

# Opinion/Commentary/Letters

## Daycare center doesn't benefit all

**Editor:**  
The Student Senate recently approved \$41,000 out of student service fees for the support of a daycare center that will accommodate 32 children. The use of student service fees for a project such as this is appalling to all who understand the philosophy behind these fees. The purpose of the fees is to provide services which all students will or can benefit from. In the case of the daycare center, only the students who happen to be parents can benefit from the service and only 64 of them. We oppose the actions of the Student Senate on philosophical and financial grounds.

The proponents of the daycare center argue that such a service will provide financial benefits to the parents and educational benefits to the children involved as well as to the education majors that will operate the center. Since when has it become acceptable to expect students to support other students financially or to educate their children? The financial ramifications of supporting a family while undergoing the educational process should be considered before the creation of the family. Others should not be expected to bear the burden of a decision in which they had no voice.

Another advantage that was claimed is that the center will alleviate the present shortage of daycare centers that allegedly exists. It is ludicrous to claim that a center that will accommodate 32 children will provide the solution to such a problem.

The final argument posted by the supporters of the center is that financial support will probably be assumed by the university within the next two years. However, they have no indication that this source of funding will materialize. This year they

requested \$41,203 in addition to \$12,165 that will be paid by the parents. Next year's expected request will be approximately \$26,000 with an additional \$18,000 coming from parent fees. If support from the university does not materialize, it would be ridiculous to assume that the revenue paid by the parents will more than double to cover their operating costs. They would have to return to the Senate for funding. And, as the Federal Bureaucracy has so aptly demonstrated, it is far easier to start a project than to end it. Even if funding is assumed by the university, the use of student service fees to provide the initial capital cannot be justified. The fact remains that we are being forced to pay for a service from which the vast majority will not and cannot benefit.

— Jerri L. Ward  
Vice President for External Affairs  
— Robert W. Harvey  
Senator, College of Engineering

### Daycare center 'pure socialism'

**Editor:**  
Unless the Board of Regents has more common sense and a greater perspective of realism than we the students, then our Student Senate just spent \$41,000 of hard earned student money on 32 children. That's approximately \$1,282.50 per child and an imposed tax of about \$1.46 per student per year by our Student Senate.

I'm talking about a proposed daycare center for children of A&M married students who can't go to school unless they have someone to put their children. However, what's worse than the money spent is the principle involved. In this case, it's taking from the poor and giving to

the poor. Also, this promotes irresponsibility and neglect on the part of A&M students. Some of us wait until graduation to get married and some of us have a home established before we bring children into the world. Yet we must pay for those who don't.

Am I cold-hearted, selfish, and cruel? No, just fair. What about the 33rd child, the minority person in Houston who can't afford to go to school here, and the student who's working his way through school? Why not let A&M students subsidize them? Let's not forget to indoctrinate these youngsters as Aggies right away because we must remember young minds can easily be influenced.

The proposed daycare center is pure socialism and it's absurd for A&M students to pay for it. It's just a shame that our Student Senate follows the example of the big boys in Washington. Unfortunately, "like Father, like son," is still true.  
— Dan Kaspar '77

### Chinese students protest ad

**Editor:**  
On page 9 The Battalion of March 1, 1977, a "paid political announcement" appeared among other commercial advertisements, which expressed four false statements about Taiwan, Republic of China.

We, a group of TAMU students from Taiwan who had been shown to and agreed upon this letter, want to express our strongest protest toward The Battalion and whomever made that advertisement:

1. The tragedy happened on February 28, 1947 was resulted from misunderstanding between two groups of people that newly came into contact. Both groups had lost lives and none of them should be blamed for the tragedy. We wish that you can reveal the truth about it.

2. A university newspaper should not interfere with the domestic affair in a foreign country and incite revolution.

3. Taiwan is now under a steady progress and coherence. Any Statement like that is an attempt to destroy the peacefulness and harmony in Taiwan.

4. A person who can afford an advertisement on newspaper is not necessarily a person who has the right to speak for 16 million people. We demand to have a satisfactory answer from those people who were responsible for that announcement.

We, as a group of students without financial ability or support to make newspaper advertisement, sincerely hope that you would publish this letter in The Battalion.

The letter will be signed by all of us.  
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### Right-to-lifer attacks column

**Editor:**  
I would like to comment on the abortion article written by Phil Robinson and Terri Floyd (The Battalion, March 9). Rather than bothering with their sloppy and irresponsible journalism and their faulty logic, which should be pretty obvious, I will get right to the point. If not interfered with, the impregnated egg will develop into a being as human as you and I. Any conscious attempt to prevent this from happening is murder. Period. The right to life must not be subordinated to selfish expediency.  
— Leo A. Radovich '78

## Let's extend spring break by a week

This is a new proposal for the Board of Regents to consider: spring break should be extended from one to two weeks.

The first week would be an adjustment period and the second a vacation.

The following problems, obstacles and embarrassments could be alleviated by this action:

✓ Trying to shut-off the alarm when the phone rings early in the morning.

✓ Falling off the bed trying to answer the phone when you realize it's not the alarm ringing.

✓ Realizing that the short people around you are really little children and not your roommate shrunk even shorter.

✓ It takes at least two days before you stop trying to adjust your little black and white television and enjoy the luxury of a full size color set.

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1976

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2 a Regular  yourself  Spouse   
b Names of dependent children who lived with you  
c Just First names Dummy  
d Do you weigh more than last year's tax form?  
e Number of Rakelees subtracted from Gross Rotated Income (plus line 27 - UNLESS GREATER THAN TWELVE MILES)  
f How many inches in a liter?  
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- What does the Corps mean to you?
- Extra-curriculars — Their personal value, their contribution to A&M living.
- A&M spirit — its haunts, its meaning, its expression.
- What is an administration to do — so many students, so many consequences?
- What is this fascination with sports at A&M? What does it contribute?
- The out-of-classroom experiences (student services productions) — are they numerous enough, well-done, too limited?
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