

# LETTERS:

## Kubiak deserves apology

EDITOR: Today we are faced with the dilemma of the power of the press versus the freedom of speech.

On Tuesday the 30th, I was shocked at the callous manner in which James Walker, a salaried reporter for the Battalion, attacked the integrity and character of someone who he obviously does not know: Dan Kubiak. Walker issued such a pure diatribe against Kubiak that it rivalled the Enquirer and denegated the Batt to the level of a scandal sheet. If Walker is a student within the Journalism Department, it reflects badly on that Department.

The entire article "No Debate: There'll be No Debate" was full of subjective characterizations and misstatements of fact. How Walker can predict what Kubiak will or will not do as a Congressman is pure speculation, and given the tone of Walker's letter, it would seem that he has been working hand-in-hand with Joe Barton's campaign. If Walker wants to see Barton win — and pretend to be an unbiased reporter — then he should have stayed with the facts and not put words into Kubiak's mouth.

Walker evidently did not want to mention in his attack against Kubiak that Joe Barton has failed to be endorsed by even one of his Republican Primary opponents. Not one! Kubiak on the other hand, has his former opponents' endorsement and active support. Even Republicans have joined the Kubiak effort: Independent Republicans for Kubiak have formed in Montgomery County.

What have Barton's fellow Republican opponents' said of him?

"I'm running against Joe Barton's campaign of deception and lies and statements that are worded to deceive."

Max Hoyt, Republican, The Woodlands

"I'm always surprised when a Republican does not run an honest campaign."

Pat Friedrichs, Republican, Navasota

"I have conferred with my supporters, and not one of them wanted me to support Joe Barton!"

Bob Harris, Republican, College Station

Dan Kubiak is an honest and sincere individual. He debated Joe Barton October 23rd in The Woodlands and again November 1st here in College Station, both under the sponsorship of the League of Women Voters. He showed himself to have integrity and a desire to represent all segments of the 6th District, including the interests of Texas A&M as he did for 14 years in the Texas Legislature.

James Walker owes all of us an apology for unduly discrediting a man such as Dan Kubiak.

Melissa Romine

## Aggies must vote in election Tuesday

EDITOR:

Tomorrow's elections will answer many questions for Aggies, Brazos County and our country. Of course, the appeal of the presidential election is obvious and bears great importance to every American. The other aspects of the November 6 election are perhaps more subtle to A&M students. The many student groups that participated in our recent voter registration drive were very diligent in their efforts.

The registration drive was the most successful ever conducted on a college campus and, as of now, Texas A&M has more registered voters than any other college in the nation. Our estimated 14,000 voters easily outdistances runner-up Penn State's 8,000.

For the first time in history, the student vote is expected to be the difference in many local races. With this expectation comes a responsibility to the Bryan/College Station community. We owe it to ourselves to vote and we owe it to our community to cast an informed vote. We need also bear in mind that our voice in local politics will be heard beyond the community setting; it will also be a factor in having our needs as students better represented in Washington and Austin.

As Aggies, we must realize that the passage of Proposition 2 is critical to the functioning of our university. We can

have a direct hand in determining our destiny at A&M by voting for this amendment. With so much at stake for each and every one of us, doesn't it make sense to take time on Tuesday to vote?

Please get out early on Tuesday to avoid long voting lines, and if you are not sure where to vote, come by the Student Government Office in Room 219 Pavilion for information.

Brett Shine  
Vice-President, External Affairs

## Hullabaloo almost over but don't vote blind

EDITOR:

This Election Year Hullabaloo is almost over! Before you enter the voting booth and mark the ballot, please consider the following ideas:

1) Weigh the qualifications and the effectiveness of each;

2) Educate yourself now in those races involving candidates you know little about;

3) Avoid risking your own "freedom to choose" by voting blindly for a straight ticket.

Having a two-party system is a great thing because it helps to keep either party in check. Remember this Ags — a Republican or a Democratic Party affiliation does not necessarily make a person the best and most qualified candidate for the job.

An informed voter takes the time and makes the effort to become familiar with the issues and examines the qualifications of the candidates. I urge you to consider how effective a candidate will be for his/her constituency. A candidate's qualifications and effectiveness should be weighed in every race from that of U.S. President to your State Representative here in District 14, and finally to that involving local officials, such as county commissioner or justice of the peace.

Please take the time to become educated on the issues and the candidates. If you see the name(s) on the ballot of candidate(s) with whom you are not familiar — WHY VOTE BLINDLY? Would the act of voting blindly be the

right thing to do? What if you helped to elect a person who was truly not the most qualified person for that office? Then, I suggest that you not make an uninformed choice in that particular race. Instead pass over that one and let the people who know the candidates decide.

Finally, please do not consider voting a straight ticket. By doing so, you are limiting your own choices. Voting is a privilege that allows you the chance to approve or disapprove an issue or a candidate. When you pull that lever or punch a straight ticket, there is the chance that one or more candidates who are recipients of your blind vote will not be the most effective for Texas A&M University and the State of Texas.

If you will consider these points before voting, then you are being a responsible voter. I believe that Aggies are independent thinkers and will not blindly face any problem nor challenge without question.

Johnny Hatch  
Director, Legislative Study Group

## Smith, Lewis both OK but Smith is better

EDITOR:

As a lifelong resident of Brazos County and current student of Texas A&M University, I know both Neeley Lewis and Richard Smith are decent, hard-working men who are an asset to our community. However, Richard Smith is the clear choice on November 6 for several reasons.

First, Neeley Lewis wants me to vote for a repugnant philosophy — perpetuation of the majority party. His ads say he should be elected because the Democrats control the Texas House. This philosophy would perpetuate one-party rule in our state: one would always vote for Democrats, regardless of their qualifications and convictions, simply because they are Democrats.

Most would agree that one-party states and nations always have governments that are less responsive to the people than two-party states and nations. On the other hand, competition between political parties forces all par-

ties constantly to strive to find better ways to govern, just a competition also forces businesses to better serve the people.

Second, Richard Smith is more fiscally conservative. As a successful businessman and mayor of Bryan, he knows how to make government operate efficiently and effectively. However, Neeley Lewis first supported Governor White's education bill (which has been attacked by three of the four leading groups of educators in the state and then he supported Governor White's \$500 million tax bill — the largest in the state's history! How could Neeley Lewis support this governor who was elected because he promised lower utility bills, but once in office reneged?

Finally, Neeley Lewis did nothing to protect A&M faculty, staff, and student voting rights in the special election that Governor White conveniently scheduled during A&M's Spring Break. However, Richard Smith provided a bus for any person, regardless of political affiliation, to vote absentee. A vote for Richard Smith is not only a vote for fair and efficient government, but it also will send Governor White the message that Brazos County will not tolerate his meddling in our local affairs.

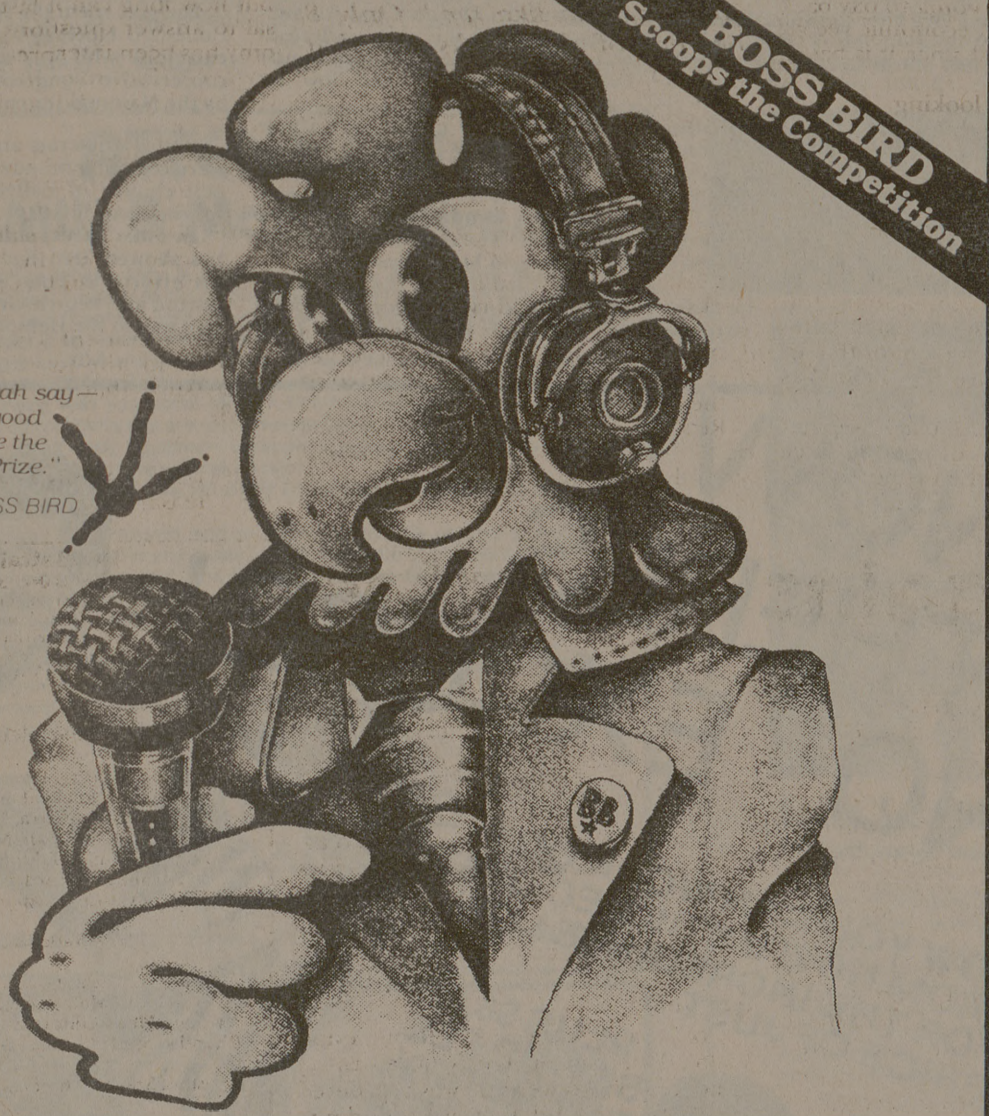
Chris Bowers  
College Station

## Ags won't blindly follow Richard Smith

EDITOR:

The Batt of Thursday, October 25 ran a large Richard Smith ad headed by a huge leader "Richard Smith State Representative." Richard's proclivity to dishonesty is manifest by his innumerable signs and ads proclaiming him to be something that he isn't. This is patently dishonest if not downright illegal. His portrayal is insulting and downgrading to the intelligence of all Aggies. We Aggies follow the Aggie code and will not blindly follow Richard, as he will discover on November 6.

R. Schmude, Jr.  
Class of '81



"This is — ah say — this is so good ah deserve the Pulitzer Prize."  
BOSS BIRD

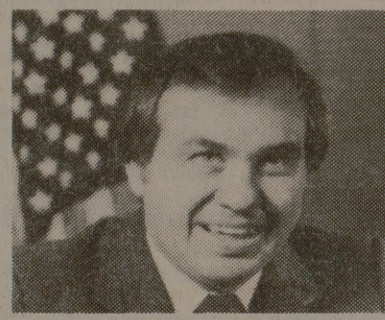
## NEW ROASTED CHICKEN

Boss Bird has done it again. Now Tinsley's is making great chicken two ways — our traditional golden fried and our new slow-roasted. Tinsley's Roasted Chicken is tender, juicy and delicious with our vegetables and fresh-baked rolls. And because Tinsley's Roasted Chicken is low in salt and calories, it makes a good-tasting meal that's good for you.

**1/4 Roasted Chicken**  
Choice of 2 vegetables and 1 roll.  
**\$1.99**  
Tinsley's  
Chicken 'n' rolls  
Offer expires 11/12/84. Offer available only at:  
1905 Texas Ave. 693-1669  
705 N. Texas Ave. 822-2819  
512 Villa Maria 822-5277 TAMU

**1/2 Roasted Chicken**  
Choice of 2 vegetables & 2 rolls.  
**\$2.99**  
Tinsley's  
Chicken 'n' rolls  
Offer expires 11/12/84. Offer available only at:  
1905 Texas Ave. 693-1669  
705 N. Texas Ave. 822-2819  
512 Villa Maria 822-5277 TAMU

**Whole Roasted Chicken to go with 6 rolls.**  
**\$4.99**  
Tinsley's  
Chicken 'n' rolls  
Offer expires 11/12/84. Offer available only at:  
1905 Texas Ave. 693-1669  
705 N. Texas Ave. 822-2819  
512 Villa Maria 822-5277 TAMU



## Compare Experience and Positions

	Dan Kubiak	Joe Barton
<b>Legislative Experience:</b>	<b>14 Years</b> 7 terms, Texas House of Representatives; Chairman, Public Education and Higher Education Committees. One of <i>Texas Monthly's</i> "Ten Best Legislators".	<b>None</b>
<b>Endorsed by Primary Election Opponents:</b>	Endorsed by both of his primary opponents, Hugh Parmer and Rip Van Winkle.	All three primary opponents - Max Hoyt, Bob Harris, and Pat Friedrichs - <b>refused</b> to endorse Barton.
<b>Low Interest Student Loans:</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
<b>History of Working for TAMU:</b>	As Chairman of the House Education Committee, he worked with Appropriation Chairman Bill Presnal (D. Brazos County) to help A&M grow from 9,000 students to over 30,000. Dan served on the Higher Education Committee and appropriated monies to further the high standards of TAMU.	<b>None</b>
<b>Independence:</b>	Will evaluate each individual issue and will vote in the interest of the district, the state and the nation.	Vows "100% support" of his national party platform.

"Dan Kubiak will take the special Texas wisdom with him when he goes to Washington."  
— Senator Lloyd Benksen

Dan **Kubiak**  
A Texas Democrat for Congress

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