

## The At Ease staff takes it upon itself to chop down those sacred cows and quirks of A&M

### College senior pens guide for freshmen

The Texas A&M University Press announced Thursday that it will publish "A Freshman's Guide to College Survival," written by a Texas A&M senior specifically for Aggie freshmen, in time for the Class of '90.

The book, one of the press' most prestigious publications thus far, was written by Buck D'Asistim, a senior in mechanical engineering. It maps the path to success here in Aggieland, teaching the freshman what it took the rest of us four years to learn.

"It's a book we're extremely proud of," press spokesman Skip Shod said. "It contains valuable information on how and what to study which can be helpful to sophomores, juniors and naive seniors, too."

The book tells freshmen where to get the essential, illegal solution manuals and where to find a technical writing term paper your professor hasn't read. It gives hints on how to tell if your professor is happily married, on the prowl or gay. It even tells which fraternity or Corps outfit is best to join if you want to improve your grades, D'Asistim said.

"Well, you gotta join the ones with the tests," he said, "the illegal ones, I mean. A lot of profs are too lazy to make out new tests every semester, and the frats got 'em in their quiz file. If you've got one, you'll probably break the curve."

Shod said he expects the book to sell well here and at other universities as well.

"This is the most innovative guide to college survival since Rod O'Connor's," he said. "It gives the freshmen the information they need, all the things they won't find in the handbook."

### Librarian reveals book-hiding ploy

Investigative reporting has revealed intriguing information about a book-hoarding scheme in the Sterling C. Evans Library. The reason for the mysterious disappearance of books and journals toward the end of each semester was revealed by librarian Brookes Gonn.

"After midterm grades come out, a few of us here in the library like to teach those students who've put off their research papers until the last minute a little lesson," she chuckled as she pushed her black, horn-rimmed glasses further up her nose.

"We'll take the books or magazines most valuable to an individual's research, and we'll hide them in secret parts of the library," she said. "Those of us here who do this kind of thing look at it as a creative learning experience for library users. This will make them think twice about procrastinating the next time."

### 3 druids interrupt bonfire celebration

Three Texas A&M professors were arrested Thursday after they took off their clothes and danced naked inside the perimeter of Bonfire, the University police reported. All three were admitted to the A.P. Beutal Health Center for treatment of multiple bruises and lacerations, apparently received from axe-wielding red pots.

The three, reportedly professors in the horticulture department, were celebrating an ancient druid fertility feast, which coincided with the Aggie celebration, police sources said.

"Well, apparently this is a big holiday for them back home," arresting officer Horne Rim said. "They said they saw all that wood burning and just couldn't help themselves."

While police denied rumors that the three were about to sacrifice a virgin when arrested, they said the group could be heard chanting "Trees and tenure" as they danced around the fire.

### Student has thought

Over 100 years of Aggie tradition was broken Monday when Jennifer Ann McDowziggson, a sophomore business major, actually had an original thought.

"I was on my way to class," McDowziggson confessed, "when I was struck with the strangest feeling. All of a sudden, I realized that this school, this country and this world would be a much nicer place if everybody loved everybody else."

McDowziggson tried to tell her business class about her revelation but her statements were met with hisses and the phrase: "Highway 6 runs both ways." McDowziggson's professor asked her to leave the room since any new ideas in his class posed a threat to his getting tenure.

B.G. (Daddy) Megabucks, Dean of the College of Business and Money, told reporters that McDowziggson would be kicked out of the business school and A&M.

"There is no room for love in the world of business," Megabucks said. "Ms. McDowziggson had better realize that we live in a cold and cruel world. I think the best way to show her that we mean business is to kick her pretty little rear out of the school and onto the streets."

"However, sex is another matter. If Ms. McDowziggson would use her shapely, little body in a true business-like fashion, I think I might be able to find a place for her."

McDowziggson was refused a meeting with the Board of Regents. W.E. Wantdough, the Board's chairman, said that McDowziggson cannot be allowed to attend a Regents' meeting.

"We have never let a person with an idea come to one of our meetings," Wantdough said, "and we aren't about to start now. I'm 69 years old and I've never had an idea. How do you think I got to be chairman?"

### Officer witnesses miraculous start-up of Eternal Flame

To the surprise of everyone, the Eternal Flame reportedly started up, flickered weakly, and died Thursday afternoon in an unprecedented effort to live up to its name. University sources said that the unexplained phenomenon was witnessed by a member of the University police force stationed nearby.

"Well, I was hidin' plainclothes-like in a tree across the street," eyewitness officer Chase Bykes said. "I'd got my walkie-talkie in one hand and I was waitin' for the kids to run a stop sign or speed so I could call ahead for my back-up to ticket 'em."

"All of a sudden-like, I saw the thing start goin'. I reported it right away 'cause no one's seen the thing burn anytime except football games when the former students is here since they installed the thing years ago. I thought it was arson, so I reported it."

Police department officials said they have no clues as to what caused the eternal flame to burn, but cited sterno cans, left over cinders from Bonfire or spontaneous combustion as possible causes.

"Whatever happened, be sure we'll be watching the Eternal Flame right close from now on to make sure no one starts it up another time," Bykes said.

### A&M Regents deem core curriculum wasteful use of time

Instating a core curriculum, including mandatory courses in English, history and psychology, would be useless and a waste of time, the Texas A&M Board of Regents decided Wednesday at its monthly meeting.

"We're here to teach students something they can use when they get out," said regent Harvey Lockjaw. "Why if I had my way, I'd get rid of those departments entirely so we could channel that money into engineering and business, where it would do some good."