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Roommate sufferings

Roommates. They can be good, bad, friends, enemies — you name it. Sunday night one Battalion reader came in with his girlfriend, anxious to let it all out about his roommate. He asked for his name to not appear on his letter to the editor, against the Battalion's general policy of using a name with each letter.

In all fairness to the "roommate" and the writer — the letter needed to be shared for the benefit of Battalion readers:

Editor:

With the end of another semester a new one on the horizon, many students are plagued with the prospect of finding roommates for the upcoming semester. Having suffered through this dilemma, I have found that there is almost always one roommate that spoils the unity of the entire household. Here are just a few examples of bothersome habits which my "one" roommate has done to divide the unity of rest of us strive so hard for.

Once a day, he brushes his teeth in an unusual manner. He starts out in the bathroom then proceeds to waltz around the living room and dining room flinging toothpaste everywhere. (I can assure you that a toothpaste sandwich isn't too appealing.)

He never helps clean the apartment since he claims he never causes it to become dirty. When the need arises for a common necessity of life (like toilet paper), he will only pay half of his share since he believes he only uses half as much toilet paper.

Likewise, he will only pay a prorated share of the cable TV bill depending on the number of hours he watches it a month.

Finally, the last and probably worst trait is his apparent ability to lie. For instance his stories include:

—While in Korea, he was a record-breaking football quarterback, receiver, running back, place kicker, linebacker, and not to mention, head coach.

—He was an award-winning professional photographer with one of "Korea's" biggest newspapers.

—He's also a gifted rock and roll drummer who not only has a 53 piece drum set "back home" but also cut half a dozen hit albums with an up-and-coming band last summer.

Let me conclude by saying, be careful choosing a roommate or you may end up despising a human being as I have.

—Name withheld by request

Tuition bill unfair to graduate students

By BOBBY PARKER

As many of you are aware, there is now a bill in committee in Austin concerning foreign student tuition presented by Bryan's Sen. William Moore. One section of this bill, which has received little attention in the press, proposes to triple resident graduate tuition at all state colleges and universities.

Resident graduate student tuition would be raised to \$12 per semester credit hour from the present \$4 rate. Non-resident graduate tuition would be unchanged at \$40 per credit hour. Alien student tuition would be dramatically increased from \$40 to \$75 per semester hour.

Considered at an average of 12 credit hours per semester, this would amount to \$144 in graduate tuition charges per semester as opposed to the present minimum rate of \$50 for Texas residents. As presented, this bill gives no background into the reasoning behind this proposed increase.

Upon inquiring to Sen. Moore and expressing concern, I received a very informative letter.

The following statements were presented by the senator:

—Traditionally, the distribution of the total economic costs associated with higher education has been divided with roughly one-third of the costs borne by the individual (parents and students) and two-thirds by the public (government agencies and philanthropy).

—In Texas, tuition income per FTE (Full Time Equivalent) student accounts for only 5.8 percent of the net General Revenue Appropriation per FTE. At Texas A&M, the average tuition revenue per FTE student in 1979 is \$162, while the state appropriation per FTE student is \$2,308.

—Nationally, between 1970 and 1978, tuition and fees increased \$67.7 for state resident undergraduates and \$91.1 for non-resident undergraduates. This compares with a \$67.7 increase in the Consumer Price Index during the same period.

In contrast, resident tuition at public colleges and universities in Texas remained substantially unchanged for more than 20 years while the general level of incomes has experienced significant increases during this same period. In 1977-78, Texas ranked 45th among the 50 states in terms of tuition and fees for resident students.

I think that the proposed bill allows for no change in the present tuition rate of resident undergraduates. Senator Moore feels that tuition increases at the graduate level are generally considered preferable to increases for undergraduate students for several reasons:

—The cost of graduate education is estimated to be approximately three times as expensive as undergraduate instruction.

—A current study of doctoral supply/demand in the South by the Southern Regional Education Board projects a \$38 surplus of new Ph.D.'s who will not find employment in the academic labor market between 1961 and 1986.

—Graduate students are generally considered to be afforded greater opportunities to support themselves through

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teaching or research assistantships, fellowships and other means than are undergraduate students.

I think that any of us could find a number of problems in this line of reasoning. As graduate students we know our worth to our institution and to our individual departments, in terms of classroom instruction and in terms of inexpensive research labor.

We also know what our personal financial responsibilities are. The typical graduate student is paying his own way through school. Many have family responsibilities, and that additional \$94 each semester can take a chunk out of any grocery budget.

If you are a Texas resident and concerned, and would like to make your voice heard, write to your home district state senator. Or write Sen. Moore about Senate Bill 396.

William T. Moore, Senator
Post Office Box 12069
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

Invest 15 cents to save \$94! We hope it isn't too late for you to make your feelings known!

Bobby Parker is president of the Graduate Student Council at Texas A&M and a graduate student in educational administration.

TOP OF THE NEWS CAMPUS

Board plan installment due Friday

The third installment board payment for the 1979 spring semester is due Friday. The bill is \$162.25 for the Seven-Day Board Plan and \$145.45 for the Five-Day plan. Students may pay at the Fiscal Office in the Richard Coke or the Cashier's Office in the main lobby of the Rudder Center.

Regents' committees meet today

Regents for the Texas A&M University System began committee meetings this morning on campus. Today they are scheduled to consider bids for new married student apartments and other projects. One subject not on their agenda but probably on their minds is finding a replacement for former Chancellor Jack K. Williams. He resigned Jan. 23 at the last board meeting. Clyde H. Wells, board president and acting chancellor, said he would appoint a search committee to fill the position, but no action has been taken yet.

STATE

UH will sue investment firm

The University of Houston has filed a suit accusing a New Jersey brokerage firm of cooperating with a fired university financial analyst to cheat the institution out of \$700,000. The state court suit filed Friday accuses Bevil, Bresler & Schulman Inc. of Newark of improperly collecting fees on securities bought by the university and splitting the fees with the analyst, Samuel Harwell, between 1975 and 1977. Harwell is serving a federal prison term for fraud in connection with his handling of UH investments. Officials have estimated Harwell's improper trading in securities of the Government National Mortgage Association, considered too risky for university investment, cost the institution \$14.6 million. Spokesmen for the firm were not immediately available for comment.

Proposed raise too small — teachers

The Texas State Teachers Association has sent Gov. Bill Clements a telegram complaining of "shabby treatment" because Clements supports smaller pay raises than the teachers want. The telegram, prepared at the organization's 100th annual convention Saturday, complained the 5.1 percent annual raises Clements proposed would "cause teachers to fall further behind a 9 percent inflation rate. We have subsidized state government for too long," the telegram said. "We can no longer put up with shabby treatment." TSTA has demanded pay raises that would lift Texas some \$2,065 to the national average level of teacher pay in four years. Texas currently ranks 33rd among the states.

NATION

Mistrial declared in Newton case

The murder trial of Black Panther co-founder Huey P. Newton ended in a mistrial Saturday with a deadlocked jury that voted 10-2 in favor of acquittal. Prosecutor Tom Orloff said he did not know if he will ask for a retrial. However, he said if there is a second trial he would have time to investigate some defense testimony. Newton had predicted the mistrial Saturday when he arrived in court. Newton's attorney, Michael Kennedy, said a second trial would be a waste of the taxpayer's money. The two jurors who voted for conviction, he said, "represent fear and loathing in Oakland." In the trial, Michelle Jenkins, 21, a former prostitute, first testified she saw Newton shoot Kathleen Smith, 17, the victim, in the face on a street corner Aug. 6, 1974, in a fit of anger at her failure to recognize him. But Jenkins later took the stand as a defense witness and recanted her testimony, saying she had been pressured into it by police.

Carter is peace prize nominee

President Carter is among this year's Nobel Peace Prize candidates, the director of the Nobel Institute said Saturday. Jacob Sverdrup, director of the Nobel Institute, said Carter was proposed last year after the Feb. 1 nomination deadline and "this means he is automatically among the candidates this year." Sverdrup did not disclose who had nominated Carter but said the American president had been proposed by "several persons since he was first nominated last year."

WORLD

Italy's new leader suffers stroke

A stroke that left Deputy Premier Ugo La Malfa in a coma Saturday confronted Italy's 4-day-old government with a major crisis even before it can ask the Senate's unlikely approval. Not only was La Malfa Premier Giulio Andreotti's top economic adviser, but replacing him will pose almost insurmountable problems of political balance in a cabinet whose days politicians say are numbered. The 75-year-old Republican Party president, one of Italy's most respected politicians, suffered a brain hemorrhage during the night and doctors said they feared permanent cerebral damage.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warm. High today 79 and a low of 53. Winds will be S-S.E. at 10-15 mph.

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What price eloquence?

By DICK WEST

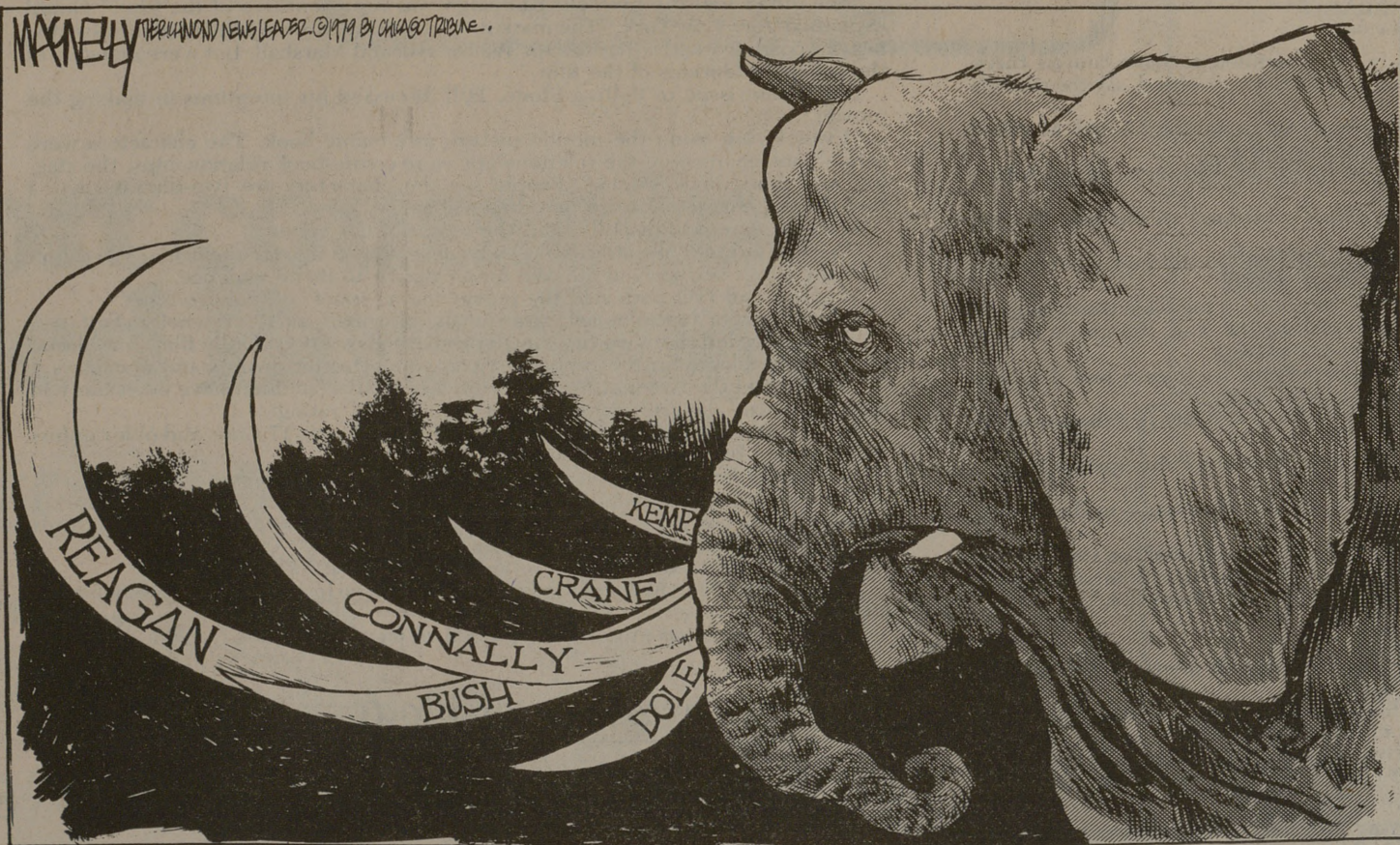
WASHINGTON — Despite television, all channels open, spewing forth 24 hours a day. Despite movies, quantitatively and perhaps qualitatively unequalled. Despite concerts and sporting events from sea to shining sea. Despite all of these and other attractions stretching as far as the eye can see, many Americans will pay good money to hear a senator speak.

The ability to command handsome honorariums, as lecture fees or called in Cap-Cant, the lingo of Capitol Hill, was what recently prompted the Senate to retain the present \$25,000 limit on outside earnings.

The maximum had been scheduled to drop to \$8,265 this year, but ere the ceiling closed in, the old lid was renewed for four more years.

That substantial numbers of people pay to be addressed by senators suggests that their oratorical level is rising. Yet jour-

"Check."
"And isn't he the ranking member of the subcommittee that handles legislation relating to imported boar bristles?"
"Check."
"I'd love to hear him speak," the chairman says. "Is \$2,500 too small a fee for a speaker of his caliber?"
"I wouldn't be so crass as to offer a senator a lecture fee, but I'm sure McBosh would appreciate a small honorarium, say about \$5,000. With that bill to restrict boar bristle imports coming up this year, we'll need all the eloquence we can get."



Letters to the Editor

Anderson article exaggerated, biased

Editor:
I read with dismay the blown-up account of the Waggie situation in Jack Anderson's recent column. It is this debacle which finally compels me in my last year in the Corps to speak out on this matter.

For the past several years I have kept an open mind about this controversy. In spite of some people's actions, I have always treated the female cadets with respect and kindness, regardless of whether or not I agreed with their beliefs.

During the past four years, I have seen the general attitude in the Corps toward them progress from extremely negative to one of general acceptance. Most Waggies now freely socialize and even date within the Corps.

In spite of this improvement, Melanie Zentgraf has seen fit to resurrect these bad feelings by her involvement with the Anderson editorial — to the embarrassment of many of her fellow Waggies.

Anderson's hatchet-job was full of exaggerations and its one-sidedness is particularly disturbing. The folks who toss garbage in the women's dorm are the isolated minority — hooligans will be hooligans — and no amount of rules cure that. Practically every male cadet who has been in the Corps for a while has been the

victim of manure or water poured outside his door and it is very often not done in fun. The use of physical violence against the females is unthinkable in the Corps and reports of these threats are probably more hot air than substance.

From a first-hand point of view, the "relentless hectoring" (whatever that is) of Miss Zentgraf is largely the result of her own militancy and is not experienced by the typical Waggie, as charged by Anderson.

Anderson's column is entirely partial and probably based on only one person's account. Why didn't he even send a reporter here to gather all the facts? By his article, Anderson apparently does not even realize that Texas A&M has a Corps — not just an ordinary ROTC unit.

The Anderson story certainly did not help anything or anyone — including Miss Zentgraf and her cause. Its gooey, mudslinging content served only to bring national dishonor upon Texas A&M. Its major impact will be to stir up more hatred and investigations and misunderstanding.

No amount of regulations will force unwilling male cadets to vote Waggies into their organizations. But the Waggies who quietly continue to work hard and gain the permanent respect of the Corps will find

that their labor will pay off.
Let's hope this nasty mess has not made all of their hard work in vain.
—Larry Chek, '79

Grads good profs

Editor:
In regard to some recent controversy surrounding the qualifications of theology and economics teachers, I would like to comment. Granted, ministers are very well qualified to preach religion; not all may be as qualified to teach the subject without a certain amount of bias involved.

As far as graduate students in economics teaching undergraduate courses, I am in Economics 203 and even though the teacher can not spell as well as he should, his knowledge of economics is quite extensive and his teaching skills are very effective.

A teacher of an undergraduate course should not only have a thorough understanding of the course material, but also a good rapport with his students and the ability to approach the subject from a relatively unbiased point of view.
—Chuck Mullin, '80

Correction

An article appearing in Thursday's Top of the News column was inadvertently headlined "New band leaders chosen." Actually, only two of the eleven cadets listed will head band units next year.

Other cadets and the units they will command are Dale Harbour, First Battalion; Jerry Ellington, Second Battalion; Ken Jones, Third Battalion; John Sneed, Fourth Battalion; Kevin Udell, Fifth Battalion; Tim Ferree, Sixth Battalion; David Hagan, First Group; Dan Hughes, Second Group; Terrell Pruet, Third Group; Tom Rheinlander, Artillery Band; and Tim Gaitner, Infantry Band.
The Battalion regrets the error.