

Opinion

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During one of my late-night bull sessions with a few friends, we got to wondering what are the best and worst things on the A&M campus. While sipping from bottles of several domestic beers, we came up with a list of A&M's best and worst. Here it is.

The Best Place to Make Out: Kyle Field. Tradition has it that if you score on the 50-yard line, you'll be a millionaire by the time you're 25. We wish all traditions were so beneficial.

The Worst Place to Make Out: outside a dorm's entrance. Couples mugging up against the glass doors have to be pushed out of the way before you can enter the dorm. And they don't care who's watching — or listening.

The Best Fountain: the one near the Chemistry Building. Not only can you relax and bag a few rays, but one guy says you can bag a babe, too.

The Worst Fountain: the Fish Pond. One girl describes it as a giant ashtray. Why, during football season, just look at all the butts flicked in it.

Best Place to Eat: unanimously — there isn't.

Worst Place to Eat: Sbis Dining Hall. On it's Big Night specials, students are promised shrimp or steak. And they pay more for that meal. But come on, \$6.50 for three shrimp? You could get better food and service for your money if you took the \$6.50 and ate at Archie's Hamburgers.

Best Place to Park: off-campus.

Worst Place to Park: in the handicap designated spaces. If you park in a handicap space you have to walk around campus all day with a limp.

Worst Class to be in at 5:00: Any class. Your stomach's growling because you haven't seen food since 8 a.m. and it's too long a walk to Archie's Hamburgers. So you're already in a bad mood. On top of that you have to comprehend whatever it is you're supposed to be learning in this class when all you can think about is food and Zephyr Club. We vote to skip this class.

Worst Place to Walk: in that area near the Harrington and Academic buildings. You have to wade through the bird poop on the ground simultaneously holding your nose. Stinko.

Best Hiking Route: from north-side to the golf shop. It's at least a 20 minute walk in which time you have to dodge foreign bicyclists, runaway mopeds, groups of 12 people who insist on walking and talking at the same time and that short, fat boy you met in Biology 113.

Best Place to Pick-up Guys and/or Girls: fourth floor of the Sterling Evans Library. You can find a date to any sorority or fraternity function. We've dubbed it the unofficial meat market on campus, the Zephyrs of the north. Typical conversations begin, "Hi, my name's Matt and I see you're studying transcendentalism in the 19th century. I'm minoring in that, so why don't we study together." You'd be amazed at how well it works.

Worst Shuttle Route: the one that lets off at Rudder. Who has a class at Rudder Tower? From there, it's a good five minutes to any class.

Worst Poster: in the Texas Aggie. It's an advertisement that has someone in the Corps trying to look macho with a sword and this girl in a bikini grabbing him like he's a god or something. Only when the Corps starts churning out Rob Lowes will this be permissible, (or realistic).

Worst Alarm Clock: the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band. Didn't mandatory reveille end when non-regs were allowed? Just because the boys in the band have to be up and about at 5 a.m. doesn't mean everyone on southside shares their enthusiasm for the early morning hours.

Worst Building: All Faiths Chapel. This building looks like an old donut shop. Why the University hasn't started selling donuts from here is beyond us. Anyone for a glazed with pink and green sprinkles?

Worst Benches: the ones in the Memorial Student Center. What is that hideous hide — antelope or gazelle? You think the legs will rap around you and you'll be trapped inside the fur forever. Beware.

Best P.R. Smile: Head Football Coach Jackie Sherrill.

Worst Sense of Style: We decided

on those shorts that hit just on the knee cap. It seems people who wear these shorts aren't sure if they have the legs to wear short-shorts or if they want to be adult and wear long pants. What we want to know is when did knickers with a flowery print come into style?

Best Place for New Parking Space: the rugby and polo fields on the other side of the Zachary Building. How many rugby players are there? Maybe 15. How many students need to park on campus? Maybe 30,000. Let's get our priorities straight for once. As for the polo players, they can ride their horses in that area near the Harrington and Academic buildings, no one would notice.

Worst department: the Police Department. What student, faculty or staff member wouldn't want to get a hold of a ticket book and play eeny-meeny-miny-moe with a row of police cars illegally parked.

Best Hotel: the Architecture Building. Architecture majors spend at least 30 hours a day doing projects in this home away from one. To help supplement the budget, the University should set up cots and charge rent.

Best Tradition: This took a while to think about, but we finally decided on the "kissing your date after the football team scores" tradition. The only problem we could see with this one, however, is what if you get stuck going to the game with that short, fat boy from Biology 113?

Worst Tradition: This one was easy. After the football team scores and the yell leaders run to the goal post and clutch their crotch. What's the point, we want to know?. Are they checking to see if everything's still there? And what'll happen when some yell leaders are women? What part of their anatomy will they hold?

Worst Design of an Area: the Commons. Actually, it's not the Commons itself, but rather the driveway to the Commons. You can only reach the driveway by going down one street. If you make the mistake of wanting to reach the Commons by a closer route, you have to play "dodge the oncoming cars." Good luck.

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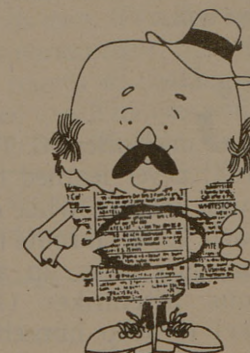
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