

Opinion

Poor reception

No one showed up at the Bryan City Council's public hearing Monday on McCaw Cablevision's proposed rate increase. With the recent grumblings from the community over McCaw's current rates, it's disturbing that no one came forward to voice their opinions.

The franchise agreement McCaw has with the city states that the cable company must inform the city of proposed rate increases, and the city can then either do nothing — a signal of acceptance of the new rates — or set the rates itself.

If no one appears to protest the new rate hike, the Council could interpret it as a sign that the public will readily accept the new rates.

If that is the case, then the recent anti-McCaw banter circulating in the area must be just idle chatter.

The Bryan City Council makes its final decision today at 10 a.m. However, College Station residents, including many Texas A&M students, will get a chance to let their city know how they feel about the cable rate increase. The College Station City Council will discuss the rate increase today at 5 p.m.

If residents don't exercise their right to express their views, they soon may be paying more for their viewing rights.

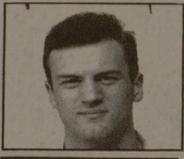
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Regents attempt to deal with growing liberal trend

What you are about to read is a parody. Any similarities with factual persons or events are purely coincidental — I think.



Glenn Murtha

Disturbed by what they consider a growing liberal trend among students and faculty members, the Texas A&M Board of Regents took decisive action today to stop this leftist swing.

In 3 bold strokes the Board voted to:

1. Change the name of the College of Liberal Arts to the College of Conservative Arts, then decided to abolish it altogether claiming, "it's where all the commie-pinkos hang out."

2. Change the Aggie Code of Honor to "Aggies should not lie, cheat, or steal except to help recruit players for the football team."

3. Require Aggie Admittance tests for all prospective students and faculty members.

When asked why the Board took such decisive action, one Regent commented, "t' git beck t' them days when mien was mien, wieminin was wieminin, en ol them queers wient t' t.u."

Another promptly added, "Beck whien Aggies had ther prieties stret- fuitball, tradishiens, en wieminin!" (not necessarily in that order).

Through some harrowing detective work of my own, I have managed to obtain some example questions from the tests:

Student Test

1. What do you feel is the most important reason for attending Texas A&M? (refer to question 2)

- a. Fuitball
- b. Tradishiens
- c. Wieminin
- d. All of the above

2. After fuitball, what do you feel is the second most important reason for attending Texas A&M?

- a. Fuitball
- b. Tradishiens
- c. Wieminin
- d. All of the above

3. Religion. Identify any 3 of the 10 commandments (preferably from the Revised Fuitball Version of the Aggie Bible, King Jackie Edition).

Hint:

1. Thou shalt have no other coaches before me.

2. Thou shalt not take the name of thy Coach in vain.

3. Remember Football Saturday, and keep it holy!

Faculty Test

1. Are you a commie-pinko?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Maybe so

2. Who did you vote for in the last presidential election?

- a. Ronald Reagan
- b. I didn't vote, but I supported Ronald Reagan
- c. The other guy
- d. Mikhail Gorbachev (for commie-pinkos)

3. Would you be willing to contribute a fair amount of your salary to a charity fund to provide adequate tuition for football athletes on scholarship?

Joe Liberty, an attorney for the thinktank *People for the Longhorn* (PLOW) immediately attacked the as unconstitutional and beyond mentality of the typical prospectus. Joe stated, "The tests discriminate against those people who have a pure for brains."

Will this crisis be resolved? Stay for another episode of "The Board Down the Law" or "Tar and Feather Commie-Pinkos."

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Mail Call

Bravo for the Editorial Board

EDITOR:

Bravo on The Battalion Editorial Board's editorial "Mind over Materialism," and its call for student concerns, not over becoming Yuppies, but helping people and participating in community service.

I would be delighted in being the faculty adviser to any such group, and I am sure that many of my colleagues in the College of Liberal Arts would also participate.

Terry Anderson
Associate Professor of History

Same could be said for slavery

EDITOR:

In the concluding paragraph of Glenn Murtha's column on abortion (Opinion Page, Jan. 23) he says, "The fact that strong differences of opinion exist indicates no absolute right or wrong."

In its time, the same could have been said of slavery.

Paul R. Koch
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Several points on abortion

EDITOR:

This letter is written with regard to several points concerning abortion raised in the Jan. 23 issue of *The Battalion*, particularly in relation to a column by Glenn Murtha.

In the abortion controversy, I take an anti-abortion stand, and base my judgement upon two basic premises.

The first deals with the question of life at conception. I believe this dilemma is mute, as the organism obviously possesses the most basic qualities that define life: respiration, growth, expenditure of energy, etc.

Secondly, is the fetus human? Although this can be argued, I believe scientific evidence indicates that it is. Modern theories of the generation of life are based on the conclusion that one life form does not spring forth spontaneously, but instead, develops from pre-existing cells of the same form. The fetus has, from the moment of conception, the 46 chromosomes of a human organism and a unique genetic make-up. It does not magically metamorphose into a human being at some legally set point in time; it simply matures.

As to the quality of life which Murtha discussed, I pose the question: Have we the capacity or the right to judge the quality of another's life to the point of passing sentences of death? When this was done to handicapped persons in Nazi Germany, we called it a crime against nature.

Murtha also questions the situation of a pregnant woman's financial state. Can poverty justify murder? The same argument used by Murtha could excuse infanticide in the case of a woman who could not afford her newborn. I find a sad trend in our society toward self-centeredness and weakness, rather than strength and courage, in the face of hardship. Have we no backbone?

I believe firmly in the rights of the individual, which I think should

include the unborn. The most basic right in our society in our society is the right to life.

It is true that it has not been conclusively proven that a fetus is man from the time of conception. However, it has not been proven it isn't. Is human life something we should be gambling with?

Meghan A. Carmody
Class of '87

Don't be fooled by liberal tunes

EDITOR:

I am shocked and indignant. I went to the record store today to get a *Twisted Sister* album, and having accidentally walked to the jazz section, I noticed a section entitled "New Age" music. What I do know is how long has this New Age/Globalist/Secular Humanist conspiracy been going on in the music business?

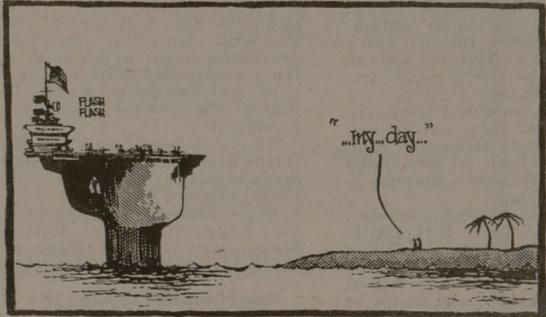
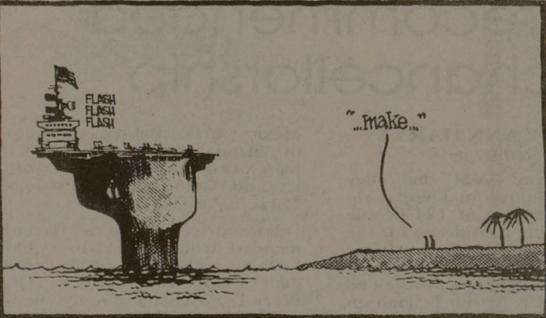
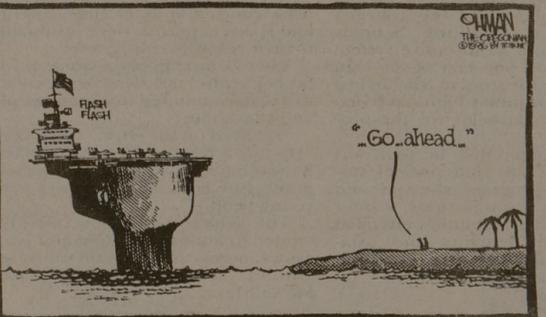
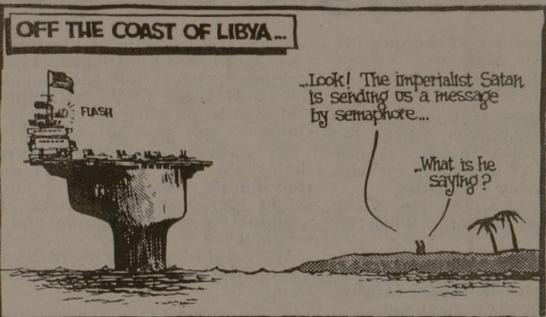
For those of you as yet blissfully uninformed about this concoction of a conspiratory movement, it is run by some of the most powerful people on earth. These people want to eliminate God, the family, the United States as we know it today. They have already taken over government schools and are now trying to impose a one-world government and a one-world religion, just as predicted in *Revelation*.

It has now become clear to me that their stronghold on the campus is KAMU-FM. This station regularly and blatantly broadcasts such New Age music as Andreas Vollenwieder and music from William Hill Records, in addition to their regular left-wing propaganda from National Public Radio. Don't be fooled by the sweet melodiousness of this music; it is intended to make the population weak-willed and thus easier to control. I have myself almost been taken in by this but luckily, God spoke to me and told me to burn my New Age albums which I promptly did.

In closing, my suggested plan of action is to boycott KAMU now. By taking this action during their fund-raising drive, we can hit them where it hurts — in the pocketbook. Lastly, I urge all of you to boycott such liberal publications as the *New York Times* and *The Battalion*, and subscribe to some real journalism such as the *Hour of Prophecy*.

Brian Sterling

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