opinion

MSC speaker approval significance exaggerated

Memorial Student Center Council, or the MSC Endowed Lecture Series, I am a member of another MCS 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

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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 tentativeficant, preliminary event, and thus, hard-

ly 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," he would not speak on the designated

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 com-mmunist views, he would still be an ex-

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 blase, that they don't even

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.

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Look what happened last Tuesday when three students requested to talk to the regents about a professor they thought was being forced out of the University. Chairman of the Board Bum versity. Chairman of the Board Bum Bright denied the three permission. But when former regent Ford Albritton came in with a \$500,000 gift — Bright did not deny him the right to address the board. The \$500,000 for the bell tower which Albritton is donating to the University could be better used by providing an endowed teaching chair or an endowed dowed teaching chair or an endowed scholarship fund. Instead Albriton's gift will be used to chime away a "teensy weency flower bed" which lightens up the former main entrance to the campus. The Regents had time to listen to him, but not to the students ... they were told

to go through proper channels. The Regents should be servants of the University System, and the system exists for the benefit of the students. The Regents should be serving the students, and the only way to serve a group is to listen to

what the group's members have to say. But they don't listen. So most students

sit back and don't say.

And if an individual student keeps talking, the Regents will keep not listen-

The administration wants this to be a World University. The world needs a world university, especially if people sit back ready, but not willing to act. Mankind is run by an oligarchy. And a world university would be a perfect place to

base such an oligarchy.

Most people sit back and live day to day, whining but not ever fighting for their wants and needs.

So either look and see the world — And think, then act. Or else someone else will run the world for you.

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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.)

Editor:

In response to "B-CS in need of a listener responsive rock radio station," I am responding to Mr. Petty, an unsatisfied listener.

First of all 92K is supported by local, regional and national advertisers, not by you the listener. We play commercial material because it is our livelihood. After all, we are a business. But Mr. Petty, we are not in the business just to make another dollar, we air quite a bit of material that is non-paid for advertising in the form of public service announcements. We are a public service entity in that we keep our listeners informed concerning items of interest, like local rock concerts, local university and high school functions, sports scores, ticket exchange and availability, social functions, weather, and highly important civil defense instructions in the event of an emergency. Those are to name a few.

Granted, we play more commercial material than the stations you compared us to. But those are major market stations Mr. Petty, who charge from eight to ten times the amount we charge local sponsors to air commericial material. We are ing. But if the students begin to talk, the Regents will have to listen.

not a major market station, we are medium market, and we push 3,000 watts, not 100,000. It takes more paid for commercial material to keep our station

on the air than one with higher rates. Concerning UPI WORLD NEWS, we have not aired UPI WORLD NEWS since June 13, 1983. We took it off the air and replaced it with a 92 second news break hourly because we are listener responsive and our listeners indicated a need for less news. Although you do not prefer to listen to news on the radio, some of our listeners do. And we do cater to more than one type of listener. We have such a versatile listening audience that we try to please more than one category. Most maor market stations can target one specific listening audience. We cannot do that.

We do respond to our listeners, especially if they show concern in the form of writing to us personally with a telephone number or an address that we can respond to. Our doors are always open if you come in person, and we welcome your phone calls.

> Peggy C. McCullen Schlain '79 Copywriter/Production Manager 92 KTAW-FM

Questions or comments concerning any editorial matter should be directed to the editor. Hiney ads getting old

length, and are subject to being cut if they are longer. The editorial staff reserves the right to edit letters for style and length, but will make every effort to maintain the author's intent. Each letter must also be signed and **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

Enough Top 40 music

Editor:

I wish to express my opinion about the letter directed toward 92 KTAW-FM last week. I whole-heartedly 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 KLBJ. 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 we-

ren'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 definately need real professional DJs and not these young ego maniacs who insist on exercising their ton-

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

Glen Johnson '78

Athletic attitudes shameful

Editor:

Congratulations to the newly co National Champions Women's & Feam. You are truly an outstand hris Staton, f flection of Texas A&M University is eye on sure everyone would agree withmeduick game of appreciation for you efforts and ach

However, this letter concerns are topic. My first impression of the are orted to the University of the Bright of the University of the U athletic department viewed the Why did our athletic director note. A maroon Nishi a representative of the NCAA to pe tele from the fro ally present the national award! The C. Evans Library my estimation, represents what theza A navy blue war tic department really feels about the ring Center. athletic event other than football, belained a Texa ball or baseball.

I am appalled and ashamed of A wallet from the attitudes. These ladies and other at East Kyle. The (men or women) deserve better real \$2 in cash and tion for their achievements.

Two final comments. Coach Sher recommend that until the team gets on the winning track to remo large fans that placed on the side The team is cold enough without to cool them down further. Sec please allow the kick-off team (12) an opportunity to make a play kick-off rather than kicking into the zone each time. Believe it or not, the Man team sparked our team in the fornia game to a respectful condus the game.

Larry A. Bowles

What happened 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):

- Something is wrong.

 We aren't winning.
- 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.
- The 12th man can't be that bad. The former students' money can't be that bad.

9. Some one must be that bad.

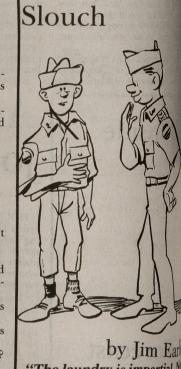
10. If we can figure out who is that bad we can get rid of the bum (no pun in-

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 -- I want to build a bell tower!



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

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