



Congestion caused by lack of common sense

Editor:
Being both a biker and a pedestrian on campus I've found that most of the congestion during peak travel hours is caused by a lack of common sense and courtesy. It seems hardly enough to ask of everyone—bikers, pedestrians and drivers to at least consider a few of the following suggestions that might save time, tempers and possibly someone's life.

1. Remain on your respective side of the sidewalk or road as close to the edge as possible. Bikes need to be ridden single file and use the proper signals. Pedestrians need to walk closer together and conserve space for others to pass.
2. If you must stop and converse please move completely out of the line of traffic and off of the sidewalk.
3. LOOK and be aware of your position at all times. Try to avoid sudden stops and turns without at least looking first to make sure it's clear. If you're getting out of a car look first. This is especially dangerous to a biker at the intersections where people are being dropped off and along the south end of Houston street where cars are parallel parked.
4. Forget about speeding on the bikes—you'll get there just as fast at a reasonable speed and eliminate stops, starts and cussing.
5. If you must chain your bike to a stationary object at least make sure that it is completely out of the way and will allow traffic to pass on the sidewalks. Although there is a lack of bike racks we need to park our bikes in some uniform fashion and closer together instead of scattered out like they are between the library and the Harrington complex and around the MSC.
6. Ride with at least one hand on the handlebars even if you do have great balance.
7. Drivers need to be more aware of the usefulness of turn signals to let others know their intentions.

Lillian Foreman

Referendum

Editor:
Many students do not realize that there will be an election Nov. 11 & 12 so that they can vote on which football ticket distribution system

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they want, this year's system or last year's system. This is the first time in the recent history of A&M that a referendum, initiated by the student body and not the senate, has ever been successfully placed on a ballot. This was achieved when 10 per cent of the student body signed a petition calling for an election.

It is important that students realize that they DO have a check on student government. If the students feel that they have been misrepresented by the senate, there is something they can do about it. This referendum proves that students can take positive action on their own instead of grumbling under their breaths.

Whether in favor of the old system or the new one, everyone should vote so that the outcome of the election will truly reflect what the majority of the students want. For those undecided, there will be a debate Nov. 10 at 8 p.m. in the Rudder Auditorium on the pros and cons of both ticket systems. Every student should be sure to take advantage of the opportunity that the referendum presents to express his or her opinion on the issue.

Susan Gray

Health Center

Editor:
Recently I found it necessary to visit the Health Center. The purpose of my visit was to have a blood pressure check that takes 30 seconds.

After waiting more than an hour, I asked the desk attendant how much longer I would need to wait. She seemed surprised I had been waiting that long. She sent me to a nurse and I was attended to within five minutes.

My complaint is that students are waiting much too long for services included in tuition. One person said he had been waiting for 2 hours 15 minutes. A lady told me she had been waiting for nearly four hours. These students have more important things to do than wait hours for medical attention for which they have paid.

I suggest in the future appointments are made so students can spend their time studying or working rather than sitting in the Health Center wondering when they are going to be treated.

This is a modern complex staffed with adequate personnel. I hope poor management practices for treating students promptly doesn't continue.

Searcy Bond

Campus news

Sir:
I wish to commend The Battalion on a well done series of features. At long last someone is explaining to the students how such groups as the "KK" and the administration function.

But I have noticed a severe problem. I recall in recent years there has been quite an uproar about insufficient campus reporting. At the first of this school year I thought the BATT had at last discovered there were important activities occurring on campus. You were even commended by Jeff Dunn at the last meeting of the Student Publications Board on your improved campus reporting.

Now I can understand in this time of severe inflation the need for running 70-80 per cent advertising. But between the large amount of ads, and the large amount of serial features and Associated Press copy which have been printed lately (re: the Ambulance feature; the KK feature; the Administration feature; the AP feature on the new Constitution; and the massive amount of AP stories) where do you have room to put ordinary campus events? I hardly find the "Top of The News" space sufficient for such a large university.

I would suggest a re-evaluation of the importance of events on campus as opposed to "Gigag" and the space filling national news items.

Steve Krauss

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Revision defeat 'a shame'

In case you haven't heard, the proposed Texas constitution was overwhelmingly rejected last Tuesday. Frankly, I think it's a shame. However, I guess the people of Texas will go on without a new constitution. The rejection was, if nothing else, what Gov. Briscoe meant when he said that the people of Texas were just showing confidence in a document that had served them for over 100 years.

Woe be unto us.
On other things; next week we

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will again have the opportunity to make some choices. This time about campus affairs.

On Tuesday, the freshman class hopefully will flock to the polls to choose a new class treasurer in a run-off election. Also on Tuesday the student body at large will have a chance to voice its opinion of the current football ticket distribution

system in a referendum election sponsored by the folks in student government. The referendum will ask each voter whether he likes this year's system more than last year's.

You may never be able to go back to those days of blowing-off class for a week to camp in front of G. Rollie White to get tickets, but if you feel

least have the chance to make it official.

If you're not really sure what you think about the whole situation, the Political Forum Committee of the MSC is holding a debate on the matter Monday night at 8 in the Rudder Center Auditorium.

The debate promises to be pretty good. At least I think it will be. Anyway, go to it if you can, if not at least take the time to vote on the referendum.



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Raj Kent - Vice President Academic Affairs

For the return of the old system:

Steve Ingram - Student Senator

Donnie Payne - Student Senator

Question and answer period

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:00 P.M. RUDDER AUDITORIUM

FREE

A Political Forum Presentation