

Yell practice crowd was very disorderly

Editor: My friends and I have just returned from midnight yell practice. I, for one, am disgusted at the lack of respect shown for A&M traditions and yell leaders by part of the student body.

Most Aggies know not to stand "on the wood" during yells, "The War Hymn" and "The Spirit" out of respect and courtesy for the traditions of A&M. After being asked to step down from the bleachers, several students near me disregarded the pleas, thereby dishonoring the very soul of Aggie spirit and kinship.

Joe D. Mickler asked the crowd to keep in mind that Kyle Field is a memorial; consequently, alcoholic beverages and obnoxious behavior are very much out of place. The throng answered him with boos and horse laughs.

I find this behavior appalling. These acts are blatant examples of poor conduct, especially coming from fellow Aggies. The offenders obviously chose A&M as the institution where they will further their education. In calling themselves Aggies, they should learn and respect the traditions upon which A&M is based. I firmly believe that this is the duty of every Aggie. To not do so is

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the equivalent of such apathy exhibited at other schools. Displaying spirit and love for one's college is what makes A&M so unique. I want A&M to remain that special university that is known throughout the nation for its traditions.

In the future, I hope that I will see better behavior exhibited at yell practices.

Lisa Cotropia, '79

Parking spaces rare for a reason

Editor: I am certain this is not the first letter received complaining about the parking situation, and I am quite certain it will not be the last.

On Sept. 8, the Batt ran a letter in which the writer states that people on campus are not as friendly as they used to be. I believe the parking situation to be one cause of that.

Curious as to how the problem stood, I gathered figures Friday, Sept. 10. It only took one hour to find all the information I required.

According to: Registrar, the unofficial total of

students as of Sept. 10 was 27,692 (official total determined by 12th day of classes);

Housing, the approximate number of University housed students is 9,000 with dorm students numbering approximately 8,100 and married students approximately 900.

These figures show the off-campus student number to be approximately 18,692.

University Police Department, available parking spaces on campus number 10,272. Students (collectively) are allowed 7,624 spaces and staff/faculty and visitors are allowed 2,648 spaces.

The total number of parking permits sold as of Sept. 9 was 20,471 with staff/faculty permits numbering 6,054 and student permits numbering 14,417.

The information on student stickers is not recorded separately. The figure includes dorm, day and married student permits as well as duplicates and carpool permits with three persons per car.

Is it really a wonder that there is so much illegal parking? In order to accommodate every permit sold, the University would have to provide 10,199 more parking spaces. But,

this total is not necessary because everyone who has a permit is not on campus at the same time.

However, there are more students on the campus at any one time than there are staff and faculty members. Evidence of this is seen daily in staff lots where there are numerous empty spaces. In the meantime, students are seen circling their lots like buzzards, praying for someone to leave so they can park and get to class on time. Some students have even begun parking while waiting, obstructing traffic for any moving vehicles.

I would like to know of any plans to help alleviate this problem, because at the rate this University is growing, student parking permits may soon become an endangered species.

Sharon Baty '79

Women's dorms need security

Editor:

Atrocious parking situations, easy accessibility into the Krueger-Mosher dorms and the "hush-up" treatment of rapes have endangered the safety of women at Texas A&M University.

The parking situation is something everyone complains about, yet no one knows how to solve. Coming home late at night from meetings without a place to park near the dorm can leave women at a very bad disadvantage. After parking in another lot and receiving a ticket, one girl was told to park in the Zachry lot. When she inquired about walking back alone, the campus police simply replied, "the streets are well lit."

In Krueger and Mosher, girls are less cautious because they feel that no one can get inside the dorms after certain hours. Although R.A.'s lock the back doors, if anyone goes out one of them, it automatically unlocks. Girls also stick tin cans or cardboard between the doors in order to get back in. It is not difficult for men to get into either dorm late at night—as I can certify through an experience of my own. I had an intruder knock on my door at 2:30 a.m. Obviously, he had no trouble entering the dorm. This problem can be solved in more than one way—either by issuing a backdoor key to each girl or by hiring a security guard.

The main aspect of this problem is that no one wants to admit that it exists. When I asked the campus police how many rapes were reported in the 1975-76 school year, they said none. The College Station police admitted that there had been three. That still seems like a very small number for a predominantly male student body of over 20,000.

People protect themselves only when they know a danger exists; what one doesn't know can hurt her.

Mary Hardin, '79

MBA — Law Day this Saturday

Editor:

Many times I have talked with other students who, like myself, want to further their education and potential for challenging job opportunities after receiving a Bachelor of Science and Art Degrees. Although these degrees are foundations from which a stimulating and financially secure vocation can be built, today they are not a guarantee for success after graduation.

This is why I am extremely interested in two possibilities that are open to anyone desiring to continue their education. They are a Master's Degree in business administration or a law degree. In actuality, there is no one undergraduate major needed to receive these degrees. The major prerequisite is for a person to be highly dedicated, disciplined and motivated to explore his potential in these fields.

If you are interested in either of these degrees and have questions, or would like to hear what former Texas A&M students who have attended business and law schools across the nation say concerning their experiences in these areas, your best opportunity is to attend the MBA—LAW DAY this Saturday.

The pros and cons, "whens, wheres and how to's" will be discussed by students at A&M and MBA and law school students between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center. A luncheon will be provided that you may want to attend. If you are interested and feel this session to be instrumental for shaping your future plans for education, please sign up at the Student Programs Office in Room 216 of the MSC before 5:00 p.m. Thursday, September 16.

Kim Moore '77

Slouch

by Jim Earle



"Making an A on your first exam is good, but it's not all good! Keep in mind that you want to leave room to show improvement, so your instructor will feel that he brought you along during the course. Follow what I mean?"

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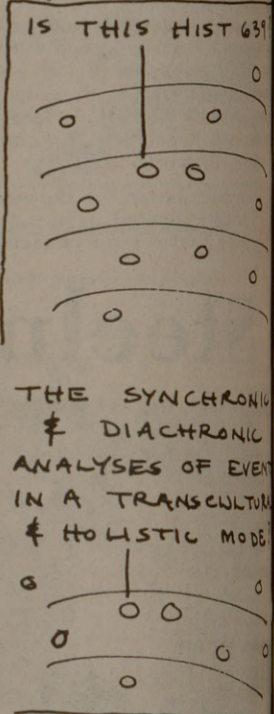
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