



Distribution still unjust

Editorial

Since the Student Senate can't make up its own mind about the injustices of the current football ticket distribution system it's time that we as students let them know how we feel.

In the spring, the senate will conduct a survey of the matter, but the spring is too late. It's football season now; the unjust system exists now and the time to do something is now.

Contact your senator and let him know how you feel about the system. If you don't know who your senator is you can find out by calling the Student Government Office.

Here are some of the things that you should realize about the ticket distribution system.

Students, particularly underclassmen, are getting screwed because there is no penalty for taking a non-student date. There should be.

The policy that requires us to take the remaining two tickets in a block is ridiculous. It is easily avoided by moving to the rear of the line, but worse, it is in no way random.

These two faults are only among the many that receive daily criticism. It is, however, up to us, the student body, to do something about the existing inequities.

We should let our opinions of the current system be known to the senate. We should encourage our senators to act in our behalf now, not in the spring.

If the football ticket distribution system is hurting you, do something about it.

Listen Up

Camper area

Editor:

We, along with other Aggie parents, have enjoyed, over the last three years, the privilege of parking our trailer near Kyle Field on football, and other special weekends. We used to park in the picnic area. When that was closed to campers, we were advised that we could park in a section of the parking lot which they reserved for campers.

We were unable to attend the last home football game, but understand that now there is a fee involved for parking on the lot. Could you please enlighten us on this?

Mrs. Granville Cubage

University police tell us there is no fee involved in parking campers in lot 60. However, only one row of that lot is reserved for the campers, and when it becomes full campers must park in the new lot across Wellborn Road. - Ed.

Sports flak

Editor:

After reading the story "Offense is for real, scores 37" in the Tuesday, Sept. 23 edition of The Battalion, I was a little confused as to the message being delivered in one paragraph or so of the column.

This was the paragraph mentioning the A&M offensive line and how they "destroyed Houston Post sports editor John Hollis' comment about the Aggies having a 'chorus line' offense (one-two-three-kick)." Was it written in such a way as to criticize the comment made by Mr. Hollis? The reason that this comment was made was as a result of the

Yes!

The name 'means something'

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 the week.

The term "Ombudsman," according to the dictionary, came from a Swedish word meaning "representative." At one time it referred to a sports player who could play any position.

Several people this week have asked what the name of this column means. Webster says it's someone who "investigates reported complaints, reports findings, and helps to achieve equitable settlements."

Lately I've been getting complaints on the lack of letters to the Editor and we've been trying to work out an "equitable settlement."

Our column space has been cut short this year because of some fi-

far from perfect game the offense played against Ole Miss. Not for the intention of making fans who come to an A&M football game expect the offense to play the remainder of the season in this fashion. As proven in the L.S.U. game, A&M does have an offense to be reckoned with.

Anyway, it did have a small personal effect on one of the offensive linemen, as mentioned in the article, and might have been one small motivating factor to try a little harder against L.S.U. and I'm awful proud of the game the offense and the defense played against L.S.U.

Mike Hollis

nancial difficulties the newspaper is facing. We've had to put more advertising on fewer pages in order to cut costs. In addition, Brad Foster has begun a three-week daily serial of his "Gigags" cartoon. We also have his daily "Aggieoons," Jim Earle's "Slouch," and the syndicated cartoons "Oliphant" and "Peanuts."

We've been leaving many of these out, simply because we haven't had room for them. We've now decided to move "Gigags" to another page during the serial, hold

Ombudsman

off on Aggieoons, and concentrate more on the columns, editorials and letters. In the long run, we hope to have all cartoons, with the exception of editorial cartoons, lumped together on a separate page.

Two articles this week have created problems. The first was a report on the lecture given by Richard Levinson, international affairs specialist. A letter to the editor we published Friday capsuled many of the grievances we heard, but there were many other calls. The reporter failed to report the strain in the presentation and the tension in the atmosphere. She failed to include that the campus police were there and that fights almost broke out several times.

One caller said the event was an emotional experience — anything but dull — but by reading the newspaper's account was left with

the impression that it was nothing more than another dull, dry lecture.

The second article that received valid criticism this week was the Student Senate story in Thursday's paper. The wording of the second paragraph led readers to believe that a referendum proposal was passed, when actually the bill was altered to become a non-binding survey. The writer finally reported the correct information 11 paragraphs

later.

This article also raised a few questions in readers' minds about the role of a reporter. The writer repeatedly stressed the sense of "muddling in procedure and debate" and included much of the story. The reporter's job is to tell the procedure down and report the final outcome — that's why we read a newspaper. They want to make decisions, not red tape.

Slouch

By JIM EARLE



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