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Listen Up

'What's in Athletic Oatmeal?'

Editor:
I wish to call attention to the "Athletic Oatmeal" column by Tony Gallucci. The article was located on page five of Friday's Battalion.

Tony Gallucci is one to talk about the news media going rampant. Gallucci talks of people ranting and raving, when it is he that is carrying on.

Wake up, Gallucci, no one needs to expose the conservatism at Texas A&M. It is a well known fact. Maybe a turn to pot has been made. So what?

People need a release. Who cares how they get it? Some people drink, some smoke, others become policemen and a few write bad sports columns.

It's great when people can live their lives the way they want and not harm anyone (except maybe themselves). But this "news" release, haphazardly states two different figures for what Gallucci believes to be the number of pot smokers at A&M. These figures hurt my head. They hurt, not because the figures were too high or too low, or because I agree or disagree, and not even because they are not fact and provable, but rather, it hurts to know that Gallucci could not even make up his mind as to which figure he wanted to use.

Isn't indecisiveness a side-effect of smoking pot?

His statement compares to that which says, 100 per cent of all Aggies

have oral sex, if they reach an orgasm while eating.

I agree that some persons have sensationalized the recent marijuana incident beyond its importance, but the way Gallucci worded his column, he seems to be the "pot" that called the kettle "black."

What special ingredient is in "Athletic Oatmeal?"

Appreciation

Editor:
I wish to express my appreciation for the friendliness shown me by students and faculty alike, during my first two weeks at Texas A&M. I transferred this spring from a small Baptist college in Waco, Texas. During the trip to College Station, I worried about large classes, getting lost on campus and meeting people.

The first day I was here I met a young man who took me everywhere I needed to go to register. He even waited with me two hours for a transcript evaluation. Others I encountered during registration were happy to help me.

The girls living on my hall in Krueger dorm have introduced me to friends and helped me find classes. Most professors have been understanding when I have come in late.

I have been going to Aggie games with my daddy since I was old enough to walk, so I expected the

loyalty that prevails here and I anticipated being a part of the special bond between Aggies. I am not disappointed. I have encountered kids like I have never met before — kids who know what they want from college and are not simply "marking time." I am proud to be part of this group. My pride reached a zenith at the first basketball game. It was the first time I sang the "Aggie War Hymn" as a student of Texas A&M and I felt proud to be a "real live" Texas Aggie.

Lynne Pettey, '78

Shuttle bus

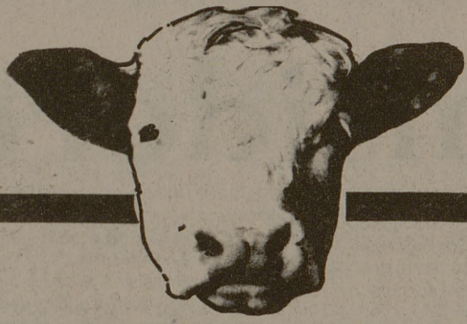
Editor:
I use shuttle bus transportation. The campus bus stops are inadequately furnished. Benches are the only facilities provided. There are no means of protection during hazardous weather conditions.

In Texas the weather is unpredictable, it may be sunny in the morning and raining in the afternoon. I have stood in the rain for 20 minutes wait-

ing for the bus. If there is a bus near the bus stop, I may stand in the corridor providing I do not inconvenience others. I must wait to see the bus when it is standing. Students whose buildings are near construction sites have buildings for shelter forced to wait in the rain.

If the school would provide shelters this problem could be avoided entirely.

Sheryl Wolden



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Ashby predicts 'poor' political tactics

Political cheapskates are chic this year, Houston Post columnist Lynn Ashby told a gathering in the Rudder

Tower yesterday. In a program sponsored by Political Forum, Ashby presented his view of the upcoming campaign year. He termed it a year when politicians would "promise them less."

"The campaign rhetoric will include the terms 'fire', 'lay off', and 'cut back,'" Ashby predicted. "Contradictory to what they have done in the past, politicians will say we've got to tighten our belts."

Ashby saw this as a by-product of New York's financial woes last year. He noted that other cities are now

beginning to say, "It could happen here."

"Ronald Reagan is in the right place at the right time," Ashby said, with the new emphasis on poor-boy politics.

"He's been preaching this all along. The Reagan stand has always been against more taxes, against big business and big government."

America's attitude, in Ashby's view, is anti-strong leadership, not wanting a "Mr. Excitement" in the White House. That is where President Ford's strength lies.

"Anybody who says Ford will win doesn't know what Ashby claimed. "If I was president's campaign manager, I'd move under way to call Dull."

Ashby also stressed the need for starting to study the candidates "before everybody comes in with reactions to try to get into the of the road." In a year when no Watergates or Vietnams, it is important to listen as much as possible about the dates.

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