

# Northgate's become hazardous to health

Three of the most popular hangouts for Texas A&M students, The Dixie Chicken, Duddley's Draw and The Flying Tomato, also are three of the most potentially hazardous nightspots in town, particularly on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

On each of those nights, crowds gather at the entrances of those establishments and spill out onto a heavily travelled University Drive. At the same time, motorists are haphazardly speeding by those Northgate hot spots.

Northgate's nightly clientele has been lucky so far that no one has been killed by a passing vehicle. However, if they continue to play the odds, eventually someone is going to lose.

The owners of these businesses and the College Station Police Department should take steps to prevent a tragic death from occurring on University Drive. The Chicken, Duddley's and The Tomato should not allow its customers to leave the premises with alcoholic beverages. And the CSPD should continue to monitor the activity at those businesses to ensure those customers' safety.

The Battalion Editorial Board

## Mail Call

### Deaver should be excused

EDITOR: A letter in Friday's Mail Call was calling for a "grand apology" from Michael Deaver for speaking on a topic other than "Presidential Image-making," as was planned.

Instead, Deaver gave a presentation about ethics in government, but he did not intentionally change the topic. MSC Great Issues arranged his visit through a speaker bureau that offers the services of many well-known speakers. Unfortunately, the agent we worked with did not inform Mr. Deaver that we wanted him to make a presentation on campaign image-making — his area of expertise.

Because he had planned on speaking about ethics in government, Mr. Deaver did not have the materials necessary to present "Presidential Image-making." We quickly contacted the agency to inform them of their blunder, and we will deal with more professional agencies in the future.

Upon learning of this mix-up, Mr. Deaver agreed to cut his presentation to 45 minutes and focus on presidential image-making with an extended question-answer session. I would like to thank the audience for their understanding and their interest in this program. Fortunately, they were well-informed and asked pertinent questions.

James Cecil  
Chairman, MSC Great Issues

### Gifts what A&M all about

EDITOR: I am displeased with the comments made by Anthony Wilson concerning the lettering at Kyle Field. This gift is not something to "gawk at."

It is a symbol and constant reminder of all Aggies' readiness to play in case they are needed to go into the game like the original 12th Man, E. King Gill.

Mr. Wilson's references to the Eternal Flame, statues and plaques on trees and stones are revolting. The Eternal Flame symbolizes "the undying spirit that all Aggies have for Texas A&M." The plaques on trees or stones are memorials to fellow Aggies who gave their lives in time of war. The remainder of statues or plaques recognize other individuals who helped to further Texas A&M in some way, shape, or form.

These gifts are not "marks that senior classes want to leave so that years later they can come back and tell the kids what a legacy Mom and Dad left at A&M."

Instead, these gifts are each classes way to show their pride for Texas A&M and symbolize what Texas A&M really is.

Bryan D. Dierlam '92

### Somebody get Joe Bob a rope

EDITOR: I am writing in response to Ms. Purser's editorial concerning the "good-ol-boy" syndrome of native Texans.

It was apparent she was as anti-Texan as her "good-ol-boys" were pro-Texan, except for her "wimp-out" paragraph where she tried to pacify every other native Texan already frothing at the mouth by saying, "And I, myself, like Texas well enough, or I wouldn't still be here." Oh, well, that makes me feel MUCH better.

I have never visited New Mexico, so I would never begin to criticize or belittle the state or its people. The argument of Texas' secession from the Union, while theoretically feasible, is unlikely and unrealistic. The argument that many "good ol' boy" Texans have never traveled outside the state is ridiculous.

I used to have this same argument with a friend. She was going to college in London for a year to broaden her horizons, and then she was going to live in New York so she could be where the action was. She could not understand, much less respect, my decision to attend school in Texas and move back to my hometown to start a business.

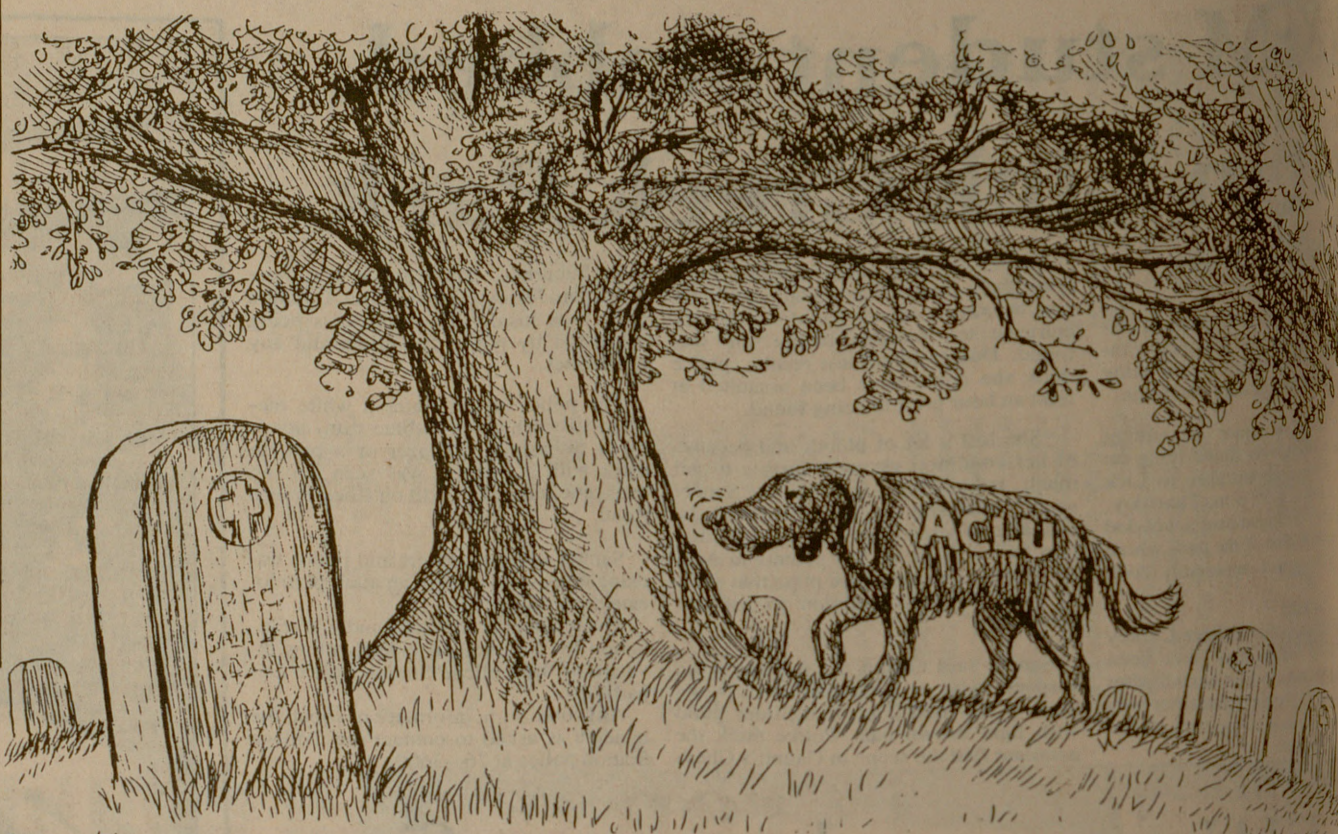
"You just don't have ambition," was her constant response. Ms. Purser, can't you understand that many of us "good-ol' boys" are content and happy here?

I know that I was angry after reading your editorial. If I was angry, I know some of those "hard-core Texas zealots," as you call them, are furious.

Ms. Purser, be careful because some of those good-ol'-boys might introduce you to another Texas tradition — lynching.

Wade Sales '90

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"THE TREE OF LIBERTY MUST BE REFRESHED FROM TIME TO TIME WITH THE BLOOD OF PATRIOTS AND TYRANTS." — JEFFERSON

# Housewife or professional? Women have right to choose

I'm not a women's libber, but I do believe that women are the equal of men. I have the same right to happiness as men, and I certainly expect that right to be respected.

So why am I getting on my soapbox and singing the battle hymn of women's rights activists?

Because my rights are being threatened. The threats are not being made by organized groups of conservative bigots. They're being made by my own fellow students.

A friend of mine was told the other day that because she wanted to use her talents and abilities in the professional world in a full-time capacity, she could never hope to have a successful marriage.

It's hard to believe that in this day and age there are still people who hold such archaic opinions. Is it possible there are members of today's world who slept through the sexual revolution?

Actually, I don't think so. If there were a random poll taken of a cross section of today's society, I'm sure the percentage of those who are not aware of the women's rights movement would be small. But how many of those people actually believe in women's rights?

How many believe women they know are being denied their rights?

Women's rights go beyond the right to vote, the right to certain jobs and the right to compete against men.

Women's rights include the right to choose how to spend their own lives. Whether a woman wants to work while her children are growing up or whether she wants to stay home with them should be her own decision, or, at the



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least, a decision made by her and her husband — not by the husband alone.

Few people will deny that women have a right to an education, but many will not hesitate to deny women the right to use the knowledge gained in a professional capacity when working would interfere with raising a family.

(For the purpose of this column, "professional capacity" means working outside of the home.)

How many men do you know who are planning on having a family set-up which involves their staying home with the children as much as their wives? Unless the children will be kept in daycare or by a babysitter, the women are usually the ones expected to abandon their careers and stay home with the children. Few men will openly admit planning to abandon their careers to raise a family.

Now, in all honesty, not all women want a marital arrangement in which both parties would stay home an equal amount.

Many women still like a home in which the men bring home the bacon and the women cook it. They would rather raise the children and run the house instead of working in a professional capacity.

That's fine. But it should be the woman's choice.

What if a particularly bright and talented young woman plans to enter the engineering world and is offered an entry level position with a prestigious engineering firm. Let's say this woman has done research in the past and has been recognized for outstanding contributions to the engineering society.

And what if, at the same time, the young woman is offered a proposal marriage by a young man of whom she is fond.

However, the young man has made it clear that he does not want his wife to work while the children are young.

I'm not going to say what the woman should choose. She may want to raise her own children from day one dates. She may want to have her children and then hire a babysitter for them.

But that should be her decision, not anyone else's.

I know people are reading this column and thinking that I'm just on men and that I'm saying that the whole situation lies with the half of the human population. Well, not. Women are to be blamed as men because so many women's choices be made for them. If women not stand on their own two feet and decide what they want out of life, then decisions will be made for them.

Women's rights have been a battle for centuries, and that issue is far from being resolved. But we must stop accepting old-fashioned attitudes and start thinking for themselves. There is no hope for advancement.

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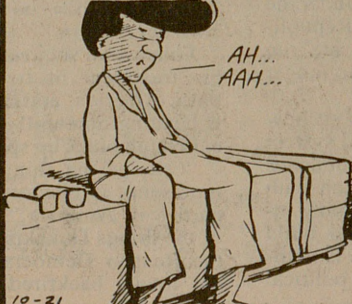
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