

# Opinion

## Radicals run wild at A&M

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What would be the one change you would make at Texas A&M?



Mike Sullivan

"Abolish and obliterate Gay Student Services and any judge who rules in their favor." "Get rid of fraternities and sororities." "Fire President Vandiver and rehire Gordon Eaton." "Fire Shelby Metcalf." "Abolish the Corps of Cadets." "Improve the counseling staff." "Get better faculty members."

I didn't say it. I just repeated some of the responses Student Government's student opinion survey got, although I do agree with at least one of those suggestions. The survey was administered last fall to 1,000 A&M students with most of the 212 responses coming from seniors, graduate students and juniors, in that order.

Saturday afternoon, after writing a letter to Jim Bakker expressing my condolences about his sex scandal, I kicked back on my front porch, sipped a Big Red and read through the survey.

It seems from some of the responses that the Aggie population has been successfully infiltrated by more than two students who aren't satisfied with the status quo. No, I didn't fill out the survey, if you're still wondering about the Corps abolitionist in the second paragraph. The survey questions ranged in subject from academic affairs to campus entertainment. And, of course, the responses ranged in intelligence as well.

Along the more intelligent line, some

students suggested more night classes and perhaps a day-care facility for students and faculty members who have children. I guess not all Aggies are single and between the ages of 18 and 22, suntanning themselves through college while Dad picks up the tab. I hope that doesn't scare anybody.

Surprisingly, the question about whether coed housing should be an option on campus drew positive reactions from about 67 percent of the respondents. But I liked some of the negative responses:

"Texas A&M is a conservative school. I respect this and so do many other individuals. We don't have to change just because everyone else is." I'd like to see this person's wardrobe.

"There is enough temptation and sexual immorality now." Praise be.

"I wasn't impressed with Jester Hall in Austin." Then what were you doing there, young lady/man?

Here's another interesting question: "Are you in favor of a student-run Honor Court that will have the power to investigate alleged violations of the Aggie Code of Honor? (Note: This Honor Court would have the right to suspend and/or expel convicted violators.)"

Forget about the joker who arranged to have this question included in the survey, some of the responses are most entertaining.

"This is a great idea and would help to revive Aggie honor missing in the present-day student. However, with so many students at this University, especially ones that do not care about being an Aggie, it would be difficult to make it work." True Aggies are beau-ti-ful, like a rainbow...

"If they threw everyone out who broke the Aggie Code of Honor, the campus would be empty — including

the Corps dorms." "Leave the vigilantism to the cops." According to the survey, about 10 percent of the respondents are fans of "A code of honor should not be enforced." Amen.

Flipping through the survey on its own and contrasting some of the questions and answers also was interesting. For instance, responding to the question about making one change at A&M, student suggested A&M have weed-out classes.

Concerning the health center, student wrote, "Get better doctors that can speak English." About necessary changes, another student wrote, "Obolish... the GSS."

There was a disclaimer at the end of the survey saying that the comments appeared exactly as they were written by the respondents — grammar and all included.

Forget fewer weed-out classes, has a little more work to do on the den. To cap it all off was this question: "In your mind, what is the most pressing issue which you feel that TAMU student government should pursue?"

I've selected four responses from the list. See if you can determine which response might be a "pressing issue" at A&M.

A) "A return to more conservative values and traditions."

B) "Getting the bicycle riders off the sidewalks."

C) "Improve the quality of advising."

D) "Kick Gay Student Services off campus."

Please don't cheat off your neighbor.

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## Goin' pro

Despite a last-minute decision to leave A&M that undoubtedly shocked and disappointed many Aggie fans, Kevin Murray deserves congratulations.

As a player, Murray recovered from a devastating ankle injury in 1984 and came back to lead the Aggies to two Southwest Conference Championship titles and a convincing 1986 Cotton Bowl victory.

"... What Kevin has really given to the team are intangibles that are hard to define — they include leadership and the determination to find a way to win..." A&M Coach Jackie Sherrill said.

Murray demonstrated that leadership quality and determination throughout his career at A&M and especially during his 1986 season in unforgettable games against Baylor University, Southern Methodist University and during our third straight victory over the University of Texas.

But the time is right for Murray to make his move to the pros. As A&M Offensive Coordinator Lynn Amedee said, "What can he do that he hasn't done? He's taken us to two Cotton Bowls, and he's been Player of the Year the last two years."

And though the man who now holds the Southwest Conference record for touchdown passes and a host of other impressive statistics is heading for the pros, he hasn't left us high and dry. Senior Craig Stump and redshirt freshman Lance Pavlas will take over for Murray in 1987.

To all three Aggies, and especially Kevin Murray, good luck.

## Farmers Write!

### Creationism is as scientific as evolution

You are sitting in Biology 111 when suddenly your professor starts to tell you how the human race began. His explanation can be summarized in few words: "From the goo, to you, by way of the zoo!" You fall out of your chair in abject shock, and as you look around the room, you notice that everyone else accepts his lecture automatically like mindless zombies.

Frank Lawrence  
Guest Columnist

ing at a decision of what happened. Creationism is most often ignored and ridiculed, although it has substantial evidence in its favor. H.S. Lipson is to be commended for his openness and scholarly attitude in a paper published by The Institute of Physics where he states, "If living matter is not, then, caused by the interplay of atoms, natural forces and radiation, how has it come into being? There is another theory, now quite out of favor, which is based upon the ideas of Lamack; that if an organism needs an improvement it will develop it, and transmit it to its progeny. I think we need to go further than this and admit that the only acceptable explanation is creation. I know this is an anathema to physicists, as indeed it is to me, but we must not refute a theory that we do not like if the experimental evidence supports it."

We have seen that we only have the evidence left from the beginning of life. We should look at the evidence that each side presents. First, the fossil record, which evolutionists use as their major propagandist tool, actually disproves evolutionary thinking through the lack of transitional organisms (missing links) in the fossil record. Darwin himself said in *The Origin of Species*, "... intermediate links? Geology assuredly does not reveal any such finely graduated organic change, and this is perhaps the most obvious and serious objection which can be urged against the theory (of evolution)."

The museum displays and pictures in biology textbooks only show the manipulative skill of evolutionists in clouding the real picture with their speculations.

Consider another form of evidence — living things. The probability of a correct sequence of DNA or protein, needed to support a self-replicating organism, forming by itself is preposterous and statistically impossible. Even the random chance of a correct sequence forming itself, to support a bacterial organism, such as E. Coli with 4.65 million DNA bases would be one in 10 million factorial, which is the most absurd statistical impossibility.

Another mistake in the evolutionists' reasoning involves the first Law of Thermodynamics, which states that energy can neither be created nor destroyed. Scientists recently have shown that the energy content of the universe is far less than what would be

needed at the universe's beginning. The creation model accommodates this extra energy.

If we did not evolve, how did we come into being? Our previous argument, concerning probabilities that mentioned the absurd chances of self-formation resulting in today's complex organisms, was clearly noted by Sir Fred Hoyle in *Evolution from Space*: "Once we see that the probability of life originating at random is so utterly minuscule as to make it absurd, it becomes sensible to think that the favorable properties of physics, on which life depends, are in every respect deliberate. It is almost inevitable that our own measure of intelligence must reflect higher intelligence — even to the limit of God."

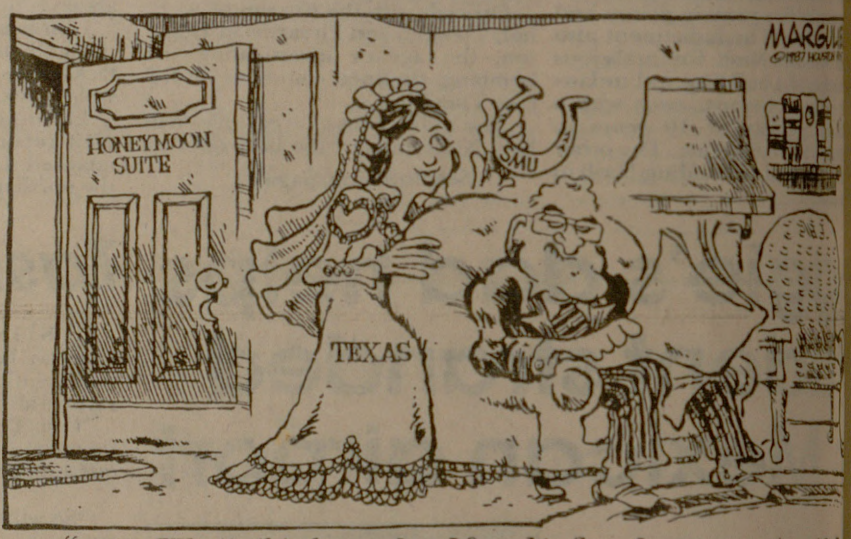
Many scientists today realize how impossible the formation of the correct DNA sequence for any life would have been without divine creation.

God is not religion, and if God created the world, then God is the basis of science. It is clearly evident in these contexts that science and religion are inseparable. The truth of religion and real science are mutually supporting. As Albert Einstein said, "I only trace the lines that flow from God."

It is clear from these observations that evolution should not be swallowed blindly without the consideration of an alternate explanation that has factual (scientific) support. As these arguments have suggested, more extensive investigation reveals that scientific creationism is based solidly on sound evidence, not on a religious faith as many evolutionists claim. Students for Scientific Creationism is a student organization at A&M providing such detailed information on scientific creationism. SSC has compiled a library of books and articles on the topic of scientific creationism, and this collection is open to all interested students and faculty at A&M. To gain access to the library, check the SSC posters on campus bulletin boards or call Jatin at 846-7950. This will provide more extensive information. SSC exists to provide this information to you.

Frank Lawrence is president of Students for Scientific Creationism.

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"Bill... What's this horseshoe I found in the glove compartment?"

## Mail Call

### We work hard for the grade

EDITOR:

Three more reasons against senior finals:

First, the scheduling of the final exams to accommodate senior finals is absurd. I am expected to attend classes Monday through Thursday during "dead week" and be introduced to large amounts of new material while taking finals for labs and physical education classes. Then, with no break whatsoever, I am expected to study for and take finals for two days! The faculty obviously doesn't remember the stress that comes with final exams. I'm a person, not a machine. I need time to relax, collect my thoughts and motivate myself to do the best I can on my finals.

Second, seniors have attended at least four years of college, not to mention 12 years of school before that. In that time, they have taken numerous final exams. That they are candidates for graduation implies they have done well on those finals. Why should they have to prove one last time that they can pass a final?

Finally, the semester a student graduates is one of the most hectic ones of the school career. Seniors must make sure they have all the necessary requirements to graduate. They are interviewing, looking for a place to live and perhaps about to be married. They are forced to face the fact that soon they will be leaving friends and a school they love to face the unknown of the "real world." I think no other time in life is so exciting, emotional and demanding. Why place another, and I submit needless, demand on this person's time? I say again, students are people, not machines. We can only take so much. A&M is a highly respected school. Employers know that to get a degree from A&M requires much hard work. No one would begrudge the administration if it gave its hard-working students a break — exemption from senior finals.

Carrie Haveman '88  
accompanied by four signatures

### It's in the dictionary

EDITOR:

A classic definition of the term "liberal" took place March 11 in the House of Representatives when the body voted on House Joint Resolution 175, a resolution to impose a 90-day moratorium on the \$40-million payment to the Contras of Nicaragua. Of the 173 conservative Republicans voting, only 17, or less than 10 percent, voted with the Democrats, while on the other side of the aisle, with 253 Liberal Democrats voting, 40 of them, or just under 16 percent, voted with the conservative Republicans. It would be informative if all the "knee-jerk" conservatives if they would scan the dictionary for the definition of "liberal." Incidentally, the final, futile vote was 230 for the resolution and 196 against. Reagan will veto it.

Carlo Decano '83

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