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# Aggie opinion split on Playboy search

By AMY DAVIS

**Battalion Reporter**  
Ten years ago, if a magazine were to feature an article about Southwest Conference women, the writer would likely have stayed in College Station just long enough for a fill-up and a Big Mac.  
Times have changed, however, and this week, a representative from Playboy magazine is in College Station selecting Aggies for a photo essay about Southwest Conference women.  
In a series of Battalion interviews, Texas A&M women said they did not feel offended by the magazine publishing an article with extensive ex-

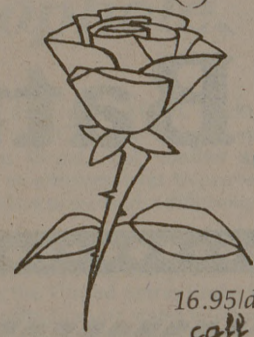
posure of their peers.  
Most of the men interviewed admitted to reading the magazine at times, but they felt appalled at the thought of the girl sitting next to them in history being featured in a Playboy article.  
The men agreed a woman's place is in the classroom or the home — anywhere but a "girlie" magazine.  
"I don't like Playboy coming here because A&M is a conservative campus and it is demoralizing to the campus and the traditions here," said Mike Beitler, a sophomore civil engineering major.  
Ralph Hartman, a junior engineering technology major, said he

does not think women ought to pose nude for magazines, but added that each girl is entitled to her own opinion.  
"I can't say that I would be proud to have someone flip through Playboy and say, 'Hey, those are Texas A&M women,'" he said.  
Dr. Stephen Miller, assistant professor in Spanish, said he is unhappy about the magazine including Texas A&M women in its article.  
"It seems to me that the appearance of an A&M coed in Playboy, given the nature of the magazine, would convert that woman from a friend and student to just a sex object," he said.

While the men interviewed said they thought the Playboy article is a bad idea, the women said it did not bother them.  
Victoria Martinez, senior theater arts major, said she likes the idea because it means women are being noticed.  
"Playboy magazine has some very talented photographers and they are a responsible magazine. I feel they will handle the article properly," she said.  
Jill Swinbank, junior management major, said she would not pose for the magazine because her morals go against it.  
But, she said, it doesn't bother her

that Playboy is interviewing Aggies.  
"After all it isn't exploiting women if they volunteer. No one is holding a gun to their head and forcing them in front of a camera," she said.

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- ALPHI PHI OMEGA:** Will hold orientation for new members at 7 p.m. in 137 MSC.
- OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Will hold a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 231 MSC.
- HILLEL JEWISH STUDENT CENTER:** Will hold a class in Hebrew at 7 p.m. at the Hillel Jewish Center.
- AUDIO ENGINEERING GROUP:** Will elect officers at 7 p.m. in 103 Zachry.
- CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST:** Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 204 Harrington.
- EMERGENCY CARE TEAM:** Will hold its first meeting of the spring at 7:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

**CEPHEID VARIABLE:** Will show "Westworld" at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

**TAMU TURF CLUB:** Will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 123, Soil Crop Science and Entomology building at 7 p.m.

**PENTECOSTAL UPPER ROOM:** Will hold a Bible study at 7:30 p.m. in the Meditation Room of the All-Faiths Chapel.

FRIDAY

**BRAZOS BOWMEN ARCHERY CLUB:** Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Fannin Elementary School gym on 501 South Baker St. in Bryan.

**SOCCER CLUB:** Will meet at 7 p.m. in 137A MSC. Members are requested to pay their dues at this time.

**AGGIE CINEMA: "Up In Smoke"** starring Cheech and Chong will be shown at midnight in Rudder Theater.

**AGGIE CINEMA: "Moonraker"** will be shown at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

**PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT:** Will hold a lecture on Clinical Ecology and Behavioral Medicine by Dr. Joel Bulter of North Texas State University. The lecture will be held at 4 p.m. in 228K Chemistry Bldg.

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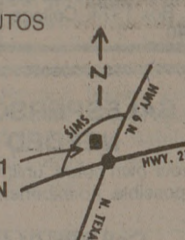
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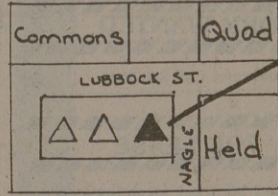
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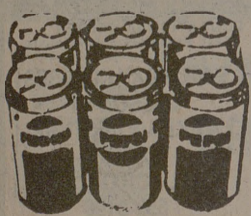


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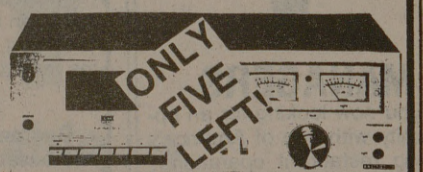
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