

Group starting Sully bull-sessions

Making student leaders accessible to students is a good idea.

Lambda Sigma, a sophomore honor society and service organization, is creating a shoot-from-the-hip bull-session between student leaders and the students they represent. But why were football players chosen for the first session rather than the student body president or student senators?

The leaders of Lambda Sigma are worried that the student body won't be interested in listening to elected leaders speak, so they reverted to the tactics used in commercials — using celebrities, in this case the football players to give the sales pitch.

Lambda Sigma president Cindy Gay told The Battalion Editorial Board Monday that the athletes were chosen for the first symposium to make students aware of the project.

"We were concerned that for the good of the project we needed to generate interest right away," Gay said. The talks begin Wednesday in front of the Academic Building. She said the symposium will show the side of student leaders rarely seen in meetings or on the football field.

The informal atmosphere of the talks should provide students a good means of communicating with student leaders, both those elected and those thrust into leadership by their talents.

This week's Sully Symposium will give students a chance to see football players as students not jocks. It's a fair start for a good program; it's too bad that Lambda Sigma didn't have enough confidence in Aggies to start the program with student leaders that represent the students. It's worse that without such a celebrity kick-off, the program would be destined to die.

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Special people needed to help disabled students

"Attendants for handicapped students wanted, inquire within", said the sign taped to the door of the Office of Handicapped and Veterans Services.

Cathie Anderson

I asked the woman at the desk if I could talk to someone about the sign. She stepped inside a room, whispered a few words and soon I was talking to Dr. Charles Powell, Coordinator of Handicap and Veterans Services.

"I take it that you're here to interview for a job as an attendant," he said.

"No," I answered, a little uncomfortably, "I'm a reporter for the Battalion, and I'd like to ask you a few questions about the position for an article I'm doing."

I thought he might be angry since I'd stopped his work under what might have been considered false pretenses. He simply smiled; however and said, "All right." That reply was far from the rough "Come back later" that I'd expected.

Attendants are "very special people," Powell said "but they're kind of special to start with since they've come here (to Texas A&M)."

Three attendants, two male and one female, are still needed to live with handicapped students on campus, said Kim Gray, a student worker in the handicapped services office.

"It's not a bad job in terms of time and flexibility with...schedule," Powell said, "The student (attendant) makes \$400 per month for nine months, so they're even paid for the time that they're not here."

Sheila Kriedwalt, 21, recently began her first semester as an attendant. She averages two to three hours a day helping Liz Jackson. Nine years ago, Jackson was paralyzed from the waist down after being thrown from a horse.

"You have responsibilities at certain times," said Kriedwalt, "and you have to do them at that time." Among other things she helps Jackson get ready for classes each morning and for bed each night.

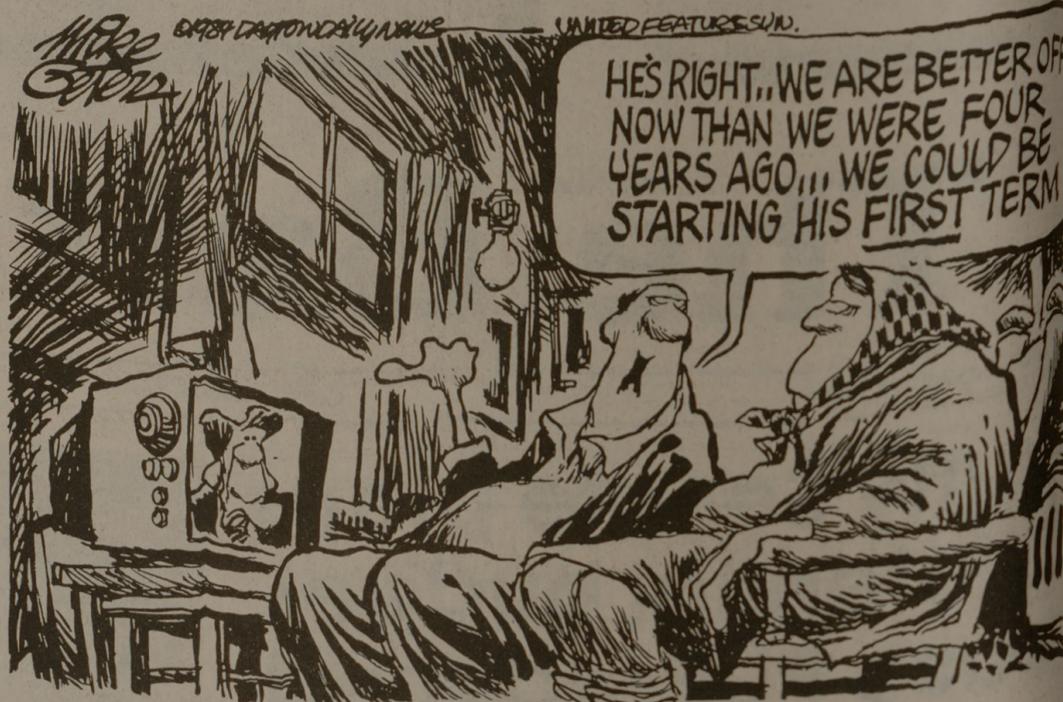
The attendants learn valuable lessons while they earn money.

At one time I might have felt sorry for Jackson, Kriedwalt said, but not anymore.

"She's made a big difference in the way I feel about people, and the way I think. She's made dealing with handicapped people easier for me. I can't feel sorry for her because she's carried on," Kriedwalt said.

Jackson needed an assistant; Kriedwalt needed a job. When they came together and became acquainted, they not only fulfilled their needs but also found a friend.

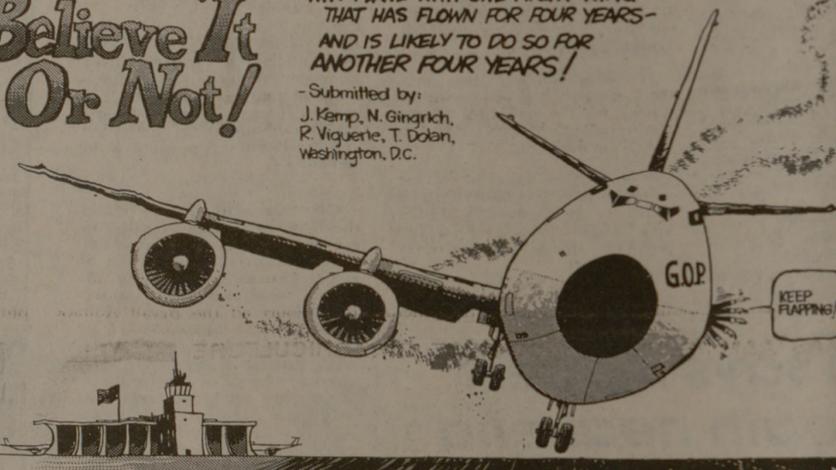
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Ronald Reagan's Believe It Or Not!

...A PLANE WITH ONE RIGHT WING THAT HAS FLOWN FOR FOUR YEARS— AND IS LIKELY TO DO SO FOR ANOTHER FOUR YEARS!

Submitted by: J. Kemp, N. Gingrich, R. Viquez, T. Dolan, Washington, D.C.



LETTERS

Aggie spirit shouldn't end with football

EDITOR:

I read with interest Mr. Slinkard's letter in the Sept. 7 edition attacking Mr. Cassavoy as a "truly bad Ag." Most of his letter did not make a whole lot of sense, but one part I found to be very interesting. He attacks Mr. Cassavoy for the statement "Apathy seems to be a way of life here at A&M," and mentions Bonfire and yell practices as proof that this apathy does not exist.

Notice that he did NOT mention the fact that only about 200 fans showed up earlier in the week to watch the women's volleyball team destroy Sam Houston State. G. Rollie holds at least 7,000 people, Aggies. He also did not mention that an average of only about 3,000 fans showed up for the Aggies' home basketball games last spring, or that attendance at women's basketball games was practically nonexistent. Or, that for the first round game of a SWC tourney held here in Aggieland against t.u. (our biggest rivals!), only 1500 people showed. He also did not mention that the baseball team, nationally ranked for most, if not all, of last season had consistently poor attendance, except for perhaps Parent's Day weekend.

The sad fact, Aggies, is that if it doesn't have to do with football, that famous Aggie Spirit isn't much in evidence. While it may not completely die in the spring, it certainly fades quite a bit. These non-football athletes dress in maroon-and-white uniforms, sing the Aggie songs, and work just as hard to represent A&M well in competition as the football team does. But does the 12th man come to baseball, basketball, volleyball, or softball games? For the most part, no. Just what does this say about our beloved Aggie Spirit? The simple fact is that, although I doubt it is a way of life here at A&M, apathy is very much alive and well here in Aggieland. If you doubt me, go to the next women's volleyball game. You'll see me there, and we can root for the Aggies together — along with one or two others.

Glenn Hawkins

Football players not uprights beat UTEP

EDITOR:

For the last week in The Battalion, all I've seen about the A&M-UTEP football game

has been how the goal-post won the game for A&M. Well, Ags, what about the players? Was it the goal-post who kept UTEP from scoring touchdowns? NO, it was A&M's defense. And was it the goal-post who passed and rushed for A&M touchdowns? NO, that was A&M's offensive squads who can take credit for that.

Granted, the game may not have been the most exciting game ever played in Kyle Field, but come on Ags, what team can make it to the Cotton Bowl with only fairweather fans.

It seems as if the only time you can hear any good talk about our football team around campus is when they've won, and won with an impressive style. It's about time that more stand behind our team — through both the good and the not-so-good games. I think that we have a team that everyone at A&M can be proud of, and it's about time that we show our team that we really do stand behind them.

Alicia Tangas, Class of '85
Celeste Tangas, Class of '85

First Silver Taps a memorable experience

EDITOR:

Tonight, Silver Taps was held. Since I am a freshman, this was my first.

I've heard a lot about Silver Taps from friends, but you have to experience it for yourself before you can really know what they were talking about. Words just cannot express the experience.

When the bugler started playing "Silver Taps" the third time is when it really hit me. It felt like I had lost someone in my own family. And in a way, I did.

We at Texas A&M are like a big family. Though each of us comes from an entirely different background, we all share that one thing that binds us together — we are all Aggies.

I feel honored to be a part of this university, knowing that every time I say "Howdy," I'm speaking to a member of my family.

I love you all.
William G. Buvens, III
Squadron 10

A&M parking defies logic

EDITOR:

I am curious about the logic used to deter-

mine who gets to park where on the campus. I am the possessor of a blue car and I wish to express a grievance about parking around Zachry, notably lots 51 and 51.

It seems to me that staff lot 51 is large for the number of staff members park there. The lot itself contains about 100 rows of parking; the staff use up only the first six rows of the lot, or up to the middle. From simple mathematics, one can determine that there are four rows of parking over. I'm sure that students searching for parking spaces feel rather ridiculous when they view this concrete area with no faculty cars parked in it and where they are forced to park in the fish lot. Some students obviously ignore the parking regulations and park in lot 51. I admit that I have been guilty of this. I can appreciate the need for parking privileges but I think the students should also be considered.

I realized the seriousness of the situation on Sept. 5 when I saw the campus handing out parking tickets to all cars parked past the median, although not a single faculty car was parked in this part of the lot. I think these students feel cheated; their logic tells them no staff member being deprived of parking privileges.

A final test of the validity of my argument could be performed by comparing the number of parking stickers issued for lot 51 to the number of spaces available. I am sure that the students would appreciate the price of parking stickers.

Curt Cokings
Class of '85

Editorial Board rips past rhetoric

EDITOR:

It gives me great pleasure to comment on the Battalion Editorial Board for its excellent editorial entitled, "Porkbarrel-Grasshopper hogs in wrong pen." In this piece of superficial patriotism, uncritical nostalgia for the good old days, and simplistic support for the tax-cut economy, your analysis is a refreshing breath of intellectualism. I hope you can continue to give your readers excellent analytical guidance through the jungle of self-serving rhetoric which at each step hides dangerous facts of our political and economic life.

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