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"AS BEST I CAN TELL, I THINK ANY TIME NOW I'D OPEN UP, IF

# H-H bill deceitful

The Carter Administration is strongly urging Congress to pass the Humphrey-Hawkins "full employment" bill as a tribute to the late Sen. Hubert Humphrey, who deserves something better.

Although the Minnesota liberal's name remains on the measure, it has been amended into a phony, toothless and yet potentially dangerous bit of legislation that does Humphrey no honor.

When drafted in 1974, it was a radical command to the administration to drive down the unemployment rate to 3 percent and to provide a job on a public payroll to anyone who said he wanted work but could not find it.

Since the bill would have turned us rapidly into a nation of bankrupt leafrakers, it was killed in 1975. Then it was riddled with loopholes but still failed in 1977. Finally it was weakened enough for President Carter to endorse it. And now his economic adviser, Charles Schultze, who blanched at the inflationary threat in the original bill, is pressing the present version on Congress.

Today's Humphrey-Hawkins sets a goal of 4 percent unemployment within five years. But at the same time it insists on "restraint of inflation", "adequate productivity growth", "high rates of capital formation", and "the well-being of the people

To be honest, it also should have called for the legalization of marijuana, because any law that promises all the conflicting benefits of Humphrey-Hawkins is a pipe dream.

The bill sets up no machinery to lead us to its full-employment, low-inflation utopia. It is deceitful in holding out to disadvantaged groups flimflam legislation instead of real help in getting jobs.

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# Going overboard on distinction

I WERE YOU!"

## By DICK WEST United Press International

WASHINGTON — The first live broadcasts of a U.S. Senate debate not only are providing many Americans with every-thing they always wanted to know about the Panama Canal treaties.

## The Lighter Side

The airwaves also are serving as an in-troduction to a quaint tribal custom known as senatorial courtesy

Each day's debate generally begins when the distinguished senator who hap-pens to get stuck with the job of presiding recognizes the distinguished senator from

Letters to the editor

West Virginia, Robert Byrd, also known as the distinguished majority leader.

Whereupon Byrd graciously yields the floor to whoever the day's first distinguished speaker might be,

It doesn't take much of this for even the most casual listener to get the idea - U.S. senators are utterly, thoroughly, overwhelmingly distinguished. It should not be inferred, however,

there is anything distinctive about being senatorially distinguished. The term is all-pervasive, applicable to the high and the low, the great and the near-great alike. The distinguished minority leader, Howard Baker of Tennessee, made that point nicely when he referred to "the coloquy between the distinguished majority leader and the equally distinguished senator from Nevada." Indiscriminate differentation — that's tion.

the Senate way

As a rule of thumb, senatorial courtesy demands that all senators hold all of the other senators in high regard.

In some cases, however, it is a minimum high regard. And by informal agreement, the minimum adjective of high regard is "distinguished." Which may explain why it is used so much.

Although distinguishedness is the better part of senatorial courtesy, other adjec-tives are thrown in occasionally for a change of pace

Twice during one day of canal debate Byrd referred to colleagues as "able." And listeners also may be treated to variations on the theme. Beyond that, anyone who listens long

enough and attentively enough eventually will be rewarded with that rare gem of senatorial civility — a genuine improvisa-

Sen. Clifford Case, R-N.J., came forth other way of telling them apart.

with a bona fide original during an ex-change with Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. Quoth Case:

by Jim Earle

"If I understand it correctly, the senator and I are very fond of each other and re-gard each other highly as individuals. We would not lift a finger not only not to harm each other, but we would defend each other to the death against the panoplies that people from the outside might attempt to visit upon us.

It is not yet apparent whether broad-casting the canal debate actually will provoke radio owners into panoplizing themselves. In time, however, outsiders will come to appreciate the following truism

If a legislative body has 100 members, and if 100 members of the legislative body are distinguished, people will need some

The last of 'class,' on to other issues

**Editor:** 

Editor's note: Due to the large amount of mail received on Sports Editor Paul Arnett's Feb. 15 column, letters on other issues have been backlogged. To print these letters and purge the Arnett issue, today's letters section has been expanded.

#### Editor:

Who does Paul Arnett think he is putting the headline "A&M lacks class" above such a meaningless article on such a trivial subject as the fact that A&M has a military band and male yell leaders? That's the way it is here at A&M. Paul can go try to talk the band into dressing up as clowns and

university has quite the unique system of yells, spirit and student participation as the Aggies. What you are suggesting is the same thing every other school does. Houston, t.u., etc.

Now don't misunderstand me, I like pretty women with as few clothes on as possible as much as the next guy, but I like our Aggie tradition also. Besides, what you propose you obviously want to carry into other sports as well, and I for one don't want those idiot-sounding loud speaker type yell leader and cheer leader combinations yelling at me in Kyle Field. I would rather the yell leaders invoke me to yell

antiquated traditions and clinging to age-old beliefs lead only to stagnation. Thank you, Mr. Arnett for helping to guide TAMU into the twentieth century with your article. I and many others appreciate your journalistic frankness.

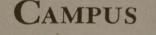
For 'class' I would like to say a few words on Mr.

Arnett's latest article — and the replies. What I don't understand is this "Texas A&M love it or leave it" attitude we all too frequently seem to project.

if there was a major fire, the structural damage would be minimal to most dorms because they are made of concrete and brick. There is also the possibility of buying a little protection, namely fire insurance. Legalize dormitory cooking - Blaine Kinnebrew, '78

For Town Hall

# TOP OF THE NEWS



## Silver Taps tonight

Silver Taps will be conducted in front of the Academic Building tonight at 10:30 p.m. in memory of Conrad Paul Schweichler, whose death occured Feb. 13, 1978.

## STATE

### Pharmacist wants rebate system

An Austin pharmacist says the state welfare agency could signifi cantly reduce the costs of a program that helps pay for prescription drugs for the needy. Frank Dannelley said the welfare agency, through its Vendor Drug Program, in effect pays millions of dollar more per year for recipient's drugs than the Board of Control, which buys drugs for state institutions such as state hospitals. The agence could lower its costs by several million dollars annually by institut a rebate system from prescription drug manufacturers, Dannelly sai Saturday.

He recommended the department compute the monthly difference between its drug prices and the prices paid by the Board of Conrol and make the manufacturers "cough up the difference because its all going to the state of Texas.

## Heart patient 'stable'

Isolated in a sterile room in Houston and surrounded by medical Isolated in a sterile room in Houston and surrounded by medical specialits and technicians, a 21-year-old heart transplant patient was reported in "stable condition" late Sunday. A spokesman for the Texas Heart Institute said the young man, who has not been iden-tified at his parents' request, "is in stable condition. Physicians re-main pleased but cautious. He continued to talk today and be respon-sive to commands." The young man received the first complete heart transplant surgery performed at St. Luke's Hospital in eight years He was reported in improved condition Saturday after two majo heart operations in five days. He briefly talked with his father Satur day

## 'Lozano died of neck injury'

A noted pathologist said late Sunday a neck injury probably kille Larry Ortega Lozano, who died last month in the Ector County jail Houston. Harris County Medical Examiner Dr. Joesph Hachimczy said he has been reviewing the findings of two earlier autopsies in the death of Lozano. Numerous Mexician-American groups allege Lozano was beaten to death by police. State and federal law enforce ment agencies are investigating. He said another autopsy might b needed if the two earlier autopsies did not reveal enough informati on which to base a satisfactory conclusion about the death.

## 'Leaky lines — potential danger'

Antiquated and leaky natural gas lines that provide fuel for many small towns across the state are potential castrophes, Texas Railroad commission records show. "It's a miracle that we haven't had a major disaster yet," said Joe Piotrowski Jr., director of the commission's gas utilities division. Piotrowski said none of the city-owned gas system inspected by his staff thus far meet state and federal safety standards He said his staff was just beginning to evaluate the more than 1,500 public and private pipeline networks in Texas. Until last year, when the state appropriated funds for additional safety engineers, pipeline inspections were haphazard and usually a result of complaints, Piot rowksi said. Indicative of the problem however, was a 1977 surve that showed 123 billion cubic feet of natural gas was lost or una counted for in Texas in 1975. The survey led to a commission rule th financially penalzes utilities — no more than five percent of lost gas can be included in rate computations.

my dorm have just as much trouble with insects regardless of whether they are on the board plan or not. Fire is not really a hazard, either. Most students are fairly safety conscious and very few people (if any at all) do any deep-fat frying or use open - Larry Webb flame cooking devices in their rooms. Even

playing kazoos like Rice or the yell leaders into donning skirts and makeup but I don't think you'll get too far.

If Arnett wants to see girls dancing around instead of the terribly boring Aggie basketball games on Saturday nights, I suggest that he just drive to Houston or Dallas and hang out in some sleazy strip joint where he might get some thrills.

As for the Aggie band, if WW2 marches turn him off that much he is welcome to borrow my "Mitch Miller's Greatest Hits" album. As to his journalistic capabilities, every day we are subjected to articles that criticize some aspect of Aggie sports (it can't be all that bad), seemingly written only as a showcase for Arnett's supposedly witty, satirical style that he probably hopes will land him a newspaper job when he graduates.

Arnett should quit using our paper solely as a steppingstone for his future, if he still has one, and give us some good solid sportswriting, or go jump in the lake. — Steve Puckett, '78

## Against 'class'

#### **Editor**:

This letter is in response to Paul Arnett's article of Wednesday, Feb 15, concerning A&M's "lack" of class. Paul, if A&M "lacks class," why do you attend school here? Aren't you ashamed to go to a school that, in your opinion, "lacks class?" I'm sure if you want a liberal schools dancing girls, rahrah-rah-sis-boom-bah cheerleaders, and if basketball halftime entertainment is so necessary for you, t.u. would be more than happy to add you to its enrollment.

A&M IS a conservative school. Most people come here because they like it that and want it to remain that way

By the way, most Aggies feel that A&M has a LOT of class. Perhaps you should examine your attitude and be prouder of what A&M IS, instead of knocking her for what she isn't and, hopefully, never will be.

- Julia Humphries, '79

## Against 'class'

#### **Editor**:

In regard to Paul Arnett's article about A&M not having enough class. In my opin-ion what A&M lacks in class it makes up in originality and tradition. Maybe originality is the wrong word but let's face it no other

for my team and show my spirit. Listen, Paul, I'm all for progress and everything but let's not progress ourselves into a t.u. If you want that then by all means, go there and remember there are other young Aggies yet to experience the thrill of our uniqueness. So let's preserve it for those yet to come, not change it for those of us leaving.

- James L. Hime, '79

## Against 'class'

My name is Chet Churchill and I am a senior at A&M Consolidated High School and I hope to attend A&M next year. Each school has its problems and one of A&M's is Paul Arnett, your sports editor. I used to read his column until the "A&M lacks class" episode.

Everyone is entitled their opinion, that includes Mr. Arnett. But it's pretty bad that the sports editor for the school's newspaper to have about as much spirit as a teasip. The foundations of A&M, the Corps of Cadets and the Fightin' Aggie Band, is a vital focal point of the Univer-sity. Let Mr. Arnett go to Austin & Houston to see his "20th century, well-done halftime shows" . . . I'll be in G. Rollie White during halftime and listen to that 18th century Wabash Cannonball and Jambalaya any ol' night.

- Chet Churchill

## For 'class'

#### Editor:

We only have one question for Michael Murphy, '81. Just how big was the void between your ears when you wrote your letter to the editor in the Batt on Thurs-day? — Russell Allen, '78 Del Holman, '79

## For 'class'

Editor:

I was pleasantly surprised to see the ar-ticle by Paul Arnett in the Batt this week. Mr. Arnett is obviously aware of the fact, as are many students here, that so many archaic traditions don't make TAMU as much unique as they make it a mockery. The vehement opposition to changes, such as with the "band" and cheerleaders, is so intense and inbred that many sectors of this University will always be twenty years behind the times.

I am proud to be an Aggie and don't like to hear unjust criticism. I chose this school to broaden my views as well as my education. But after reading those responses in the Batt, I harbor serious doubts about the ability of some of my fellow Ags of listening to anything but A&M you are perfect and should never change.

I think the word usage of Mr. Arnett was lacking in finesse if he were truly serious. If not serious then a very poor piece of satire, but still and all I got a good laugh out of some of his suggestions. I figure if we can have the Diamond Darlings why not the Gollie Rollie Dollies?

- R. Taylor, '80

## For drill team

#### Editor:

This is in response to Paul Arnett's Feb. 15 article. I disagree with his remarks about the "military look" and the music our band plays, but he is right about one thing — the half time show. The idea of a drill team performing is great. It would give women a way of supporting our team besides just joining in on the yells.

No one objects to the Diamond Darlings. Why should a drill team bother anyone? I see no threat in 10 or 12 women performing a routine for the crowd's entertainment.

As for arguments that a drill squad would make A&M "just like everyone else", there's no way! Our school is so unique that it would take a lot more than half-time performers to make A&M just another college. I support A&M's traditions 100 percent and I wouldn't change any of them, but there's nothing wrong with starting a new tradition. — Sandi Walker, '80

## For dorm cooking

Editor: Ms. Cornelison's article on illegal cooking in the dorms failed to mention a few of the better advantages for not being on the board plan. The most important being that the food the dining halls for the 7-day plan costs about twice as much as it would nor-mally cost. Another is that you can eat at any time you please in the convenience of your own room and that you can eat just about anything you please, a long as you have the means for preparation.

Dr. Powell says that cooking attracts ants Granted, not all modernistic transfor-mations are for the better, but reveling in speaking from experience, the people in

#### **Editor**: Regarding Glenda Shultz' letter on Thursday, Feb. 16: In the last year, Town Hall has never written a letter to The Bat-talion, nor has anyone been authorized to do so on its behalf. As always, anyone interested in discussing the concert business at A&M is welcome to contact me at the Student Programs Office, MSC 216.

- Ray Daniels Town Hall Chairman, '77-'78

### For analysis

#### Editor:

I agree that the Batt owes no apology to Robert Harvey, Vicki Young, or anyone else, for the Feb. 14 article concerning the election of the next student body presi-dent. On the contrary, I thought the article was a rather astute political analysis Liz Newlin obviously did her homework before writing the article, and the result was an interesting and informative explanation of one aspect of the controversy that student government is currently involved in. Keep it up, Liz - most of us need all the analysis of student government we can get.

-Paul Mueller, '78

## For letters

#### **Editor**:

Having just read today's rebuttals I want to express my appreciation to all who write to the editor. Folks, your letters almost always give me a laugh or two. My thanks to all the strategy and rules

experts who enlighten me concerning our athletics. Thanks are also extended to the short-sighted people with traditionitis who believe traditions have existed and will exist forever and ever, AMEN.

Student Government Circus provides its share of amusement, too. With all the hoop-la about GPR requirements I imagine SG is proud to be doing something. Then again sometimes a level-headed exception will write in with praise or criticism well supported (e.g. Becky Matthew's criticism of Robert Harvey's resignation or the letter reminding Ags new and old not to boo referees like some mindless wounded animals

All of these together make this column a real treat. I gleefully await tomorrow's Battalion.

- Chris Lewis, '78

## Green seeks intervention

A lawyer for District Attorney Bill Green in Palestine said he will seek federal court intervention of the disbarment ruling against Green issued by State District Judge Donald Carroll. The State Bar of Texas succeeded in having Green barred from practicing law, and thus considered unqualified to remain as district attorney on ground of public misconduct. Green was convicted of public lewdness after he was arrested in a peep show for performing oral sex with anothe man. The misdemeanor conviction is being appealed. Green has said he was at the site to research pornography. Carroll, who granted a motion by state bar representatives for a directed verdict, excused the 11-member jury hearing the case and issued the disbarment ruling Wednesday.

## WEATHER

Fair and cold today, tonight, and Tuesday. High today low 50s, low tonight mid-20s. High tomorrow mid-40s. Winds at 5-10 mph, becoming northerly and increasing during the night.

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