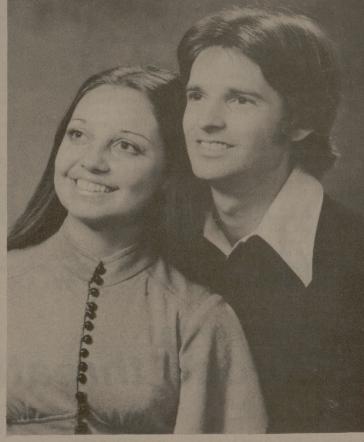
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