

Mail Call

Shanty not necessary

EDITOR:

I was suprised when I read the article about the Students Against Apartheid shanty in *The Battalion*. Members of SAA say they want to show that racism exists at A&M. The fact is that most people know this already.

Consequently, SAA members are only fooling themselves by building the shanty. My opinion and the opinion of others I've talked to is that people don't vandalize the shanty to voice their racial slurs. If this were true, racial graffiti would be all over campus, not just on the shanty. The reason people vandalize the shanty is because it is aesthetically offensive and they want it taken down, not to mention the chance to poke fun at it. I am embarrassed that any Aggie would construct such an eyesore on campus. The truth is, racism is one bad thing that exists at A&M. There are other ways to prove it exists than by creating another bad thing: an embarrassment to the Aggies who are proud of their campus.

Chris Heckmann '92

Top 10 Eyesores

EDITOR:

It is now officially time for a list of the Top 10 Eyesores on campus.

1. Construction.
2. Misspelled signs at our "world-class institution." Namely:
 - a. The Mens and Womens bathrooms in the Commons. I didn't know you could have a plural of a plural.
 - b. The new, improved "Schumacher" sign right under the old "Schuhmacher" sign. The old one looked better anyway.
 - c. I pity the poor girls in Huges Hall.
 - d. The Payroll and Budget Office at the YMCA. Guess they can't afford a "d."
 - e. The "Speech Communications" sign on the En-

glish Annex.

3. The immense wooden bus stop by Sbisa. Anticipating those freak arctic storms, the builders decided to pitch the roof so as to shed several tons of snow. This thing deserves its own tour lines.
4. The Reed McDonald Building, with its lovely, balding, maroon grid.
5. The wonderful, aforementioned English Annex, which should have died with the Latin language. Condemn this hole.
6. Deware Field House, Kyle Field's malignant cancer.
7. The E. King Gill statue, cleverly hidden beside Deware. Either it is less than life-size, or this guy was a wimp. It's no wonder they didn't play him.
8. The "Planned for the Future" statue by the MSC. Anatomically incorrect, these people will be completed sometime in the future. Is this cold fusion, and when should we contact Planned Parenthood?
9. Empty staff lots.
10. "General Fees" on our fee slips. Do these feed the offensive line?

Honorable mention: The Grove.

Need we say more?

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Supply the bathrooms

EDITOR:

In most buildings on campus there are no tampon/feminine napkin dispensers in the rest rooms. Even if there are, they are either not working or not filled with supplies. This affects half the people on campus. Why the blatant disregard for basic feminine hygiene?

In general, how can a society rationalize not addressing one of the natural facts separating men and women?

Some of you will compare a tampon dispenser to a condom dispenser in a restroom. You pay for them. But menstruating is not a choice as is sex. Without a doubt they should be free, just as toilet

paper and paper towels are. Tampons are not a luxury.

Approximately every fifth woman entering a restroom is having her period. Why do you think women carry purses? It's not because of their obsession with make-up, it's because a tampon looks silly behind your ear. Most women are so socialized to this inconvenience the injustice is not even recognized.

OK, so it's idealistic to expect women's needs to be addressed by a male-dominant society in which men make the majority of the business decisions. These decisions include the designing and supplying of restroom facilities. The library's numerous restrooms did not have an operating machine much less dispensers in every bathroom. Zachry is a nightmare. This is frustrating and angering.

So back to the point: supply the rest rooms.

Aimee Ann Norton, '91

Not horsin' around

EDITOR:

This time you've really done it. In the never ending saga of parking on campus, the powers that be have proven once again their incredible capacity to foul things up.

I have watched for more than two years now the barage of letters and articles concerning parking on campus. They have come from every phase of campus life. Students that walk across what used to be their blue lot, now claimed for staff. A single mother worrying over the cost of the privilege to park on campus.

Although I have no children, I own a dog and four horses that cost just as much to maintain as children. A \$100 is ALOT of money to me. That's a month's worth of feed. But what's a girl to do? You scrimp, save and shell out the bucks for that attractive piece of plastic to hang on your rear view mirror.

Just when you think it's safe to go and park, they

change the rules overnight. Recently the parking authorities claimed the entire Medical Science Library lot for staff, (I'm talking those high dollar yellow onces). So now what to do with the students? Oh yeah, the students, they might need to go to the library, this is a school right? Let them park on the street.

So I bit the bullet and decided to pay the extra dollars for a yellow tag. Sounds easy hey. Forget that, when I went to get the new tag, the parking folks in their infinite wisdom had done it again. Somehow they have managed to cross my name with a similar name in their wonderful computer. This mystery person has \$90 worth of tickets, which means until this is straight, no new sticker for me and I'll be parking in Egypt.

My next thought was to go ahead and ride one of my horses to work. There's some nice places to graze around the Med-Science Library. I'm sure my horse would enjoy the outing. But where to place a parking tag? Perhaps a rump sticker would be more appropriate. Would they tow a horse? Could even save some money on gas.

All kidding aside folks, lets ban together and do something! We're all getting screwed here. We pay a whole lot of money to park and we don't even get a shade tree. It costs less to park in a covered garage in downtown Dallas with a little guy to open the door for you even. What do we get for this money? Convenience? Shelter? Security? Give me a break!

Most of us can never find a place to park, and are paranoid that the meter maid will find some reason to write us up and call their tow truck buddies. It's time all this ceased. I don't have a solution, but I know this particular plan is not working. There is too much money being dumped into a black hole and we the students and staff at A&M have nothing to show for it, except one more headache and we still don't have a place to park!

Marty Malone
Biomedical Communications

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Christmas Craft Workshops

Registration Begins Nov 13th 10am

M&C Basement Craft Center
845-1631

Smocked Ornaments		Woven Melon Baskets	
Wednesday, Nov 29 6-9pm	\$10	Wednesday, Nov 29 6-9pm	\$14
Etched Glass Ornaments		Kitchen Gift Baskets	
Monday, Nov 27 6-9pm		Monday, Dec 4 6-9pm	\$20
Tuesday, Dec 5 6-9pm	\$14	Ceramic Whistles	
Stained Glass Ornaments		T/Th, Nov 28 & 30 6-9pm	\$18
Tuesday, Nov 28 6-9pm		Cross Stitch Welcome Mats	
Wednesday, Dec 6 6-9pm	\$14	Tuesday, Nov 28 6-9pm	\$18
Cross Stitch Ornaments		Hand-Painted T-Shirts	
Wednesday, Dec 6 6-9pm	\$12	Monday, Nov 27 6:30-9:30pm	
Ukrainian Eggs		Thursday, Dec 7 6:30-9:30pm	\$16
Tuesday, Dec 5 6-9:30pm	\$14	Wooden Teddy Bears	
Mr. & Mrs. Reindeer		Wednesday, Nov 29 6-9pm	\$16
Wednesday, Dec 6 6-9pm	\$16	Cutting Boards	
Cornhusk Wreaths		M/W, Dec 4 & 6 6:30-8:30pm	\$16
Wednesday, Nov 29 6-9pm	\$16	Wooden Reindeer	
Pinecone Wreaths		Monday, Nov 27 6-9pm	\$16
Tuesday, Nov 28 6-9pm	\$18	Wooden Trains	
Grapevine Wreaths		T/Th, Dec 5 & 7 6-9pm	\$20
Thursday, Nov 30 6-9pm	\$16	Keepsake Photo Albums	
Natural Nut Wreaths		Thursday, Nov 30 6-9pm	\$18
Thursday, Dec 7 6-9pm	\$18	Gingerbread Houses	
Peppermint Wreaths		Thursday, Nov 30 6-9pm	
Monday, Nov 27 6-9pm	\$12	Tuesday, Dec 5 6-9pm	\$28
Santa Wreaths		Gingerbread Houses for Kids!	
Monday, Dec 4 6-9pm	\$12	Wednesday, Dec 6 6-9pm	\$28
Christmas Potpourri		Gingerbread Men	
Monday, Nov 27 6-9pm	\$16	Tuesday, Dec 5 6-8pm	\$15
Hand Stenciled Cards		Bow Making	
Wednesday, Nov 29 6-9pm	\$10	Thursday, Dec 7 6-9pm	\$12

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3:00 p.m.	601 Rudder	Biotechnology
4:00 p.m.	206 MSC	Energy

8:00 p.m.

Keynote Address
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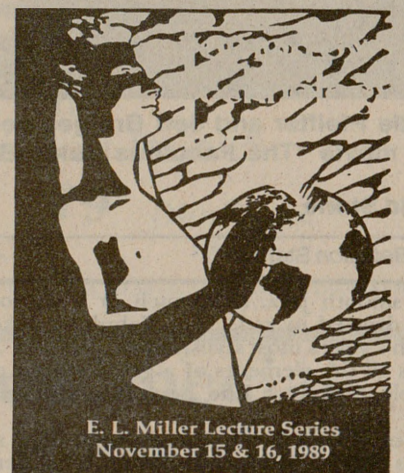
Thursday, November 16

9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.		
Corporate Exhibition MSC Hallway and Ballrooms		
10:00 a.m.	301 Rudder	Space
2:00 p.m.	301 Rudder	Lifestyles of the 1990's
3:00 p.m.	510 Rudder	HDTV
4:00 p.m.	301 Rudder	Artificial Intelligence

8:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion
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