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SG elections provide students opportunity to voice opinions

Who really cares about Student Government? That's a question I've thought about before but never seriously considered until Sunday night when campaign signs mysteriously popped up by University Center and Sblisa.

John Hallett

Even then I never really thought about writing a column on the subject until yesterday when I passed by Sully and the infamous symposium.

It was around noon and the candidates for student body president were being introduced.

Present for the forum were approximately 25-30 students of which as many as 10 were concerned journalism students. Concerned about a writing assignment or snapping a few pics for photojournalism.

Who knows how many others were from Lambda Sigma or Student Government. That's a sad reflection on the A&M student body.

Or is it? Where does the fault lie? Perhaps Lambda Sigma is to blame. What started out as a noble cause to bring the student leaders to the students seems to have failed.

The symposium lost credibility in my mind when it presented speakers such as Kim Walters, then reigning Miss Texas A&M. No offense intended to Miss Texas A&M, but my intelligence was offended when Lambda Sigma tried to pass her off as a student leader.

I think it would be much better not to have the symposium every week, especially given its limited success, rather

than to search for speakers in desperation.

On the other hand, maybe the fault lies with Student Government. Students complain they lack input into Student Government and University affairs. The candidates at the symposium acknowledged that there is insufficient communication between students and their leaders but none seem to offer any new concrete ideas to bridge the gap.

Are there really student leaders at Texas A&M? Does a government really serve a useful purpose when the masses can't perceive any tangible benefits from that government's actions? Is student government worthwhile when the biggest event of the year appeared to be the gay rights resolution which was eventually vetoed by Student Body President David Alders? Alders claimed he vetoed the resolution because of technicalities and not necessarily because he opposed the resolution.

How could Student Government even consider proposals such as the one sponsored by Robert Hill designed to prevent demonstrations on the grass around the Memorial Student Center? Fortunately the bill was killed in committee, but why was the bill ever seriously considered? If the bill had passed it would only have added fuel to those who love to ridicule A&M. Hill claimed the purpose of the bill was not to violate students' First Amendment rights, but "to remind students that the MSC is a memorial and to reinstate the MSC's memorial status."

Imagine banning protests and demonstrations in Washington, D.C. around national memorials. Where would the Civil Rights movement be today if it hadn't been allowed to gather at The

Mall and Martin Luther King couldn't have given his famous "I have a dream" speech at the foot of the Jefferson Memorial? Their purpose and SWAMP's purpose last semester was not to desecrate a memorial but to use the memorial (the MSC grass in SWAMP's case) as a symbol. Would either action have gotten the same attention or response if they had taken place elsewhere?

The former students who gave their lives defending our country did so to protect our freedom. How would they feel now knowing that a memorial in their honor violated the principles of free speech?

Hill should think about how a proposal would benefit the student body in the future before he sponsors a bill. The Student Senate would function much better if it didn't have to waste time considering such proposals and was free to act on more pertinent issues.

Student elections are coming up Wednesday and Thursday, March 27th and 28th. This will give the student body an opportunity to be heard. Or not to be heard. If students care about Student Government and what it stands for, and what it does and doesn't do, then they should exercise their right to vote. At the same time, students who don't care about Student Government and feel that it has no effect on their academic lives shouldn't vote. To do so would be to support something they don't believe in.

For those who do plan on voting, think about it carefully. Get to know the candidates and the issues if there are any. An uninformed vote can hurt more than no vote at all.

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Aggie women have come a long way

I wandered across campus this morning and for the first time I noticed them. They were everywhere. Texas A&M has become infested with them and no one really seems to mind. How times change, I thought. Their presence can't be ignored — the campus has females on it!



Loren Steffy

Tuesday marked the 27th anniversary of the court ruling which made the University admit women. Many true Ags were not pleased with the decision. How could women be allowed to enter this bastion of masculinity?

Ralph Gorman Jr., then president of the Dallas A&M Club said, "The action is one of the most selfish acts ever perpetrated against A&M in a long time. It will do the school a lot of harm."

But 14,487 women later, Gorman's statement seems rather absurd. The school has expanded from a college to a university and the influx of female faculty and students played an integral role in the growth process. The injection of women into Texas A&M was exactly the medication this University needed to cure its horribly chauvinistic attitudes.

Gorman also stated on that fateful day in 1958, "I can't imagine what kind of girl would go to A&M." Just looking around I would guess about every kind of girl imaginable who wants better herself through a good education. I read Gorman's quote to see if female students who found its sexist to be so ridiculous that it was funny.

Times have changed. Today, Gorman's comments seem comical. Certainly no one in 1985 would argue the admittance of women into a major state university.

But although times may change, history repeats. In 1958, former students were outraged at the thought of women being allowed to enroll at the traditionally all-male Texas A&M. In 1985, former students are outraged at the ruling which forces the Aggie Band to accept women. The last two digits of the year have reversed, but attitudes at A&M haven't.

Let's hope, 27 years from now, the male band members will be able to look back on the quotes of the former students fighting the band ruling with a laugh as easily as the female students do today chuckle at Gorman's words.

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What does 'S.B' mean?

Trent Leopold

Part of the summer before my freshman year was spent learning Aggie terms like K.K., C.T., DS, F.O.W., R.A., T.A., etc. But nobody ever explained to me what S.B. stood for.

During one of my first classes here a girl started talking about an event she attended where all of these S.B.s were congregated and how I knew how S.B.s acted and couldn't I understand how S.B.s were.

When I got back to my apartment that evening two years ago I found my informative "Inrol" and started hunting for S.B.

I really didn't know what a S.B. was and I figured I just missed the term while learning all of the other ones associated with this great maroon and white institution.

But S.B. wasn't in "Inrol."

So I asked around until I found out S.B. stands for Sorority Bitch.

Since then, I've been trying to discover exactly what a Sorority Bitch is.

I'll admit I don't thoroughly understand the entire definition of a S.B. now. Nobody does. Not even S.B.s themselves.

However, I do have an idea of the meaning after living around them, going to school with them and dating them for nearly three years.

Basically a sorority is a clique of girls who tell each other their secrets, know each other's innermost feelings, maintain confidential test files and share big mansions. And it follows that a S.B. is one of the members of the group.

But the definition is broader. Look around until you see a girl wearing the latest of the Ralph Lauren Polo creations while she sports her Gucci purse religiously.

Her add-a-beads will be gleaming in lusters of lapis and gold. You can sense she's probably proud of her drop necklace composed of two or three funny-looking symbols. And her makeup is meticulously drawn on her face.

She might even have a well-dressed stocky Frat Daddy beside her. (The term "Frat Daddy" is not in "Inrol" either.)

You are probably safe in betting she is a S.B. If she's blonde (naturally or otherwise), she might be a Delta Zeta.

If she was homecoming queen in high school she probably is a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority.

If she is from Highland Park or River Oaks she is likely to be a Chi Omega.

One of my first personal encounters with a S.B. was when I asked out a DZ. I suggested several date options, but really wanted to go bowling.

I discovered, in no uncertain terms, that "DZs don't like to go bowling." We did go to dinner and a movie. The DZ S.B. told me that I was lucky she went out with me at all. Maybe part of the definition of a S.B. includes an appreciation of dates like formal dances, movies, classical concerts and dinner with fine wines and blue cheese. And not dates to the bowling alley.

Both types of dates are fun. Several members of the Delta Delta Delta Sorority are friends of mine. They are better known as the Tri Dels.

Rumors are that Tri Dels have been known to do such things as steal men's underwear.

Ann, a friend who is a sophomore at college in Louisiana, is a typical Tri Del. We were good friends until she joined the sorority.

But when she joined, she told me she couldn't spend time going on dates. She also can't spend time to say hello to me.

Maybe a S.B. is just a member of a clique of girls who hangs around exclusively with other members of the same clique and just likes to act bitchy.

Whatever the definition is, it needs to be put in the "Inrol."

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