

Opinion/Commentary/Letters

Student Government endorsements

There are several well-qualified candidates for Student Body President this year. All three candidates have served in influential student leadership positions during the past year.

Robert Harvey, Corps Commander and Senator, is definitely a leader and could handle the job of executive administration, but he often seems to let petty prejudices get in the way of his thinking. He was one of the main supporters and proponents of reactionary legislation in the Senate during the past year.

Student Government needs leaders who will initiate action and not always be reacting to something.

For this reason, The Battalion endorses **STAN STANFIELD** for Student Body President.

Stanfield, currently Student Government Vice President for Academic Affairs, is a mover and can be expected to prod the Senate into action during the next year. Stanfield has been an involved and vocal force throughout the past year and always seems to have the students' interests in mind. He is aggressive and has some progressive ideas which will benefit all students.

Scott Gregson is outspoken on student rights, but his administrative abilities are dubious. He is currently serving as Student Government Vice President for Finance and has come under fire for not making the student service fee allocation process a year-long one rather than doing it all within a two-month period just before recommendations are made to the Senate.

In the race for Vice President for Academic Affairs, **MIKE HUMPHREY** gets the endorsement of The Battalion. He is knowledgeable about the office and has some sound ideas on what he would like to

see accomplished. His experience in academic affairs and scholastic matters is impressive.

The Battalion endorses **PHIL SUTTON** for Vice President for External Affairs. Sutton, as can be attested to by Battalion reporters and editors, has been very active in promoting student interests before local governmental agencies, especially the College Station City Council. We believe that if Sutton is elected, he will be instrumental in getting a student elected to the College Station City Council next year. Sutton has proved that he is not afraid of hard work.

The Battalion makes no endorsement for Vice President for Finance. Both candidates have qualities which recommend them for the position, so you make a choice based on what you value more highly — ideas or experience.

Owen Massey has some good ideas on what should be done in operating the Finance Committee but lacks the experience in dealing with the many facets involved in accomplishing this task. But one has to start somewhere.

Michael Springer, although lacking innovative ideas, has been a member of the Finance Committee and a member of the Student Service Fee Allocation Subcommittee. He is aware of the procedures necessary for completing the job.

JIM CONNOR receives The Battalion's endorsement for Vice President for Rules and Regulations. He is well-versed in current rules and regulations and has had extensive experience in dealing with them. He also brings some new ideas and some old ones into the arena. He's for prohibiting those ugly campaign billboards which litter our campus at this time every year, and he's also for an on-campus student pub.

For Vice President for Student Services, The Battalion endorses **VICKI YOUNG**. She wants to get more nonsenators involved in the student services committee and get each of these members in specific projects. She also wants to keep students informed about what student services are available. Her past experience in working for students shows her dedication and recommends her for the position.

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All Ags can be yell leaders

Editor:

As candidates for yell leader begin their campaigning this week, students should consider the real job of the yell leaders. It is not representation of the Corps or of the non-reggs, but of all Aggies and the Aggie spirit.

The Corps is an integral part of A&M, but the civilian population is just as representative of the school and the spirit. A yell leader should not be elected on the basis of his affiliation, or lack of it, with the Corps, but rather because he typifies the Aggie at his fighting best.

When they are on the track, the yell leaders are the same in the most important way: they are all Aggies at heart, interested in bringing the student body together. It should not matter whether a yell leader is a CT or a non-reg. What should matter is his ability to generate enthusiasm in the stands and to represent the Aggies with pride.

—Karin Knapp, '80

KAMU-FM vs.

KPFT-FM

Editor:

Amid the celebrations concerning the instigation of our new radio station, KAMU-FM, we failed to realize what havoc the station would soon play on the airwaves. It wasn't until the new station began broadcasting that we realized what a tragedy had occurred. Until March 30, local listeners were able to receive KPFT, at 90.1 MHz, Houston's non-commercial, listener supported radio station, via the cable. Now, between 6 a.m. and midnight, this station is practically obliterated by the overpowering signal of KAMU.

The loss of a radio station may seem insignificant until we consider some of the unique services offered by KPFT.

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— Kyle Moore '79

— John Purcell '80

Daycare center considered

Editor:

At the last Senate meeting, a motion was brought to the floor to reconsider the \$41,000 of students' service fees previously allocated to the Day Care Center. The motion to consider this bill again failed by one vote.

It wasn't enough that half of the Senate wanted to reconsider the large appropriation for the reason that possibly the Day Care Center may have been pushed through on emotional instead of practical reasoning — that there might be too many unanswered questions concerning the operation and funding of this project.

For instance, how will the 32 children be selected? If based on need, will someone with 2 children, who is more needy, get 2 of the 32 slots, or should it be limited to one child per family? What about the legal ramifications? Can state funds be used to support an off-campus operation which competes with the private sector? Can state funding be used to renovate a building which the Day Care Center will be renting?

Advocates of the bill implied that if the Senate could support this program for two years, funding would be guaranteed the third year from other federal sources. Guaranteed by whom? It was also brought out that students from the College of Education would be working as volunteers in the Center, thus cutting costs for salaries. It's about time to straighten out a few things.

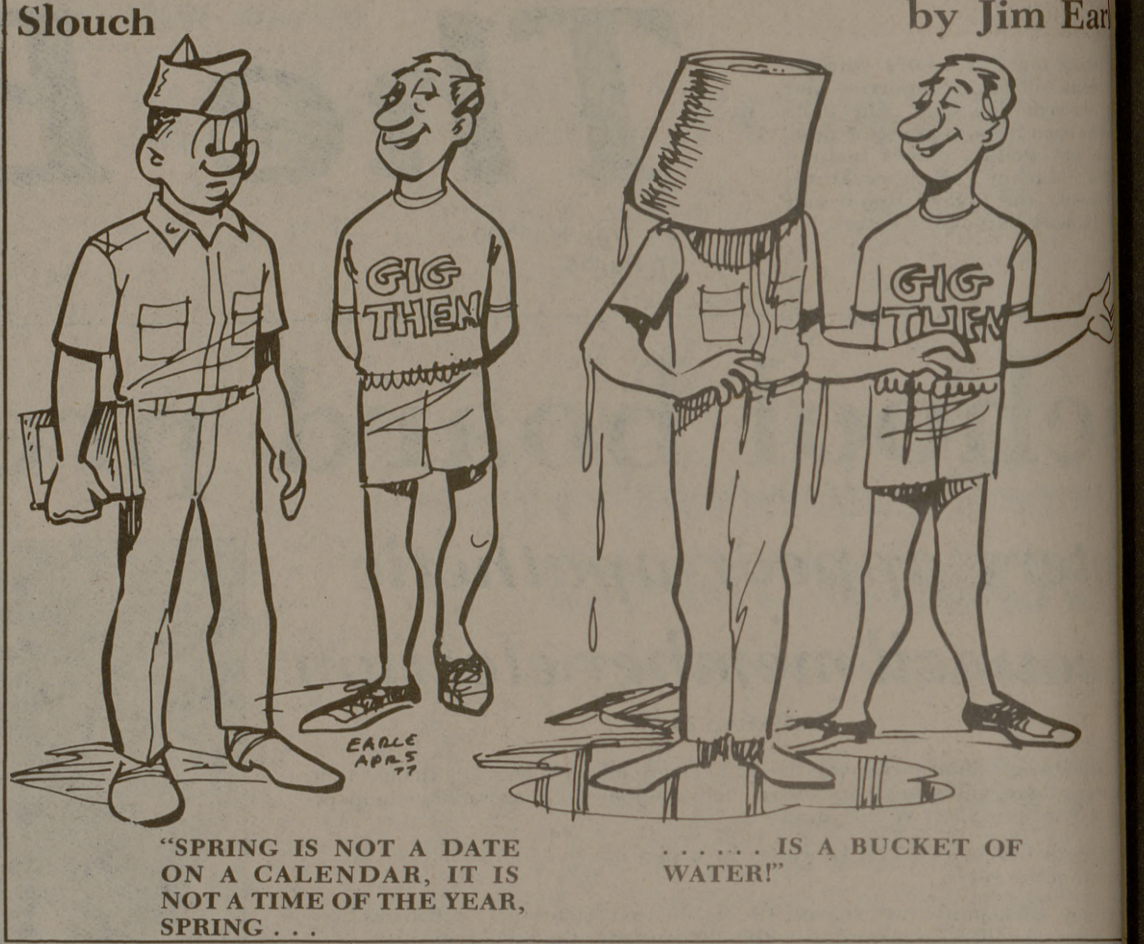
The College of Education, under Dean Hubert, does not endorse or support the idea of the Day Care Center. The College of Education has no plans to have student volunteers work in the Center and will provide no funding. No free workers means an unforeseen increase in cost. No funding means the \$41,000 appropriated this year, and the \$26,000 requested for next year won't be the end of the Senate's obligation. Who can allow a \$67,000 investment to fail the third year for lack of funds?

There is only one meeting left and only one more chance for the Senate to reconsider the \$41,000+ of your student service fees appropriated for the Day Care Center. If you believe \$41,000 is too much to pay for the benefit of a few students, urge your senators to vote for reconsideration.

— Brett L. Hamilton
Senior Senator,
Corps of Cadets

Joy L. Johnson
Senator,

Keathley, Spence, Fowler, Hughes



DC9 jet crashes through grocery plow through cars; at least 71 d

NEW HOPE, Ga. — A Southern Airways jet, both engines dead and its pilot desperately trying to land on a two-lane highway during a hail-storm, crashed and exploded yesterday in the small Atlanta suburb of New Hope.

At least 71 persons were killed and 27 others injured.

The DC9, carrying 81 passengers and four crew members from Huntsville and Muscle Shoals, Ala., to Atlanta, plowed through a grocery store and cars, sheared telephone poles and trees as it careened down the highway in a 300-foot swath of destruction.

"It sounded like a tornado and I screamed for everyone to run and I looked back down the highway and here come a jet plane," said Mrs. Mary Clayton, who was working in her yard when the airliner came out of a squall at 4:20 p.m. EST.

"It was breaking apart all down the road. It was throwing pieces up in the air and they were exploding," she said.

The pilot, Capt. William W. McKenzie, 54, of Laplace, La., swooped low over the New Hope Elementary School and guided the crippled craft down the narrow highway. McKenzie died in the wreckage.

"He did a miraculous thing. He did all he could and probably lost

his life doing it. He had his mind and thoughts with the people on that plane," said Sheriff Bob Shippo.

Government sources said at least 10 of the plane's passengers were executives from the Marshall Space Flight Center and the Army's Redstone Arsenal Research and Development Command at Huntsville. Their fate was not immediately known.

The plane disintegrated as it skidded down the highway. The fuselage tumbled end over end, then exploded.

"We actually seen the fuselage slipping, the wings disintegrating and bodies going through the air," said John Clayton, chief of the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department, who saw the crash from his yard.

"It was a big ball of flame," said James Higdon, who witnessed the crash from the front porch of his house. "I started running through the woods but by the time we got over there it was burning too bad for anybody to get out. There was people hurt all over the place. We helped get a few out. They were burned real bad."

When firemen finally extinguished the flames, the largest single piece of debris was the overturned tail section.

Frederick Clemens, 18, a passenger from Wilmington, Del., received burns.

Botulism linked to hot-sauce peppers

Health officials expect more poisonin

PONTIAC, Mich. — Health officials have expressed hope that the worst outbreak of botulism poisoning in U.S. history can be ended without deaths. But they said the number of cases could climb to 50.

The outbreak has been linked to improperly canned peppers a Mexican restaurant used in a hot sauce it served.

The number of reported cases increased to 35 yesterday with five new cases reported. All of the victims remained hospitalized today — two in critical condition.

Health officials estimated that 10 or 15 more cases will emerge by late Friday, the end of the 8-day incubation period. They said they expect about three new cases to emerge per day.

Dr. Robert Lacey, Oakland County health director, expressed optimism "that somehow we can come out of this without any deaths."

He said that no one's having died thus far "is a very bright sign."

A class action damage suit was filed yesterday on behalf of Sally Koskey, 23, Pontiac, one of the poisoning victims. Miss Koskey is a surgical nurse at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, near Trini and Carmen's Restaurant, source of the poisoning.

Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Francis X. O'Brien issued an injunction ordering that all the evidence be preserved — including the 147 jars of home-canned peppers blamed for the outbreak.

Dr. William Terranova, investigating the incident for the Center of National Disease Control at At-

"We were flying through a storm and I guess the hail clogged up the engine or something. And after that we had or four minutes of powerless with both the jet engines hot and we coasted down to a landing. All I remember was we started hitting, it was rougher," he said.

Authorities were unable to determine how many persons on ground were killed or injured by plane's debris.

Sheriff Shippo said 59 bodies in a makeshift morgue near the Paulding County seat. Hop in the area reported 12 people dead.

The sheriff said two of the were townspeople and three New Hope residents were "but they may be in a hospital. They may be in the woods. We know."

The plane apparently developed trouble while approaching the airport for a landing.

"The pilot was talking to the lanta Air Route Traffic Controller and reported a windshield wiper and one engine flamed," said Jack Barker of the Federal Aviation Administration. "And the reported the flameout of the engine. He then switched to the lanta tower and said he would set it down on a road."

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