

# opinion

## MSC speaker approval significance exaggerated

by Tad C. Pruitt

Although I am not a member of the Memorial Student Center Council, or the MSC Endowed Lecture Series, I am a member of another MSC Committee. I am actively involved in MSC OPAS and therefore, take the time to find out how things work at the MSC. With this background, I wish to make three statements concerning the editorial, by Hope E. Paasch, regarding the Endowed Lecture Series speakers.

First, Ms. Paasch erroneously implies

ficant, preliminary event, and thus, hardly deserves a front page story.

Secondly, Ms. Paasch implies, again erroneously, that the Endowed Lecture Series would bring former President Carter even if he refused to discuss Salt II (the tentative subject for the series being "Arms Negotiations from SALT to START). This is simply not true. The Endowed Lecture Series would not bring Carter, just because he's a "big name," if he would not speak on the designated subject.

Finally, Ms. Paasch agreed with faculty and Council member Bob Stalcup's opinion that because Nixon disgraced the country, the MSC should not invite him and pay him \$20,000 for his appearance. Nixon is being invited not because he disgraced the country, but rather because he is an expert on arms negotiations. He remains this, regardless of his other actions. And, it would be no different than paying a top Soviet expert to come speak on the topic. Although we might not like him, or agree with his communist views, he would still be an expert in the field.

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that in granting speaker approval (for former Presidents Carter and Nixon, and Yale law professor Eugene Rostow) the MSC Council gave its final approval to the entire project. In reality, a speaker approval only gives permission to extend an invitation and begin discussions with the speakers. It does not grant permission to pay whatever fees are requested, regardless of the circumstances. I would also add that because of this tentativeness, speaker approval is a rather insigni-

## Students' whining won't change things

(Editor's note: Donn Friedman is a fourth-year journalism student from Alief.)

by Donn Friedman

Bombs falling in Beirut, Russians blowing commercial jet liners out of the friendly skies, but the Texas A&M football team still loses to Texas Tech and students still go to class — and the Twelfth Man still stands ready.

Texas A&M life isn't important — not football, not studies, not even the bonfire — when compared with recent events in the world. People here don't realize how unimportant they really are. They are so inactive, so blasé, that they don't even notice.

But they seem to be happy enough even though incompetence is every-

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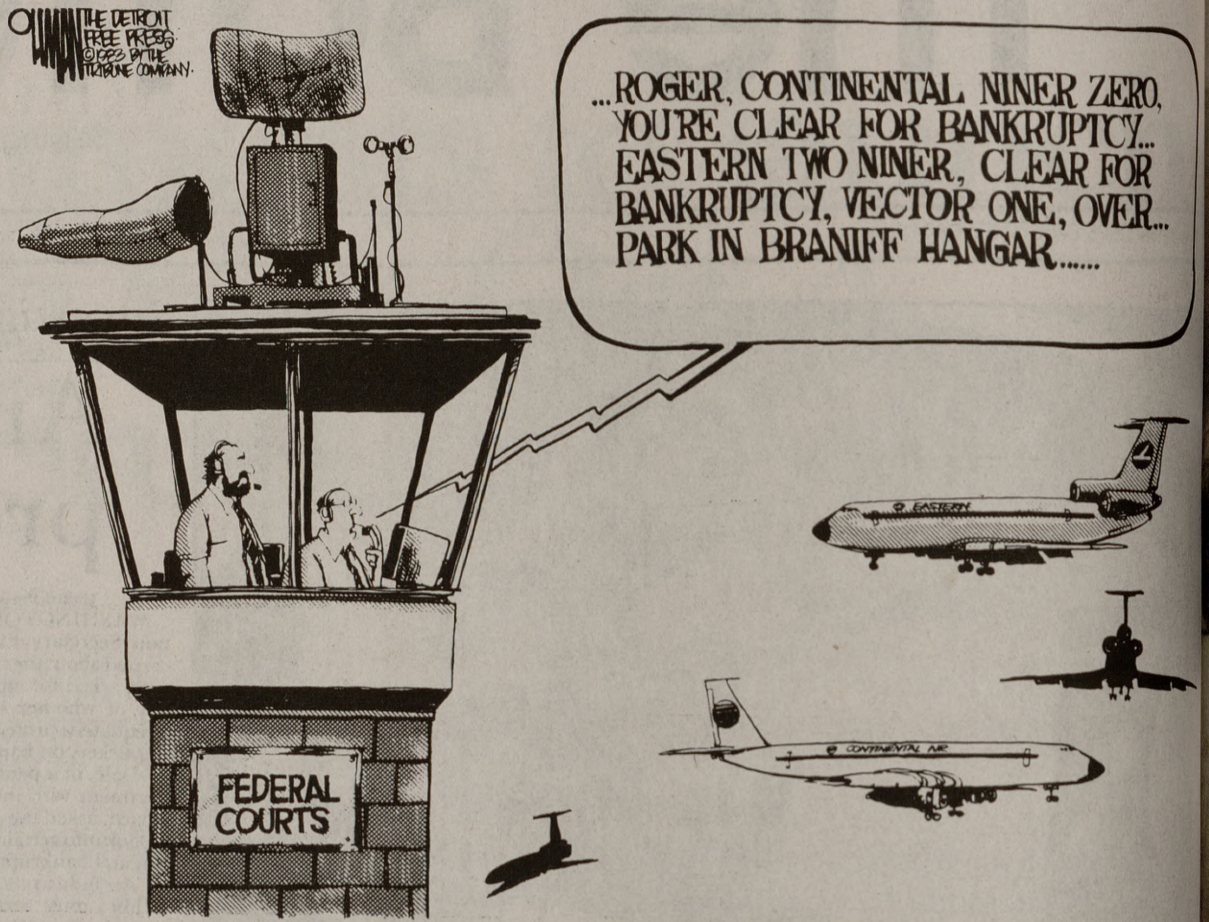
where. Nobody notices or reacts except by whining.

The sign at the front of the Texas A&M campus should read, "Home of the whining Aggies."

Aggies whine about parking. Aggies whine about the regents. Aggies whine about the football team. But they do nothing. Or get slapped down when they do.

It's time for the Twelfth Man to get out of its ready stance. It's time for the Twelfth Man to get in the real ball game.

The regents know the real ball game here — they play it alone. They listen to the cheering of the Twelfth Man — but don't hear when the Twelfth cries out a suggestion or a complaint.



## Letters: 92K listener responsive

note: The following letters are the last ones The Battalion will run concerning 92 KTAW-FM. Anyone who still wishes to address the issue may contact the radio station management.)

### Enough Top 40 music

Editor:

I wish to express my opinion about the letter directed toward 92 KTAW-FM last week. I wholeheartedly agree with everything that was said. In fact I can't say enough about how much I dislike our local rock station. And I love rock and roll music. Like the author of the letter which ran Wednesday, I exist on Houston's KLOL and Austin's KLBK. If it weren't for cable in this town, I'm sure there would be more tape players and turntables sold.

To avoid redundancy, I'll only voice my dislikes about 92K in areas that weren't mentioned.

First, I hope I never hear another remote broadcast on this station. It's sickening to hear the cheap banter between DJs and store owners. Not to mention the fact that they keep repeating the same dialogue everytime they go on the air.

Second, 92's DJs just don't have any class. Why must they yell into the microphone all the time? Must they always be so dim witted? Please, just play your music. They definitely need real professional DJs and not these young ego maniacs who insist on exercising their tongues.

Finally, feel like I have to re-hash a previous point. 92K simply plays too many commercials.

And the low quality of those commercials turns me off. As a local merchant, I can assure you that I would never buy air time on this station. From the opinions I've heard, everyone else that I know feels the same way.

P.S. What is the point of taking requests if you are going to be rude to the caller and make sarcastic remarks about their choice? I know of more than one instance where this has happened. We've heard enough top 40. Albums have more than one song on them if you haven't noticed.

Glen Johnson '78

### Athletic attitudes shameful

Editor:

Congratulations to the newly crowned National Champions Women's Soccer Team. You are truly an outstanding reflection of Texas A&M University. I'm sure everyone would agree with me in their appreciation for your efforts and achievements.

However, this letter concerns a different topic. My first impression of the ceremony at the beginning of a football game was of great admiration. But, after the blue Mijata 10 and standing ovation, I realized that the athletic department viewed the NCAA representative of the NCAA to be a representative of the national award. In my estimation, represents what the athletic department really feels about athletic event other than football, basketball or baseball.

I am appalled and ashamed of the attitudes. These ladies and other (men or women) deserve better recognition for their achievements.

Two final comments. Coach Sherrill recommend that until the team gets on the winning track to remove large fans that placed on the sidelines. The team is cold enough without trying to cool them down further. Secondly please allow the kick-off team (12th Man) an opportunity to make a play on kick-off rather than kicking into the zone each time. Believe it or not, the Man team sparked our team in the fonia game to a respectful conclusion of the game.

Larry A. Bowles

### What happened to team?

Editor:

WARNING--Reading this letter without a sense of humor could be hazardous to my health.

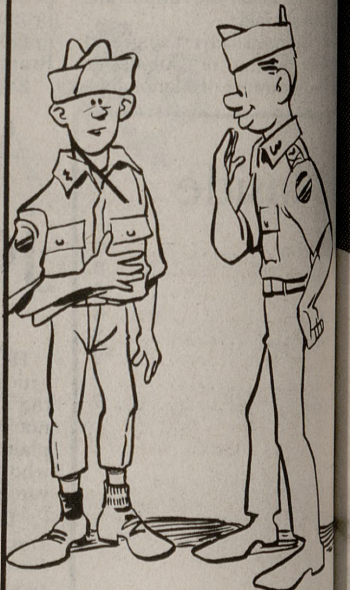
Here are a few disturbing observations from the 13th man (a confirmed Sunday morning quarterback):

1. Something is wrong.
2. We aren't winning.
3. We want to win.
4. It's not that funny, is it?
5. The players can't be that bad.
6. The coaches can't be that bad.
7. The 12th man can't be that bad.
8. The former students' money can't be that bad.
9. Some one must be that bad.
10. If we can figure out who is that bad we can get rid of the bum (no pun intended).
11. I wonder how Emory Bellard is doing?
12. I wonder how Tom Wilson is doing?
13. I wonder how Pitt/USC are doing?

Lost my shirt in Aggieland,  
John Sweeney '82

P.S. Jackie, could you lend me some money?  
--I want to build a bell tower!

### Slouch



by Jim Eason

"The laundry is impartial. Only do they take from the big and give to the small, but they take from the small and give to the big."

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### Hiney ads getting old

Editor:

The following is a response to a letter printed in your editorial column on September 28, 1983.

In response to D.K. Petty's letter printed September 28 in The Battalion let me just say...I couldn't agree with him (her?) more about the poor quality of radio station 92, KTAW. On top of the fact that their commercials are played on a seemingly endless basis, I ask: how many more Hiney beer advertisements can we stand? Those ads are supposed to be cute and risque, whereas they end up as nothing more than tacky.

Give me Moby in the morning on 97 Rock any day. At least he comes right out and says what he means without making plays on words such as "hiney".

Jean Hendrick '85