

# VIEWPOINT

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# TOP OF THE NEWS CAMPUS

Austin, German photos win

Student photographers from West Germany and Austin won top prizes in Texas A&M University's Salon '79 photo contest. Seventeen Sam Houston State University students won 31 of 66 place ribbons. Texas A&M claimed 15 ribbons, East Texas State and three West German students, 9 each. Lynn Dobson, University of Texas at Austin, and Beate Buesching, 18-year-old high school student of Frankfurt, won best-of-show honors in color and black-and-white photography, respectively. They will receive plaques and \$50 cash prize. Winning prints went on exhibit Monday in the Memorial Student Center gallery. They will be shown through April 22.

## STATE

### Wired trash can kills 4-year-old

A Kerrville man who wired electric wires to his garbage cans to keep dogs from scattering his trash has been charged with the electrocution of a 4-year-old neighborhood boy. The child, Travis Lloyd Ray, was electrocuted Sunday when he touched a bicycle leaning against the garbage cans belonging to Vernon Houston Smith, 35. Smith, a service station operator, was charged with murder and released on a \$10,000 bond.

### Bill allows cancer info collection

The Texas House Tuesday passed a bill to establish a statewide cancer registry system which would allow the Texas Department of Health to collect statistical information on the occurrence of the disease in the state. "Cancer is the second leading cause of death in our state and a cancer registry system is a vital necessity," said the bill's sponsor, Rep. Betty Denton, D-Waco. Denton said researchers for the system will collect data on cancer diagnosis, survival rates and methods of treatment, and provide the information to physicians and hospitals. She said the bill includes safeguards to protect the confidentiality of patient identities.

### Texas a cold, wet state Tuesday

A spring storm dumped snow over the Texas Panhandle early Tuesday and returned rain to an already drenched state. The rainfall was light for the most part, but with the state's rivers and tributaries — particularly those in southeast sections of Texas — already near flood stage, the National Weather Service issued flash flood warnings for numerous southeast Texas counties. Drizzle and fog were reported over much of the state and rainstorms were forming over the southeast. Wind was generally easterly at 5 to 10 miles an hour except 15 to 20 in portions of the Panhandle, said the weather service, which reported temperatures ranging from near freezing in the northwestern Panhandle to near 50 at Dallas-Fort Worth, the upper 50s at Houston and near 70 in the lower Rio Grande Valley.

## NATION

### 'Aunt Jemima' dies of heart attack

A memorial service will be held in Morristown, N.J., Saturday for Ethel Ernestine Harper, known to millions of Americans as Aunt Jemima, who died last week of a heart attack. Harper, who was in her late 70s, was driving along South Street when she was struck. Her love was familiar to millions of Americans for a series of commercials in which she played Aunt Jemima for the Quaker Oats Co. She is survived by a nephew and a sister-in-law, both in Birmingham, Ala. The memorial service is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Saturday in Morristown.

### 2 blackouts in 2 days for Boston

Underground cable fires Tuesday forced Boston Edison to cut power to 30,000 residents of the city's Back Bay, one hour after electricity was restored to the area that has suffered two major blackouts in as many days. Lights flickered for an hour in the downtown neighborhood but just after 10 a.m., the utility cut power to the expensive turn-of-the-century brownstones and high-rises that dominate the area. Priscilla Korella, a spokeswoman for Boston Edison, said power would not be restored to the affected area until early today. The blackout area, covering 12 city blocks and including the city's largest hotels, has been hit with two massive power outages since Sunday.

## WORLD

### Truce signed, Iranian battle ends

Turkoman tribesmen yielded to the new Islamic government's military might and agreed to end a bloody eight-day battle for autonomy but sources said the shaky truce might still collapse. Turkoman representatives in the northeastern city of Gombad-e Qaboos signed a four-point truce agreement Monday with the army, which had threatened to bring in tanks, armored cars and troop reinforcements to subdue them. Tehran Radio said under the truce terms, the tribesmen — who besieged residential buildings, factories and police posts — would release their hostages and hand over control of the city to the army. In return, Turkoman prisoners would be released and their wounded treated at city hospitals.

## WEATHER

There is a cold front moving through College Station causing overcast skies with decreasing cloudiness this afternoon. High today low 70's and a low in the mid 40's. Winds are northerly at 10-15 mph.

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## Reader's Forum

### Class gift no waste

By PAUL A. GULIG

I appreciate Mr. Pendleton's concern for the decision of the Class '80 to give a statue of E. King Gill to the university. However, I do not believe that his statements deserve to be placed in a column labeled "Reflections," for they surely do not reflect any serious, objective thought.

In the first place, the gift is more than a statue being thrown into a field like so many other ones haphazardly placed in the university. The gift is being planned with the administration in conjunction with a beautification and randscaping of the area between Kyle Field and Joe Routh Street.

The statue will blend into the surrounding scenery to add aesthetic value and spirit to the atmosphere. I agree that many gifts do not seem to have been planned very well — that is why the class of '80 has taken many pains to ensure that its gift will not cause future problems.

I agree with Mr. Pendleton that Gill probably would have laughed at the idea of having a statue made to honor him. After all, how was he to know that his action on Jan. 1, 1922 would spark a tradition and spirit at Texas A&M that would give this school national, if not international, fame. Just this year other schools copied our Twelfth Man tradition. I believe that a man who has contributed as much to the making of this school as Gill deserves to be honored.

If Mr. Pendleton still cannot see past his limited views to allow gifts to be given that are only "useful" perhaps he should consider this. There is a feeling among some university officials and former students that this campus is lacking in both display and support of the arts. I believe that a good statue, if properly planned and constructed, can greatly add to the artistic and cultural atmosphere of the campus. If Mr. Pendleton is narrow-minded enough to believe that art and culture are useless, then I feel sorry for him.

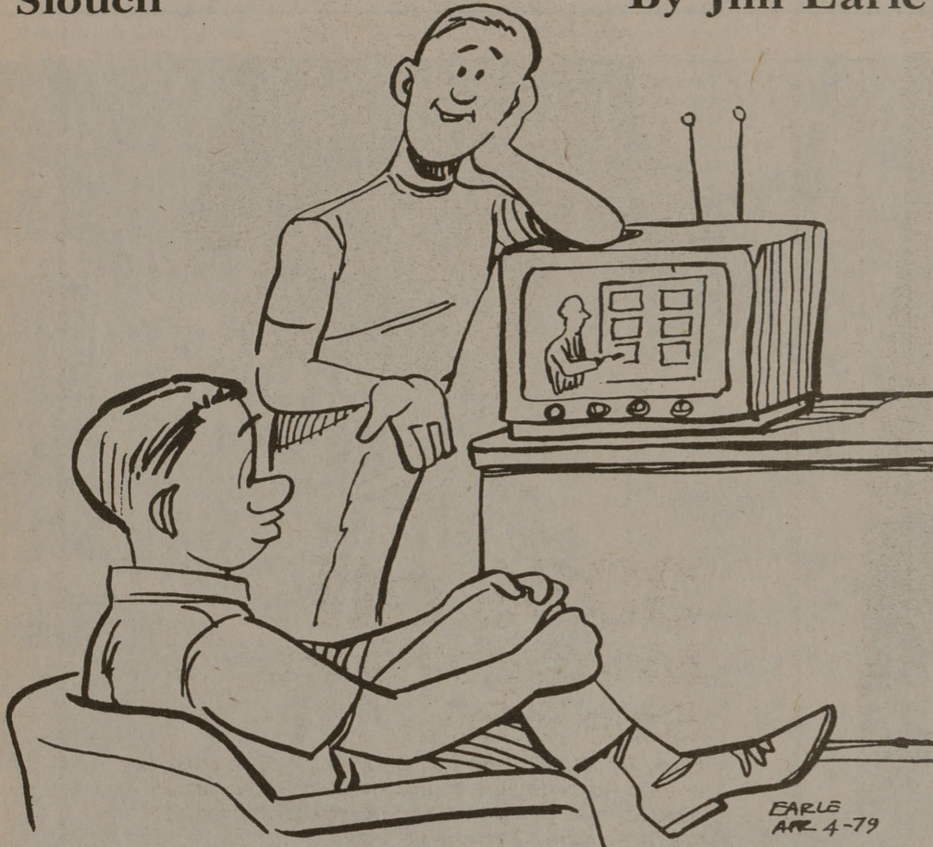
If Mr. Pendleton insists on usefulness, about one-fourth of the cost of the project will be used to place two sidewalks over existing pathways worn through the grass.

I prefer not to answer Mr. Pendleton's charges that the class is giving the statue only to show the University "what good A&M the class members are." If he truly believes what he said (it surely made a good sensational accusation) then I can only look down upon him for the darkness and mistrust he finds in his heart.

Paul A. Gulig is a junior at Texas A&M and gift committee chairman for the Class of '80.

## Slouch

By Jim Earle



"HOW DOES THIS STRIKE YOU? NEXT YEAR WE AUCTION OFF A WATERFIGHT WITH OUR OUTFIT AT THE TAMU AUCTION?"

## Consider your choices

Signs, leaflets and more signs. It looks like a miniature billboard convention. Classic spring election time at A&M.

This week students are bombarded with slogans, speeches and told every possible reason why they should vote for someone most have never met.

The elections are one big bore to some Texas A&M students. And because they probably don't personally know all the candidates, it takes a little effort to find out something about them.

But campus elections deserve a second look — they may affect you more than you believe.

The students who are elected may vote next year to change where you get to park your car, sit at football games or if there'll be an intra-campus shuttle to your west campus classes.

They go to meetings with the Texas A&M president, are asked to speak on student opinion, and meet with visiting politicians.

Each spring, they decide how your \$35 or so in student service fees should be distributed.

Yell leaders' actions on the field can embarrass Texas A&M and bring it shame. Or bring it pride.

The same holds true for the other campus races. Students owe it to themselves to take a look at who these candidates really are — whether they represent the leaders this student body needs.

If you want to complain later, prepare to vote now. K. T.

## Letters to the Editor

### Parking ills? Don't drive

Editor: This is in reference to the letter about the parking sticker dilemma. There is a simple solution to this problem as well as the problems of the shuttle bus system, traffic, and the towing away of unauthorized parked cars. The solution — close the campus.

This will be a shock to those persons who love to drive on campus just to stop every 25 yards and those at the university who try to make everywhere on campus convenient to everyone. Also this proposal will probably infuriate the University police department because of the loss in revenue from selling parking stickers. I just wonder how many parking stickers are bought each semester that are not used or very rarely used?

Only those who could show justification as to the necessity of their parking on campus would be issued a parking permit. If someone could show this justification, they would be issued a permit to enter at a certain gate and exit at the same gate. Since only those who had a permit to get on campus could get on campus. Everyone else would have to walk, ride a bicycle, or ride the shuttle bus.

The revenue from the sale of shuttle bus passes could finance a more dependable and efficient shuttle bus system on campus. Those who ride bicycles or walk could do so without the fear of being run over. Also since only those persons with permits could even get on campus, there would be no need to tow away any cars. (Since demand for wreckers will decrease there will be no justification for their price increases).

Of course, those who are not on a shuttle bus route could drive to campus but would park in the now undesirable parking lots (those lots located across Wellborn Road and on the outskirts of the campus). Dependable, efficient shuttle buses would pick them up and take them to campus.

This is a problem that is more serious than just being inconvenienced to get to class or to work. It is a national problem. Before the 1970s this country could afford to drive right up to their offices or classes, but now we can't.

Someone must start conservation. I would hope that the administrators, faculty, staff and students of this institution of higher education would recognize the problem and have enough sense to do something about it.

—Mary B. Stroud, 81  
Staff of Veterinary Public Health

### Arabs not blameless

Editor: I don't know if Mr. Qawasmis really believes the propaganda he has regurgitated in his comments on the Middle East (Bat-

## Jewish nation real issue

By ROBERT S. WHITE

The "Readers Forum" article, "Palestinians' Rights" by Qussama H. Qawasmis, supposedly provided a basis for the Arabs to not accept the Camp David peace agreement. But I find it necessary to throw more light on the documented facts about the conflict referred to and point out the one-sided half-truths which some people have tried to pass off as the complete truth.

Mr. Qawasmis would have the reader believe that the central issue in the Middle East crisis to be the issue of Palestinian national rights. He refers to the expulsion of "an indigenous Arab population" by the Jewish immigrants through the use of "Israeli terrorism, sporadic invasions, and forcible piecemeal annexations."

The real issue confronting the various factions, is the refusal of the Arab world to accept the creation of a small Jewish state in their midst, by the descendants of an indigenous Jewish population, exiled from Palestine nearly 2,000 years ago by the Romans.

Arabs were not expelled from Israel but rather left of their own volition, with the encouragement of the Arab High Committee for Palestine. Emil Ghoury, secretary of that organization noted in 1948, "The fact that there are these refugees is the direct consequence of the action of the Arab states in opposing partition and the Jewish state. The Arab states agreed upon this policy unanimously and they must share in the solution of the problem."

The Arabs left their homes to make way for invading Arab armies whose countries' territory formed no part of Palestine in 1948. If Qawasmis still begrudges the space for the Israeli nation, what does he propose to do with the 750,000 Jews absorbed by Israel after their expulsion from Arab countries? Compare this figure to the 420,000 Arabs who actually left Palestine voluntarily in 1948.

As for the charge of Israeli "terrorism," I will let the massacre of Olympic athletes, the bombing of open market places, and the death of Israeli school children due the reader in as to who the real terrorists are.

Now for the questions of so-called Palestinian national rights. (1) There has never been an Arab state called Palestine nor has there ever been an Arab nation ruled from a city in Palestine. (2) The West Bank and the Gaza Strip were under Arab control from 1948 to 1967, more than enough time to establish a Palestinian state. (3) With the exception of the recent peace negotiations between Egypt and Israel, which resulted in the signing of a peace accord last week, no Arab has entered into any form of peaceful negotiations with the Israelis.

Violence has always been the Arabs' tool. The Palestine Liberation Organization is nothing more than an Arab terrorist organization bent on spreading their death and destruction worldwide — re recent statements by Yasser Arafat of spreading his "war" to the U.S.

The Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, contrary to what Qawasmis writes, does call for further peaceful negotiations to reach a compromise solution to the Palestinian conflict. In the study of history it would seem, however, that the Palestinians do not believe in compromise.

It would be impossible in this space to discuss all the aspects of the Palestinian issue confronting Israel and the Arab nations. For those readers who wish to verify my facts, I suggest the following sources: "Who Stands Accused" by Chaim Herzog, "Battleground" by Samuel Katz, and "Whose Land?" by James Parkes.

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## Clarification

In the "For The Voters" tabloid section of Tuesday's Battalion, two headlines incorrectly reported that Ann Jones was running for Position 2, and Herman D. Brown for Position 1 in the Consolidated School Board races. The headlines were switched — Ann Jones is running for Position 1 (against Mary Fellenz), and Herman Brown for Position 2 (against Oran Jones and James McNamara). This was correctly reported in the accompanying questions and answers for the candidates.

The Battalion regrets the errors.

And to clarify a story in the March 30 Battalion — Texas A&M seniors can go by the Association of Former Students' office in the Memorial Student Center April 11-13 to pick up tickets for one of the two induction banquets. They can specify then which day they would like to attend. Seniors shouldn't go by the Former Students' office before those sign-up days.

