

SLOUCH By Jim Earle



"I may look like a fool now, but you won't think so when my instructor let's me off early for Easter because I'm so cute and lovable."

OPINION

Deception at A&M

Student senators and Texas A&M University President Jarvis E. Miller are engaged in a deception. There's no other word for it.

In a closed session at last Wednesday's meeting, senators voted to transfer \$100,000 from the student service account to the women's athletics program. Miller suggested the transaction, the bill's backer said.

But wait — these aren't ordinary student service funds. That account is usually generated by collection of a \$33.50 fee. Several senators told Battalion reporters the money will actually come from Texas A&M Bookstore profits.

This information casts doubt on the logic of Miller's explanation for the whole affair.

Miller wanted to take the money from an account raised by billing all students. He felt this would make all Aggies a part of any action the Department of Health, Education and Welfare took against the school for failing to support the women's program in accordance with federal standards.

But all students don't pay into the bookstore account.

Few senators questioned the ethics of the transfer. Few thought to ask if the University is not paying the required amount to women's athletics. Most were only concerned with saving Texas A&M from the man in the black hat — the HEW investigator.

That's called paranoia.

the small society by Brickman



Correction

The story on page one in Monday's Battalion with the headline, "Senators say \$100,000 from Bookstore profits," had an incorrect identification. The story should have said Charles Cargill is the director of business services.

Also the caption on the page one picture headlined, "Wipeout!" was incorrect. The name should have been Rocky Smiley. The Battalion regrets the errors.

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VIEWPOINT

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LETTERS Student senate not acting in best interest

Editor:
Student government at A&M needs a lasting reminder of who their constituency is, who can put them in and who can throw them out.

The student senate has only one purpose — to represent the student body and to act in its best interests. Closing student senate sessions to the public and press in order to avoid something is not in our best interests. Taking the questionable action that they did and involving the senate in problems that may come to litigation are best left to the Administration, is also not in our best interests. The student senate should not make a \$100,000 decision about our service fees without allowing interested students to voice their opinion.

Two things must be done. Bylaws can be passed and just as easily be repealed. There is no justification for a closed session in student government. The second thing to do is identify those who voted for the bylaw and turn them out of office, hopefully replacing them with more intelligent and conscientious senators. It should be required that a roll call vote for all issues decided in closed session so the students can see how their senator voted. With elections quickly approaching we have an excellent opportunity "to turn the rascals out."

This situation shows what can happen when senators and SG officers are elected by only a fraction of the student body. VOTE! It gives you the right to complain. Put up or shut up. See you at the polls, Army.

Max Triola '81

Corps value realized

Editor:
I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the elections that will be held on April 1-2. As a member of the Corps of Cadets, I have come to the realization that the individuals within the Corps are a highly active element in the student body election. Unfortunately, I feel that a certain person, i.e. Gene Hawkins, has realized the value of Corps support and has gone about receiving it in a most inappropriate manner.

He has cut his hair shorter to what can now be called "Corps length" and has been seen on the Quad impersonating a Corps member by "whipping out" to other cadets. I feel that anyone is welcome to cut their

hair to any length they wish and visit the Quad at any time. However, I feel that Gene Hawkins has done so simply to gain a false or unjust advantage in his attempt to be elected as a senior yell leader.

The Corps is genuinely interested in trying to have the best individuals receive the various positions that the student body is electing. If the best candidate is elected from the Corps, that's fine. However, we also feel that if the best individual is not from the Corps, he or she should be elected as well.

If a person distorts his identity and misleads other Aggies into believing that he is a member of the Corps of Cadets, simply for the reason to receive a greater percentage of votes this week, is he really the best person? That's my question.

Ken Cross '81

Apologies to Corps

Editor:
To the students of A&M and the Corps of Cadets:

I wish to take the opportunity to address the various rumors and statements that have been made during the past week regarding myself, Gene Hawkins. These rumors rang from my whipping out to my walking across campus in a Corps uniform.

No, I am not in the Corps of Cadets. But I am often mistaken as one. My hair is, and has been for some time, "Corps length" — not because I am trying to look like a cadet, but because that is how I like it. I also have a number of friends in the Corps and have been in the Corps Quad to visit on many occasions.

It is during these visits that what I feel must be the basis for these rumors has occurred. While in the presence of other CT's I have had cadets approach me and "whip out," or introduce themselves in the traditional Corps manner. In some circumstances I have returned the gesture by introducing myself by my last name, as is done in the Corps. I did this when I thought it was the most convenient action which caused the least disruption of events. I have not returned a whip out in the traditional manner for several weeks now. There have been just as many instances when I have been whipped out to and returned with my first and last name, and then waited for a few moments while the CT has gotten over the initial shock.

I would like to take this opportunity to

apologize to the Corps and other students for my actions that seem unjust. I never had the intention of misleading anyone in thinking I was in the Corps, especially in light of the fact I am running for yell leader. I did not realize people were upset over this until the rumors got back to me. I did not realize this tradition was so sacred that one Aggie could not meet another Aggie in a manner that has been done for years.

Most of the "whipping out" incidents have occurred in the presence of my friends in the Corps. Some even laughed when they saw it. None of them ever told me that it was bad or that I should stop. But now, there are a large number of people who have become upset about it.

Again I never intentionally intended to mislead anyone. I never told anyone I was ever in the Corps. I sincerely regret that any controversy over my actions has occurred and I offer my apologies to the Corps and student body. I only meant to meet people with little disruption and never intended to deceive anyone.

Gene Hawkins '81

No monopoly exists

Editor:

In response to the letter by Sharon Kuhn in the Wednesday, March 26 edition of The Battalion, we would like to clarify the following points. First an apology is in order to Miss Kuhn. It is not our intention to single out Greeks (or Geeks) in a blanket condemnation or character assassination. We regret the label "sorority bitch." Our contention, in fact, is that 98% of all women at TAMU are bitches. The sororities certainly hold no exclusive rights to the term.

Miss Kuhn states that "these guys have nothing better to do on a Saturday afternoon than to insult a person and a group that they have never met, never given a chance, and worst of all probably never will..." Yes, it's true we have nothing to do on Saturdays — chiefly because the aforementioned women will never meet us, never give us a chance, and probably never will.

Yes, Miss Kuhn, we do see you at the MSC, the tennis courts, Fish Camp, RA meetings, and student government. Darn, you heartless women are everywhere!

We're sure that those who singled out "S.B.s" were, as you said, a "small part of a

group of great people." However, certain that we represent a large group of great people.

You make us want to laugh.

Craig K. Str
Benjamin B. Mel
Walter Brian McD
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Ted coverage bias

Editor:

The Battalion's use of headlines and selective placement of articles covering results of this year's Democratic presidential primaries seems to be slanted in Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

The February 27 issue followed New Hampshire primary featured article at the top of the front page with headline that read: "Carter, Reagan out on top in New Hampshire." The 19 article on the Illinois vote had a headline and was also on the front page. President Carter won both of the primaries.

Following the Massachusetts primary the headline read: "Dark horse surprises C. O. P. leaders," after Kennedy win in Massachusetts on March 5. Anderson showing was a surprise. Kennedy's two-to-one victory over Carter served some mention in the headline.

The most obvious slight occurred Kennedy's twin triumphs in New York Connecticut on March 25. The primary results were not even on the front page the middle of the fourth page there small article that dealt with Reagan's opinion on Kennedy's win.

As a public service to those who read that microscopic article, (I had to through the paper twice before finding here are the results of the Democratic primaries in New York and Connecticut. New York, Kennedy had 574,636 votes Carter's 399,846. In Connecticut, Kennedy had 98,626 votes to Carter's 87,126.

The fact remains the same no matter the headlines are worded or how the story is buried in the paper. Edward Kennedy did win the New York and Connecticut primaries by substantial margins.

William D. Ho

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