



Listen Up

Proposed bicycle fees asinine

Editor:
I was shocked on Thursday May 6 to see that bicycle registration is increasing to \$4 next fall. It seems stupid to increase this fee when a bicycle is a nonpolluting, cheap form of transportation and an excellent means of exercise. In a time when pollution, energy, fitness, and money are important concerns of students, increasing bike registration is asinine.

I am not saying that bicycles should not be registered with a small fee but \$4 is asking too much. It is obvious that A&M is not hurting for money. If they can afford \$1,200 benches in the Memorial Student Center and diamond rings for all the football team then I think that a few new bike racks wouldn't put this school in debt. A&M is here as an educational institution where the student's interest should be the most important concern, not whether we have a showy MSC and a diamond-studded football team.

Maybe it's time for A&M to reevaluate their priorities in spending money.

Carmen Schlinke

Sugar coating

Editor:
I have just read the Tuesday article concerning the pinnacle of human depravity, the organizational embryo of a group which makes me wretch, the Gay Student Services Organization. Not only is God's damnation on homosexuality (just check out Romans, Chapter 1), but also common sense will expose the practice as sickening. Oh! but that would be casting judgment on another's "right to self-expression," wouldn't it? For you pseudo-Bible scholars who want to nail me with Matthew 7:1, I've already read it, all of it. So, before you write anything in retaliation, read the entire seventh chapter. (You may want to consult a seminary Greek scholar as I have.) These people who sugar-coat their identity with the euphemism of "gay" will always remain in my book as queer . . . period!

Paul Cornell

Aggie character

Editor:
For the past five years I have ob-

served the phenomenal metamorphosis of Texas A&M. In the transition, many institutions have weakened and many traditions have disappeared. Protest from both sides of the turmoil were heard.

The primary thrust of our efforts should not be the erosion of traditions. On the other hand, the dogged pursuit of some customs is fruitless. What we should funnel our labor toward is the privilege of calling oneself an Aggie, of associating with Aggies, and of being an Aggie.

Sul Ross gave us a handy yardstick when he framed an Aggie as being, "Soldier, Statesman, and Knightly Gentleman". The enthusiastic pursuit of these principles, the fraternity with his fellow Aggies, and the support and love of Texas A&M University is what will truly distinguish an Aggie from other collegiates.

Sororities, fraternities, the Corps, traditions, etc. are therefore secondary to a greater task: trying to be an Aggie. The molding of the Aggie Character must be the hub of their existence, the center of their constitution, and the measure of their worth. In the long run, the product of these institutions and not their preservation is the necessary concern.

Dan T. Benson

Parenthood

Editor:
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Jane Sielken



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Attention! renters

A national property tax law for renters has been proposed by Rep. Herbert E. Harris of Virginia.

The bill, under consideration by a congressional committee now, would allow renters to claim income tax deductions at the end of each year for property taxes paid during the year.

As it stands now, renters have no real interest in keeping property taxes down because their landlord has to pay the taxes. But, anywhere from 15 to 30 per cent of rent costs are a result of property taxes.

The landlords wouldn't lose either. They wouldn't get the tax de-

duction, but they wouldn't have to include the taxes as income.

Everybody has an interest in seeing property taxes kept down, but if this bill passes, city councils would have more people to contend with when it considered raising property taxes. As it is now, only landlords protest the increases.

Write Congressman Olin E. Teague in care of the U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515 to let him know you support this bill (House Bill No. 10219).

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