

# VIEWPOINT

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## Apply A&M talent to school problems

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Texas A&M University is a cauldron of energies and problems. We have thousands of young people with the exuberance of youth. We have tremendous mental faculties, arranged through staff, faculty and students capable of dealing with multiple problems and developing new horizons.

And we have problems. Overcrowding, which has helped produce some of the tensions which we see reflected in the "Letters to the Editor" section of The Battalion every day.

Transportation, which seems to operate (?) as a result of momentum rather than conscious planning. Energy, which has been conceded by the head of the physical plant in a recent article in The Battalion, to be an area, recently given some consideration (although I can't agree with a systems approach that considers operable windows a "step backwards").

We must apply the energies and resources we have to find suitable areas for research and study, there is no place where solutions could be better applied, and how valuable is our expertise to others if we can not solve our own problems. I would like to expand a bit on a few of these problems and offer some possible solutions.

The A&M campus is a vehicular nightmare. Pedestrians, motorcycles, bicycles, cars, trucks and buses curse and crash

each other, trying to maintain their sanity and unity. Motorcyclists, wishing to be respected as motor vehicles, mingle with bicycle traffic and cut to the front of traffic when it suits them; bicyclists play slalom with pedestrians on inner campus walkways; pedestrians yield only to the laws of mass and energy.

### Readers Forum

There has been no attempt to segregate traffic on or off campus. Instead of providing adequate bicycle lanes from all points within a five-mile radius of campus, the city of College Station chose to do away with some of the few bike lanes that existed. The rational bicyclists should ride on the SIDEWALKS!

A recent study done at the behest of the City Council spoke nothing of the need of segregating traffic or encouraging alternative means of transportation.

Some possible solutions. All inner-campus motor vehicular traffic should be banned between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. except for handicapped, service and mass transportation vehicles. This would

limit daytime traffic and parking to peripheral parking areas.

Adequate bicycle lanes on existing roadways both on and off campus should be provided. They should be well marked, well paved, inviolate areas accompanied by strict enforcement of the law as to their use.

Bicycle traffic should be restricted to campus roadways and thus segregated from pedestrian traffic. This would increase the need for adequate parking facilities around campus. The University should encourage and increase the means of mass transportation.

The number of single passenger vehicles driven to campus daily would make an oil man smile. Perhaps existing parking areas should be gradually eliminated to increase the use of mass transportation, and open these areas to other uses.

The University is a tremendous energy consumer and some steps are being taken to control it. The article in The Battalion by the physical plant manager pointed this out. But there are things we all could do to help. Some of the measures mentioned in regard to alleviating the transportation problem would help.

One of the most obvious sources of energy conservation that could be employed would be the recycling of aluminum cans. Although this would not affect the consumption of energy at the physical plant, it is a way of conserving the

energy and resources of our entire environment, and it would be rather simple.

Thousands of aluminum cans are discarded daily on this campus. If, by each concession area, there was a receptacle for aluminum cans, I feel sure the vast majority of Aggies would use them. This could be a club project, and the profits from the sale of the aluminum cans could be a source of revenue (the A&M radio station might look into this).

But even with no formal system of collection, I feel sure that the cans would be removed. There are already people on campus involved in collecting cans. Would it be very difficult to make it easier for them, recycling the aluminum and cutting down on the amount of refuse that has to be removed?

These are some of my ideas concerning these problems. Whether good or bad, the problems can't be denied. The lack of thoughtful alternatives is disturbing, the resources to create those alternatives exists herein the students, staff, faculty and their departments. We should work together and solve them.

I offer a free football game ticket to any of the remaining home games to the person offering the best solution to these problems. Limit, 1 ticket per home game.

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## Presidential memorabilia

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WASHINGTON — Presidential libraries seem to acquire some of the flavor and character of the president they honor.

Franklin Roosevelt's library, on his stately family homestead at Hyde Park, N.Y., reflects the patrician president and the country house life that he grew up in.

Until shortly before his death, the down-to-earth former haberdasher Harry Truman reported to work every day at his library in his hometown of Independence, Mo., and loved taking visitors on tours.

Lyndon Johnson built his Texas-sized library at Austin, Texas. Eight stories high, it draws more tourists in the Southwest than any site except the Alamo.

On the grounds of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library at his birthplace in Abilene, Kan., is the Eisenhower home, a simple, boxy structure, typical of the Midwest, where Eisenhower and his five brothers grew to manhood.

All told, the six presidential libraries drew 1,623,245 visitors last year. Johnson's outdrew all others, with 656,654 visitors.

Here's a rundown on the existing presidential libraries — and four in the planning stages:

Rutherford B. Hayes — Opened in 1916 and operated by the Ohio Historical Society and the Hayes Foundation at Fremont, Ohio, Hayes' birthplace, it is the only one not run by the government. It is a center for the study of the Reconstruction period in U.S. history.

Herbert Hoover — After the Franklin Roosevelt Library was opened, Hoover's papers were moved from Stanford University to a library and museum erected at his birthplace, West Branch, Iowa. On the grounds, too, is the cottage where Hoover was born and a replica of the blacksmith shop his father operated.

Franklin D. Roosevelt — FDR, an amateur historian, established the federal presidential library system at his family home after consulting with historians Charles A. Beard and Samuel Eliot Morison. Among his papers are his penciled designs for the building. An annex honors his wife's humanitarian projects.

Harry Truman — In a replica of the Oval Office, visitors hear a tape recording made by the former president describing the aspects of his job. An imposing fireplace mantel, removed from the White House during a renovation ordered by

Truman, carries these words written by President John Adams: "I Pray Heaven to Bestow the Best of Blessings on This House and All that shall hereafter Inhabit it. May none but Honest and Wise Men ever rule under This Roof."

Dwight D. Eisenhower — In addition to the library and family home are a chapel where Ike is buried and a museum housing 22,000 mementos of his military career, including cases full of foreign decorations. A 1914 electric automobile, owned by Eisenhower's in-laws, is also on display.

Lyndon B. Johnson — Built on the University of Texas campus, it is the biggest presidential library, holding 35 million pages of documents and such memorabilia as the dresses Lynda and Luci Johnson wore at their weddings and another Oval Office replica. The library is an hour's drive away from the LBJ Ranch, his boyhood home and his birthplace and the LBJ State Park, where bison still roam.

Gerald R. Ford — It will be built on the University of Michigan campus at Ann Arbor, Ford's alma mater, with a museum to be built in his hometown of Grand Rapids.

John F. Kennedy — Ground was broken in 1977 for a library overlooking Boston Harbor on the campus of the University of Massachusetts because of a dispute over building it at Harvard, his alma mater. Completion of the I.M. Pei designed museum and library is expected by late 1979 or early 1980. In the meantime, Kennedy papers are available to researchers at a federal building in Waltham, Mass.

Richard Nixon — Although plans were announced before Nixon resigned for a presidential library at the University of Southern California campus, no funds have been raised and nothing done for years about planning the library. Congress passed a law in 1974 seizing his papers and ordering that they be kept in Washington. It would have to be repealed or amended for them to be transferred to California.

Jimmy Carter — President Carter, who pleased archivists by carefully preserving his papers when he was governor of Georgia, already has announced he will give his papers to the government for a library presumably to be built in Georgia. Three staff members of the National Archives work in the White House advising aides what papers to preserve for the historical record.

## Slouch by Jim Earle



"I DON'T CARE WHAT TH' BICYCLE EXPERTS SAY, I'D RAISE MY HANDLEBARS AND LOWER MY SEAT!"

### Letters to the Editor

## Sing both verses

Editor: We are acutely aware of all Aggie traditions and are proud to uphold them. We are also proud of our great university and especially of our fighting Aggie team.

However, we are confused. Do we play t.u. each and every week? This seems to be indicated by our singing only the second verse (Did you know there was a first?) of the Aggie War Hymn at every game. Yes, we do desire to beat the hell out of t.u., but the first verse of our war hymn seems more appropriate for other games.

Since the song is always played for two verses, why concentrate on t.u. both times? We vote for singing both verses and ending with "Saw Varsity's Horns Off!"

I think most Aggies are intelligent enough to remember both verses. Those who are unable may suggest we take a trip up Highway 6. But if you can't even remember 10 lines of music, you'll probably be making that trip before we do.

Go Aggies. Beat the hell outta the Baylor Bears!

— Robert Brooks, '80  
J. Gregg Holcomb, '81  
Betty Corley, '82

P.S. Both verses are printed in "The Saturday Aggie Game."

### Clear the way

Editor: Could somebody do something about some of the bicycles blocking entrance to the MSC.

If you park your bike at the MSC, please consider "the other guy" and park it somewhere besides in the walkways.

— Martin Brinck, '79

### Give Beutel credit

Editor: Since the beginning of this semester, I have heard nothing but criticism about the Beutel Health Center. Fellow students have told tales of five-hour waits and long lines to see & doctor. After hearing these tales of horror, the mere thought of getting sick terrified me.

Last week, I got sick for the first time this semester. My roommate told me I should go to the health center and see a doctor, but I sure didn't want to wait in line for any five hours. After taking my temperature and finding I had a fever of 102 degrees, I had no other alternative but to go to the health center.

To make a long story short, I waited only one hour to see a doctor. Since that time, I have been back to Beutel twice and have had waits of 48 minutes and 33 minutes, respectively. All of you people spreading these tales of long waits need to find out the facts before spreading the tales. I think we have an excellent facility in the health center and we Ags should respect it.

After one visit to Beutel you have gotten your \$15 worth and more. Anyone who has visited the health center will know what I'm talking about. I don't think this prob-

lem is a serious one, but I do think it's about time we started showing a little respect for the health center and its staff.

— Mike Smith, '82

### We're all Ags

Editor: I have never written a "Letter to the Editor" during my previous years as a student at Texas A&M but one letter (refer to article by Mr. Scott Lane, Oct. 9) really tickled me off. There are a few things included in that letter that I would like to explore.

I was very disappointed at the actions of some students (C.T.s as well as non-regs) during our recent Corps run. But this is behind us now and I hope, for the good of all, incidents like those will never happen again. In addition, I was very happy to see a group of civilian students yelling good things to members of the Corps like "good bull," "Gig 'em Ags," etc. To me, this was "good bull."

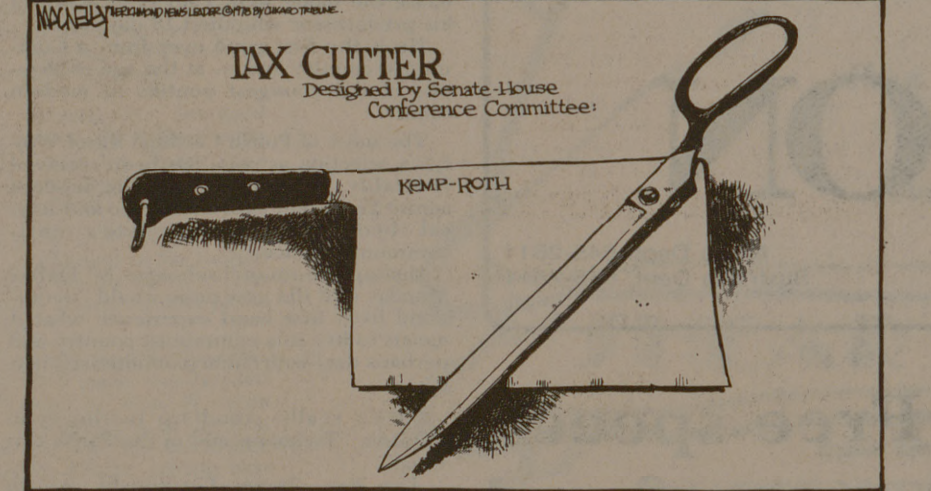
It showed Aggies backing Aggies. I would also like to state that members of the Corps and civilian students have been making diligent efforts to better the relations between C.T.s and non-regs throughout the year. Remember, we are all AGGIES.

Also, a Corps run serves more purposes than just to show off. First, a Corps run gives the Corps as well as each individual outfit a feeling of unity. Second, it gives freshmen, who at this point in the year are feeling the "crunch" of being a fish in the Corps, a chance to be side-by-side with upperclassmen and it lets them unwind from the previous weekly activities. Third, and to me the most important, a Corps run is very motivating. It is really an excellent way to start an exciting football weekend. You really can't realize how stimulating one can feel after running around our beautiful campus as a unified organization.

May I also say that the majority of the members of the Corps are not here to "play army." If you will check the records A&M has produced a vast number of highly qualified officers and they still are. Members of the Corps always rank among the highest during camps held by the Armed Forces each summer. Cadets from all over the nation participate in these camps. This proves the Corps is still serving a purpose. That purpose is providing strong leadership material for our national defense.

The last thing I would like to point out concerning Mr. Lane's letter is that I chose to be a member of the Corps. And I am very proud of my choice. Civilian students choose to be civilians and I know they are proud of their choice. But let's not let our pride of being C.T.s or non-regs get in the way of our pride in being AGGIES. Instead of working against one another, why not work together? Remember in 20 years when we meet in the business world our college days will be far behind. But if we work as the AGGIES before we have worked and keep the great image that A&M has today we can still be proud of being AGGIES!

— James K. (Red) Brown, '80



## TOP OF THE NEWS CAMPUS

### Women report assaults at A&M

Two women recently reported they were assaulted by a man on a bicycle, on the Texas A&M University campus. One woman said her breast was grabbed by a cyclist in front of Frances Hall at 10:20 p.m. last Thursday. The husband of the Texas A&M co-ed said his wife told him what had happened and that they returned to campus to try to find the cyclist. The man said he and his wife saw the man in front of the Academic Building on a 10-speed bicycle and called to him. The husband said when the cyclist saw his wife, the cyclist rode off. The husband described the man as being between 5 feet, 10 inches and 6 feet, 1 inch, with reddish blond hair, slender, medium build and weighing about 160. Tom Parsons, director of security and traffic safety, said the couple should have reported directly to the University Police instead of scaring the cyclist away, then calling the police. Police reports say another woman was grabbed by her left breast by a cyclist who rode by her at 8:30 p.m. Sept. 29.

### Election for off-campus reps

Off-Campus Student Association representative elections will be held on Oct. 26, along with freshman student elections. Filing will continue daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in rooms 216 A and B of the Memorial Student Center. There are openings for 22 representatives in the Off-Campus Student Association. The deadline for filing is Wednesday. All off-campus students are urged to vote in the election.

### Student senate positions open

The student senate has the following positions open to candidates: senior in the College of Agriculture, graduate in the College of Engineering, graduate in the College of Liberal Arts, representative for Walton-McInnis-Schumacher-Cain-Hotard, graduate off-campus representative and senior in the College of Education. Applications will be accepted through Friday, and may be picked up and turned in in Room 216 of the Memorial Student Center.

## LOCAL

### Performances to benefit KAMU

Two performing arts groups in Bryan-College Station have scheduled performances during October to benefit KAMU, Texas A&M University's educational and public broadcasting network. Both StageCenter, Bryan-College Station's community theater group, and the Bryan-College Station Chamber Orchestra will hold performances to benefit the station, which is currently involved in a fund raising drive that must yield \$29,500 by Aug. 31, 1979, in order to keep the FM radio portion of the station on the air. StageCenter will present a special performance of "6 Rms Riv Vu" on Wednesday at the theater, located at South College Avenue and Villa Maria Road in Bryan. The show will begin at 8 p.m. with tickets in the form of a \$3 tax deductible donation to KAMU-FM. The Bryan-College Station Chamber Orchestra's first performance of the year, scheduled for next Monday at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater, will cost \$1 for students and \$2.50 for adults with all proceeds going to KAMU-FM.

## STATE

### Evacuation after tank derailment

A tank car containing hexane, a highly flammable chemical, derailed Monday in Beaumont. Citizens within a 1,500 foot radius of the train were evacuated due to a leak of the chemical. No injuries were reported. Hexane is a colorless volatile substance chemically similar to paraffin. Authorities evacuated a five-block area near downtown and began rerouting traffic. The Department of Public Safety also supplied officers to help at the scene and traffic barriers were erected as Beaumont firemen hosed down the railroad car.

### Tower cancels TV appearance

Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, has cancelled four joint television appearances with Democratic challenger Rep. Bob Krueger because of what an aide said are mudslinging and gutter-type campaign tactics by Krueger. Ken Towery, campaign manager for Tower, objected specifically to distribution by the Krueger campaign of a column by Tom Anderson published in the Karnes City Citation in which Anderson referred to a senator who he said "ranks high in the U.S. Senate and low in the ranks of nice women who avoid getting on Senate elevators along with him." It also suggested the senator told escorts in a town where he made a speech to "Get me a fifth of whiskey and a woman." The Tower campaign included a copy of the column along with a news release announcing the senator's cancellation of the television appearances. "Note that Senator Tower's name is not mentioned in the column, yet the Krueger campaign has chosen to make this into a personal attack on the senator," Towery said.

## WORLD

### CAR members clash with KKK

A scheduled anti-busing rally sponsored by the Ku Klux Klan in Boston turned into an ugly confrontation Sunday as rocks and bricks thrown by anti-klan demonstrators injured at least two people. The clash began as the two KKK officers, Imperial Wizard Bill Wilkinson of Louisiana and Grand Dragon Douglas Coen of Mississippi, started to put on their hoods and some of the 60 demonstrators from the Coalition Against Racism started to throw rocks and bricks. Eight men and one woman — members of the CAR — were arrested by police following the 20 minute skirmish near City Hall Plaza. All awaited arraignment Monday on various assault charges including assault and battery, assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon, assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon on a police officer and disorderly conduct.

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