

**OPINION**

# Parking 'experiment' at students' expense

Students parking spaces are hard enough to find without the University playing now-you-see-it, now-you-don't games with campus lots. This week Lot 51, across from the Zachry Engineering Center, mysteriously transformed from a student lot into a faculty lot without warning.

Students who parked in the lot were ticketed, even though the campus police were not ticketing violators in other student lots during the first week of school. Technically Lot 51 was no longer for students, but many Aggies were caught unaware.

The metamorphosis is part of an "experiment" to provide more parking for faculty. Anyone who was ticketed in Lot 51 Monday or Tuesday can go to the University Police Station and have the ticket dismissed.

But they shouldn't have to wait in lines and go through the necessary red tape to clear their names. The students shouldn't have to be shuffled around unannounced, especially during the first week of school when many are still a little disoriented.

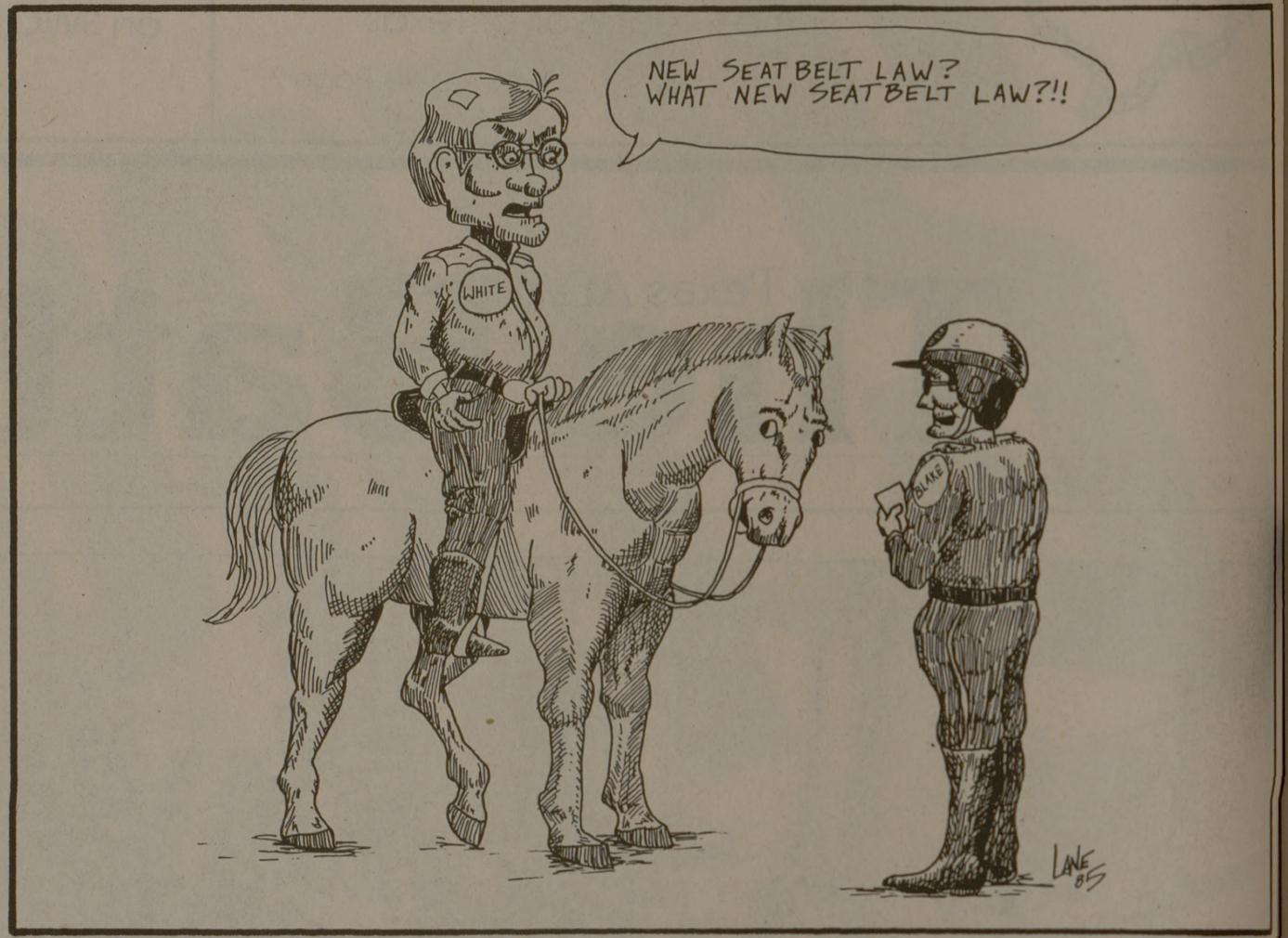
Obviously, the University Police failed to look before they leapt. Adjacent to Lot 51 is Lot 50, a designated faculty parking area which is rarely full. The faculty should fill up their first lot before they're given a second.

Fortunately, the "experiment" is about to end. Bob Wiatt, Director of Security and Traffic said if the lot didn't fill up, it would be redesignated as a student lot as of Monday.

Unfortunately, this is not the first semester that such an experiment has taken place in this lot. It should not happen again.

What a senseless kicking around of the student body. Meaningless ticket writing and mindless elimination of parking areas will only infuriate already-frustrated, parking-deprived students.

The Battalion Editorial Board



# Fancher and Miles are back, but Corps hasn't stood trial

Does anyone remember Bruce Goodrich? I figured that most of you would.



Karl Pallmeyer

Everyone should know that Bruce Dean Goodrich was a sophomore transfer student from Webster, N.Y., who came to Texas A&M last year.

Everyone should know that Goodrich was a "frog," a student who joins the Corps after his freshman year.

Everyone should know that Goodrich and his roommate were awakened around 2:30 a.m. on Aug. 30, 1984, by three upperclassmen and were forced to participate in "motivational exercises."

Everyone should know that Goodrich collapsed during the exercises.

Everyone should know that Goodrich died 12 hours later.

But does everyone know that Anthony D'Alessandro, Louis Fancher III and Jason Miles, the three upperclassmen who forced Goodrich to participate in the run, are back in school and that Fancher and Miles are back in the Corps?

After Goodrich's death an investigation was held. D'Alessandro, Fancher and Miles pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of hazing. Another cadet, Gabriel Cuadra, was found guilty of tampering with evidence in the case.

Cuadra destroyed a roster that listed the exercises required during the exercise session that was held for Goodrich. Cuadra said he destroyed the roster to protect the Corps from any more bad publicity. D'Alessandro, Fancher and Miles were fined \$50, performed 100 hours of community service and contributed \$750 to the Bruce Goodrich memorial scholarship fund. Cuadra was fined \$500 and received a probated sentence. Cuadra has filed for an appeal.

All four cadets stood trial and were punished. But the Corps didn't stand trial. The Corps has not been punished. With the readmission of Fancher and Miles it is obvious that the Corps wants to forget the whole story of Bruce Goodrich. With the Goodrich memorial scholarship and the Goodrich memorial park — next to Olsen Field — it is obvious the Corps wants to remember

responsibility for seeing that the power its upperclassmen have is not misused?

For 109 years the Corps of Cadets has been an important part of Texas A&M. For 109 years there has been hazing. The Corps is structured to give the upperclassmen power over their underclassmen. This power sometimes leads to hazing. Because of 109 years of tradition and fear of reprisal, most cases of hazing are not reported. But sometimes the cases of hazing are too severe not to be reported.

*With the Goodrich memorial scholarship and the Goodrich memorial park — next to Olsen Field — it is obvious the Corps wants to remember Goodrich as a young man who died for the Corps. The Corps doesn't want to remember that Goodrich died because of the Corps.*

During these cases those who were responsible are tried as if they were merely students hazing other students for no apparent reason. The idea that hazing is almost a traditional Corps activity doesn't ever come to trial.

In May, 1984, several freshman cadets were treated for injuries they received when they were beaten with ax handles by their upperclassmen. Eight cadets were dismissed from the Corps and several others, including Cuadra, were put on probation for their involvement in the hazing incident.

Last August, Goodrich died because of a hazing incident. The ones who commit the actual hazing are sometimes punished. Their punishment is rarely severe and the Corps never takes any responsibility for the incident.

At the University of Texas last year, one of pledges of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity was hospitalized for injuries received when he and several other pledges were forced to participate in "competitive exercises" for initiation. The three upperclassmen who were in charge of the initiation were suspended from the university. The fraternity was suspended for a year. Because the fraternity gave the upperclassmen the power that led to the hazing of their pledges, it was the fraternity's responsibility to see that power was not misused. Why doesn't the Corps take

responsibility for seeing that the power its upperclassmen have is not misused?

One cannot argue that the Corps and a fraternity are different because of the military nature of the Corps. In the real military, power is given to those who earn it through experience, work, dedication, intelligence and respect. Those who prove they are capable of leading others are promoted to a higher rank. In the Corps, sophomores have power over a freshmen simply because they have been in school longer.

After Goodrich's death the Corps announced several changes in policy. These changes are supposed to stop hazing. But the new policies have to be enforced to actually stop hazing.

With the readmission of Fancher and Miles, it doesn't seem as if the Corps is too interested in enforcing those policies. The Corps seems to be more interested in maintaining an image as opposed to helping its members. The reason Cuadra gave for destroying the exercise roster shows the Corps' protect-the-Corps-regardless-of-the-effects-on-its-individual-members attitude. The Corps didn't stand by Fancher and Miles during the trial but now that the heat is off they are welcomed back as if nothing had happened.

But something did happen. We should remember Bruce Goodrich so that it doesn't happen again.

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# Mail Call

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## Rock not entirely evil

EDITOR: This is in response to Karl Pallmeyer's editorial of August 16 entitled "Rock 'n' roll: Satan's Music or Christian Rock Model?" In that editorial Karl raises some very interesting and relevant questions, for which we'd like to provide some answers. He asks: "Why, if rock 'n' roll so evil, are Christian bands trying to sound like rock bands?"

First, all Christians don't believe that rock is entirely evil. We affirm that rock is an undeniable part of our culture. It talks about issues that we all care about — love, sex, peace, war, etc. This doesn't mean that all of it is acceptable, but neither is all of it trash.

Second, Christian artists aren't copying or stealing from secular groups anymore than secular artists are copying from each other. For example, can you count on just one hand how many artists have been influenced by the Beatles or how many times a popular song has been remade? We sure can't.

Third, we have to admit that, technically, some of the best rock music is put out by secular artists. If Christians are serious about reaching young people they have to keep pace. Although the quality of music is there in secular rock, vital, effective answers to life's tough questions are not. Christian artists affirm that one finds fulfillment of potential and practical answers through the love of Christ. And more importantly, one sees this not only in their lifestyles. U2 is an example. Christian groups want young people to know this good news, and the only way to communicate it is through the musical styles that young people can already relate to and enjoy.

Dawn Wright  
Lisa Glass

## New game in town

EDITOR: Once again, it's the start of a fresh year here at Texas A&M. Many things have changed since this time last year: women in the band (BQ-ettes?, Barbie-Q's?), fraternities and sororities are still not recognized by the University, but the Gay Students are; "Bum" Bright has left the Board of Regents; Reville IV has left to make way for Reville V. So it is always comforting to come back to some of the things that never change. I missed the familiar sights and sounds of building construction and was pleased to find five major buildings under construction in the few acres of undeveloped area in the northeast corner of campus. But I was especially refreshed by the further reduction of student parking, both automobile and motorcycle, which accompanies each new academic year. It renews my hopes for maintaining Aggie traditions.

EDITOR: Not all that is new is bad, though. There is one new challenge facing this year's students. There is a new sport in town. It's a new version of the popular video game "Frogger" and is called "Spence Street." The idea is to fence off all the sidewalks and walking area, and then park cars along the side of the street. Next, pack the street with large construction vehicles, motorists, motorcyclists, mopeddlers, and the inevitable bicyclists. Add construction workers going to lunch and a new "RIGHT TURN ONLY" blockade, make a thousand students rush up and down the street, and you have a very interesting game. The level of difficulty varies with the time of day: novices should not try this game during daylight hours, but the most experienced players find the 12-1 lunch hour level to be a real workout.

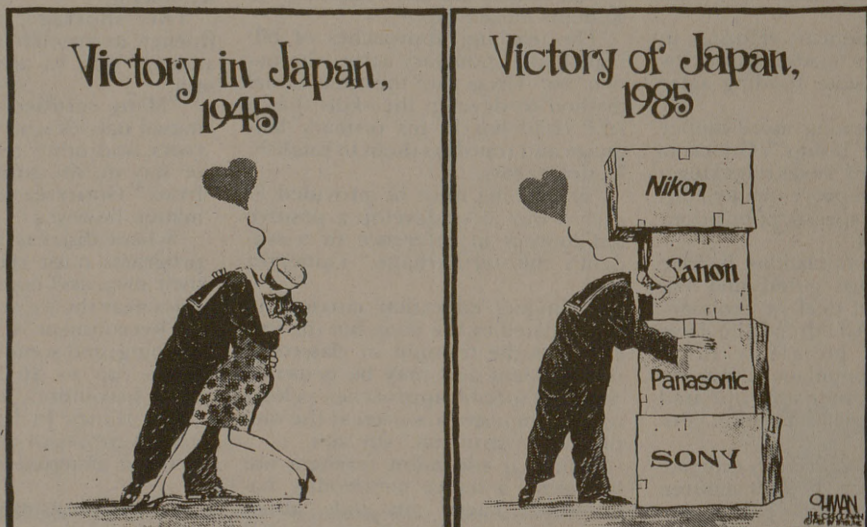
The purpose of this game is to simulate life in the real world. The graduates of Texas A&M in 1989, should they survive, will be mentally and physically prepared to start demanding careers, and will be able to say that they attended a truly World Class University.

Mark David DeHart '84  
EDITOR'S NOTE: Two fraternities have now been recognized by the University

A lot to consider  
EDITOR: Thank you University Police Department for changing the blue day student lot across from the Zachry Engineering Center. I was so pleased on Monday at 7:38 a.m. when I drove up and found that the large blue lot had been changed to a staff lot number 51. How intelligent! I guess that it does make a lot of sense when you really think about it, since the original size of the staff lot was more than adequate and never completely full. "Since they have plenty of space let's take away some of the students' valuable parking! Then, students will probably have no choice but to park in the staff lot, but that is no problem either since all students are extremely rich and can easily afford \$10 a day in order to attend class."

On Monday, the new lot was full and the old staff lot still had places left in it. I didn't think this made much sense since the new staff lot is farther from campus than the old one. Yes, you guessed it, the lot was full of desperate students' cars. One by one, a friendly police officer placed a wonderful \$10 yellow ticket under each windshield wiper. It's amazing how a majority of fee-paying students can be the least considered for. Maybe tomorrow there will be an extra empty space at the Post Oak Mall.

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