

Poor lighting complicates night travel

Editor,
The poor lighting on the Texas A&M University campus makes traveling at night a dangerous undertaking. Most parts of the campus are so dark at night that seeing bicyclists and pedestrians is difficult, and finding stationary objects is almost impossible.

Last night while walking from the girls' dorm area to the Academic Building, a relatively short walk along a well-traveled path, I found that 14 of the globular lights I passed were not turned on. I also narrowly escaped being struck by a bicycle, tripped over some construction site debris and passed within two feet of my roommate without recognizing her.

Saving energy is an admirable goal, but when it endangers the physical well-being of students it loses some of its importance.

Surely a university that can spend enough money to build decorative lamp posts at strategic campus locations can afford to keep them lit.

Lisa Junod

have delayed the erection of lights for at least six months.

"Hopefully in six months the lights will be up," said a College Station police department spokesman. It seems that all the drivers have is hope.

There have already been several wrecks (the exact number was not released by the police department) in the past year. Not only is the intersection a hazard for the motorist, but also for the bicycling students trying to cross the intersection during 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. traffic.

The two-way stop signs located on Jersey Street inhibit the early-morning student commuting to the University. The motorists and bikers have to compete with the hurried and often careless drivers on Wellborn Road.

Must someone be killed, or more accidents occur before officials learn that the object at stake is not money, but human lives?

Cecilia Cowart

Bad crossing

Editor:
It seems negligent of the City of College Station to let its motorists face the dangers of poorly protected intersections. The particular place I speak of is the Jersey Street and Wellborn Road crossing. The promises of state and local bureaucracies

Off-campus life

Editor:
When students at Texas A&M University are denied a dorm room or decide to move off campus, they compete with thousands of other students in a desperate hunt for an apartment.

While hunting, they may

hear about Briarwood, a place "where your friends are your neighbors." This apartment complex offers a very appealing brochure that has a picture of two pretty girls ready to rally on a sparkling tennis court — one that does not exist at Briarwood. The brochure also advertises "full facilities for football, baseball, volleyball and basketball." I have yet to find the football field or baseball diamond, however, the last time I saw the volleyball court, the net was missing.

A student's main concern, though, is his own apartment. My upstairs apartment at Briarwood last year had a definite slant down from the front door. Some of the floor boards squeaked, the bathtub took 15 minutes to drain, the toilet continually got stopped up and once a section of railing fell off the front porch.

This year I have a different Briarwood apartment. The bathtub is slow to drain and the toilet gets stopped up. The dishwasher was in repair for two weeks, the light fixture in the kitchen fell off the ceiling and the front door is warped. The apartments are bearable but what will they be like for the next tenant?

The living conditions at the different apartment complexes are tolerated and paid for by students because there is a housing shortage and because present conditions are accepted as the standard of living. The standard of living in a community should be set, however, by the people who live there. Like the Briarwood brochure said, "To get the most out of college, you have to live in a place that you like." Students should work together to improve living conditions and thereby make their years at Texas A&M University a more enjoyable experience.

Suzanne Deatherage

Listen Up

A number of changes have been made within the Corps to accommodate the members of W-1 and to help the scholastics of the freshmen. The old "whip out" policy in no way harmed scholastics or should have been revolting to the members of W-1.

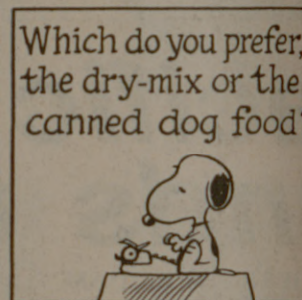
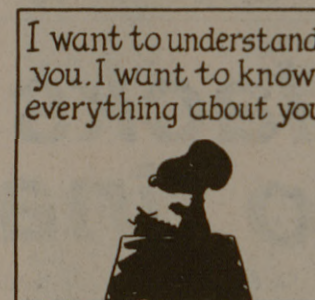
Members of the Corps and civilians, both male and female, have mentioned to me the overall sloppiness of the new "whip out" policy.

Corps Staff has cited many arguments in favor of the new "whip out" policy all of which I find very weak. They said it would create a more "friendly atmosphere", that it would help retention and that the old "whip out" policy was degrading.

If we create a "friendly atmosphere" in the Corps how will the freshman ever be able to respect the orders and wishes of their upperclassmen? Also I seriously doubt that any freshman left the Corps because of the way he had to "whip out". The position of a "fish" is to teach him how to retain his self-pride despite all the humiliation and discipline he endures. Besides, there are a number of things more degrading about the Corps than the old "whip out" policy.

However, the argument that Corps Staff used that angered me the most was that the new policy was the way it had been done in the past. I know former students from various classes ranging from the class of 1940 to the present and none of them remember "whipping out" any other way as a freshman except in step with the upperclassman and at attention.

David White



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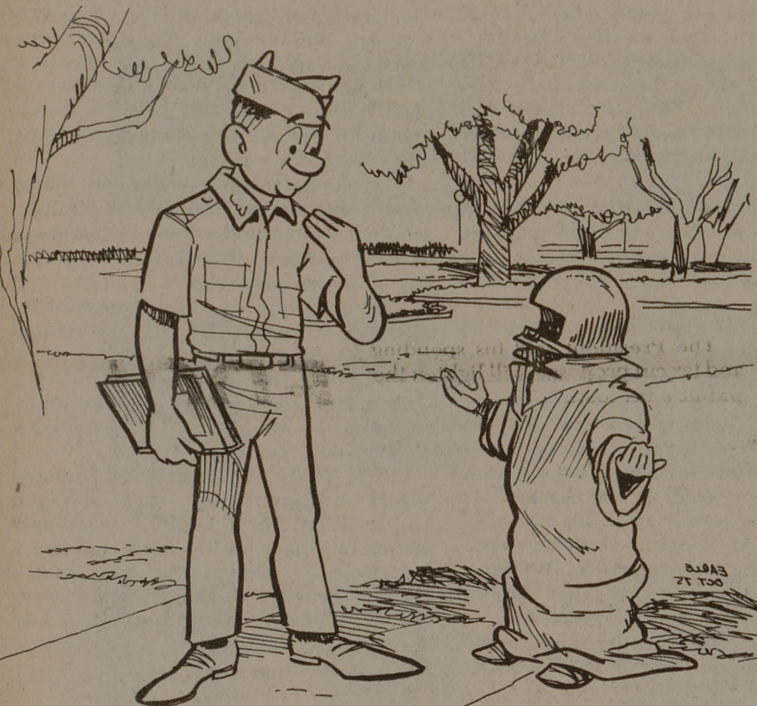
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By JIM EARLE



"So I decided if it helped me see better, why not?"

Whip out

Editor:
As a member of the Corps of Cadets I was greatly disappointed last year when Corps Staff announced that the freshman "whip out" policy was to be changed from getting in step and giving a rigid hand-shake at attention to simply extending their hand, as Sophomores had done in the past.

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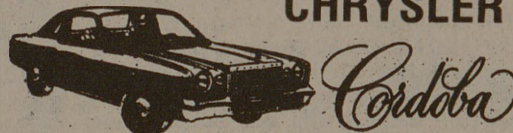
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