

Happy Thanksgiving!



OPINION

Galveston cadets deserve to march

In these days of Aggie unity it seems that some people in this school believe in isolationism.

The case in point is the refusal to allow the maritime cadets at the Moody College of Marine and Maritime Sciences in Galveston to march into Kyle Field with the Corps of Cadets.

This is what is known in informal circles as a bonafide bumper.

The sea cadets have traditionally marched in with their TAMU brethren, but now they are excluded from the centerpiece of A&M tradition, the festivities surrounding football games.

The exclusion is baffling. The sea cadets have earned a good name for Texas A&M University as students and graduates. They carry maroon and white worldwide on their ship, the Texas Clipper.

In short, they are "good Ags." They even receive *The Battalion*. They might even read it.

The reason for stopping their traditional march-in with the Corps of Cadets is a recent change which makes Moody a separate school from TAMU.

The argument is that if we let Moody march in, then we should let Prairie View march in, too.

Well, the Panthers have a football team, and the Galveston-based cadets do not.

One might ask: Why not let Prairie View and Moody cadets march-in?

It would definitely promote a University System-wide sense of identity. It would also expose Prairie View students to Aggie life and would be a good, non-artificial recruiting device for high-caliber black students.

There doesn't seem to be any problem in implementing such an arrangement, unless, of course, some Old Ags might lose their seats to students.

That would be too heavy a cross to bear for the alumni.

Once again, people who think of themselves as Aggies will have to be disabused of that foolish notion.

the small society by Brickman



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WINDOW

By ROBERT SHEPARD

WASHINGTON — Probably the best way to clear the room at a House Democratic Caucus is to propose giving the president authority to impose wage and price controls.

Rep. Ted Weiss, D-N.Y., knows this very well. He has been trying since June to get the caucus to endorse controls, but he has been foiled each time by a lack of quorum — only a handful of the 275 House Democrats show up, so no vote can be taken.

Weiss wants the caucus to approve a resolution declaring "that it shall be Democratic policy in the House of Representatives that legislation be immediately enacted giving the president authority to impose mandatory wage and price controls."

This would be just standby authority. The president could impose the controls if he felt it would help or, as President Carter

has been doing, just rely on voluntary guidelines.

But Carter does not want even the standby authority and has said so repeatedly. As a result, most of the House Democrats feel no great compulsion to vote on controls even as a policy question.

But Weiss is not giving up. He feels that as prices continue their steep climb the administration and his fellow Democrats in the House will come around to the view that controls are the only way to curb inflation.

"The people of the country are demanding action," Weiss says.

He notes that a Democratic Congress gave President Nixon such authority, even though he had not asked for it, and in 1972 Nixon eventually decided to use it.

The regular monthly Democratic caucuses do not normally draw large crowds, but the wage-price control issue appears to be a big disincentive to attend.

At the Nov. 1 caucus meeting, when

Wage-price control issue seems to a big 'disincentive' to attend caucus

controls were on the agenda, Weiss stood in a nearly empty House chamber to speak in favor of his resolution. After about five minutes, a voice vote was taken and it appeared to produce a 2-2 tie.

A quorum call followed, but only 59 Democrats turned up — not enough to conduct business — so the meeting was adjourned.

But not before Rep. Sam Stratton, D-N.Y., got up to accuse the Democratic leadership of blocking the wage-price control resolution. He noted that three successive caucuses had produced the same result — hardly anybody showed up.

About that time, Democratic leader Jim Wright wandered into the chamber and denied the leadership had been discouraging members from attending the caucuses.

Rep. Tom Foley, D-Wash., caucus chairman, also defended the leadership, saying he does not have control over the physical presence of the members.

But Stratton's charges apparently had

some effect. At a special caucus Nov. 7, only about a half-dozen showed up, but they included Thomas O'Neill, D-Mass., Whip John Brademas.

They politely listened as Weiss pitched his usual pitch to the again near-chamber and watched as the caucus again produced an insufficient number of Democrats.

"It's obvious that we're never going to get anywhere with this effort," Stratton observed.

But Weiss says he will persist in the wage-price controls resolution, a month's agenda and probably even thereafter.

If Weiss is lucky, some more business item will be placed on the agenda at some future meeting and production he needs. "We're confident they do (vote) it at least would be a close vote and could succeed," Weiss says.

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Carter aide shouldn't have accepted position

The resignation of former Iowa Senator Dick Clark (from the Carter administration) is disappointing — and troubling.

After losing a re-election bid in Iowa, Mr. Clark, well-respected and somewhat a hero among liberal Democrats, was rescued from defeat by President Carter,

with a federal appointment as coordinator for refugee affairs.

After less than a year on the job, Mr. Clark has quit to join the Kennedy election team, at a time when the plight of Indochinese refugees is most severe and the need for American aid is most needed.

The president took a swipe at his appointee for failing to "remain neutral" so he could better do his most important work. Clark hints that the Carter forces expected him to campaign for President Carter in Iowa. Wherever the muddy truth may be, Mr. Clark does not have much to be proud

of in all this. When (he) accepted the appointment, there was already a strong indication Kennedy would seek the presidential nomination. If the lure of Mr. Kennedy was overpowering, Mr. Clark should have accepted a key diplomatic post.

Hartford (Conn.) Courant

LETTERS

Ball player questions use of court at G. Rollie White for frisbee games

Editor: Finding a place to play basketball on campus is getting to be a chore. There is a real art to finding an open court, between workouts by the men's and women's basketball teams, volleyball teams, archery squad, and team handball players, not to mention various intramural activities. It can be done, mind you, but it takes a lot of patience and an even temper.

Last Wednesday night, though, I decided I have just about had enough. After being run off several courts, a rather large number of us basketball players found ourselves playing contentedly on the main floor of G. Rollie White. When suddenly, a handful of beatnik-looking clods carrying frisbees walked on to the court and informed us that they had the "basketball" floor reserved to play catch with their frisbees.

Where does the athletic department get off reserving an entire basketball court — not frisbee court — to a bunch of frustrated aero-dynamics majors? If the gay society wanted to reserve the main floor for an orgy, could they do so?

Let's try using a little common sense in the future. Basketball courts are made for basketball. The manly sport of frisbee can be played outdoors.

— Keith Wheeler

games as Arkansas and t.u., students had to stand not one, but two separate lines. The first line, which would form early in the morning, was to purchase a general admission ticket. The second line, forming an hour or two before the doors of the coliseum opened, was to assure a good seat for the game.

Standing in line to see a good game is inevitable, yet there must be a way to distribute tickets which would eliminate the need for two lines for each game. A subcommittee of Student Government was formed earlier in the year and has been investigating the problem and possible solutions. The committee has come up with several ideas on how to improve the seating situation, but more student input is needed.

There are suggestion boxes located at the Commons, Sbsa, the Guardroom and at the MSC for any suggestions that might be helpful. Also, on Nov. 28 in Room 504 of Rudder at 7 p.m., there will be a student hearing on the ideas that are being considered.

Everyone who is fed up with the present situation is encouraged to attend. This is

your opportunity to instigate a change for this coming basketball season.

— Jim Barolak
Student senator

Deportation wrong

Editor: Americans have every right to protest and demonstrate against the deplorable actions of the Iranian government in holding American citizens hostage and attempting to blackmail the American government. We must forget, however, that the Iranian students in the United States did not do this act, did not participate in its planning and are thus completely innocent.

The current discriminatory actions of the U.S. Immigration Department against the Iranian students at Texas A&M will continue to show their respect for the civil rights of Iranians. Let us show our concern for the fate of our fellow citizens in Tehran without engaging in the same type of behavior now condemned by the whole world.

B.E. Aguirre

Love it or lose it

Editor: In response to one of the letters Nov. 16 Battalion concerning the U.S. States' actions in Iran, I would like to offer a few words.

I am no military expert and I do not believe that anyone at A&M could make the right decision of whether we should go to war with Iran. My stomach tells me that now is not the time to do so.

It may seem scary to some people, but others carrying on anti-Iran demonstrations and waving threatening anti-Iran signs, but when it comes to being going to war with Iran my stomach tells me that now is not the time to do so.

Are Americans truly afraid of war and fighting for their country? Or are we bringing back the draft too high to pay for freedom? Or are we going to let world countries slap our faces?

I would like to remind everyone that we are a part of the greatest state in the greatest nation in the world and would like to say, not just "America Love It or Lose It" but "America, Love It or Lose It."

— Douglas Williams

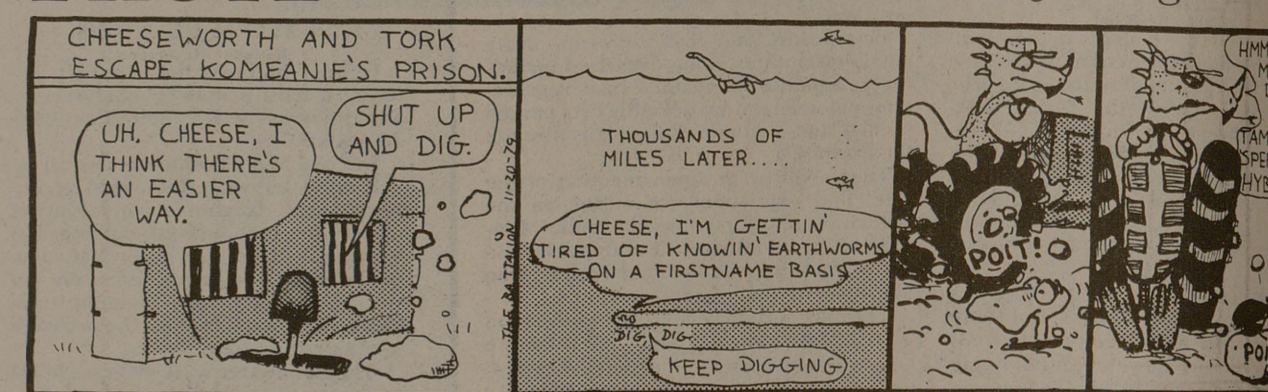
Fed-up? Speak out

Editor: If Saturday night's game against the Australian National team gives any indication of what is to be expected from the fighting Texas Aggie basketball squad this season, this year's team is going to be awesome.

Yes Aggies, basketball season is rapidly approaching and there will be plenty of great action for all fans to see... well, at least those fans that have the time and patience necessary to get tickets and good seats in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Recall last year, when in order to get good seats to the games, especially such

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By Doug Graham