

Mail Call

Pageant had positive aspects

EDITOR:
 The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has recently been the target of much controversy and criticism. A great amount of attention has been given to the negative repercussions of the January 20, 1990 Ms. Black and Gold pageant. I think it is time to focus on some of the positive aspects of the pageant as well.
 Therefore, as a witness to the pageant, I would like to offer the following observations:

- (1) The pageant was conducted in an extremely professional manner.
 - (2) In keeping with the theme "African-American Women of the 90s," the pageant emphasized the beauty and talent of 10 lovely young female Aggies.
 - (3) The pageant provided a much-needed cultural program for the African-American students of Texas A&M University and the Bryan/College Station community.
 - (4) The pageant provided \$900 in scholarship stipends to assist qualified students in continuing their higher education.
 - (5) The pageant allowed all who were in attendance to learn about African history, a subject that has traditionally not been emphasized in our educational system.
- I was a witness to the infamous skit as well. I can understand how our student athletes may have been offended, but I do not believe the men of Alpha Phi Alpha or the participants in the skit maliciously intended to depict our athletes as inferior with respect to their level of intelligence or educational motivation. My perception was, and still is, that the skit was intended to stress the importance of education as it relates to extracurricular opportunities.
- It is very easy to become so involved in other activities (Student Government, Corps of Cadets, MSC committees, Greek system, athletics, social events, etc.) that we may sometimes tend to lose focus on the primary reason that we are here and, on a somewhat greater scale, on the primary reason that Texas A&M University is here — for educational purposes.
- I am personally very proud of the efforts Dr. Mobley, Mr. Crow and Coach Slocum have made to restore the credibility of our athletic program. Our football players, as well as the other student athletes, are true champions both on and off the field.

Kevin Buchman
 Student body president

To those who bicker and fight ...

EDITOR:
 I, Thomas Miles, feel that I need to straighten out some problems that arose this past weekend. I wrote a skit that I felt would help all walks of life. This includes athletes, Greeks, engineers, business majors, etc.

My intentions were not focused toward an individual, nor were they focused on a certain group of people. My intentions were to talk to all my people about their educational attainment. We, as blacks, must understand that education has not always been given to us on a silver platter.

Please don't misunderstand me. I love sports, Greek life, etc., but the point of my skit was to make you realize that anything can happen to foul up your career.

We must be very sure that our education status is secure so that we have that to fall back upon if a negative unforeseen situation should occur.

During the skit we used an ordinary football player just as an example. But it seems as though we have stepped on some toes and upset some individuals.

However, if it had been a basketball player, baseball player, a person who's Greek or even an engineer, I still would have been making the same point. Education is the key. Knowledge is king.

Next time it might be wise to use a tennis player, golfer or someone affiliated with a Greek organization so that the campus won't be in an uproar.

It's very hard to understand that we have 40,000 people on this campus, and only 2,000 of them are black. Not once have I been called a "nigger."

Lastly and the most importantly, there's a war going on, but nobody knows about it! How long before someone stops? How long before someone is physically hurt? How long before someone dies? How long before we as blacks pull together as one instead of groups?

Let's fight the power together. Together. Together. Together. Together. Together. Together.

Thomas Miles '90

Self-destruction must end

EDITOR:
 Well, well, what do we have here? Another case of self-destruction, I see. Meanwhile, at various other places around the globe, people black, white, yellow and brown are losing life and limb just to attain the basic day-to-day freedoms that we tend to take for granted.

All the fighting, bickering, threatening, etc., among ourselves, my brothers and sisters, is beyond the realm of necessity and needs to be stopped.

Granted, it is improbable that we are all going to get along with everyone, but the God I serve tells me that it is not at all impossible. Prayer does indeed change things.

Last year the song "Self-Destruction" was one of the most popular of the year. The idea of a bunch of rap artists collaborating and creating a concept like that was both encouraging and uplifting.

We have apparently missed or forgotten the meaning of the song.

I have heard so many people from the Bryan-College Station area talk about how blessed we are to be able to attend Texas A&M.

You see, it isn't luck but the grace of God. How dare we desecrate his grace by trying to hurt one another.

Jesus Christ didn't die on the cross for us to crucify one another.

Why must we convert Dr. Martin Luther King's dream into a living nightmare? Should we sit by and allow their deeds to go unappreciated and ignored? I think not.

To those who have been offended, I can only say that I know that the artists of the skit performed at the Alpha Phi Alpha pageant party intended to create an awareness, not to offend.

To those who choose to blame athletes, Greeks, visitors — don't. To place the blame will not erase the shame of the incident or its effects.

To those who would stoop to using mindless and spineless rhetoric and place it in publications for public display for the sake of "solving the problem," just know this: You are enhancing and furthering its cause.

If you are not a part of the solution, you might as well be a part of the problem. Taking "cheap shots" at a time like this to elevate yourself is not only selfish but pathetic as well. So keep your barrages and sob story lingo to yourself and work with the rest of us seeking an answer to this mess before it gets out of hand.

To those of you like many of us who just wonder when all this will end and what it will take to end it, remember to pray without ceasing and remain positive though sincere and honest prayer.

Love conquers all.

Markanthony "M.A." Sterling '87

German reunification possible

EDITOR:
 I am an Aggie currently studying abroad in Tuebingen, West Germany. I was fortunate enough to be able to travel to Berlin just three days after November 9, the day East Germany's borders opened. Seeing the West Germans greet the East Germans as they crossed into the west was a moving and unforgettable experience.

The opening of the Berlin Wall and East Germany's election of a non-communist leader made the reunification of the two Germanys more possible.

I never thought reunification could occur, but who ever expected the November 9 event to happen?

After reading American newspapers and talking to Americans in the United States, I have noticed that many Americans feel intimidated by the possible reunification of the two Germanys. The desire for peace and anti-war sentiments here in Germany is stronger than in most other countries.

If reunification were to take place, I do not think we should consider it a threat, but instead a step forward for democracy.

K. W. Albrecht '91

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Women in Business Symposium

On Monday, January 29, Business Career Fair's "Women in Business Symposium" will feature several top women executives speaking on topics including "Trends: The Changing American Business Culture" and "Strategies for Success for the Business and Professional Person". These topics will be addressed by a panel of members of the Executive Women of Dallas. These speakers will include Elizabeth Morris, President and founder of Insight Research Corporation; Vicki Henry, President of Feedback Plus, Inc.; Pauline Graiver, President of Verbal Communications; Cheryl Basye, President of Z Talbert Enterprises; Rita Turner, First Vice President of NCB Texas and Susie Marshall, Owner of Compu Tactics, Inc. The discussions will be held at various times throughout the day in Blocker Building classrooms.

At 11:30am, there will be a luncheon at the Hilton in which Valerie Freeman, President of Wordtemp, Inc. will be speaking on "The Global Decade: The Reality of Worldwide Competition". Luncheon reservations can be arranged by calling the Business Student Council office at 845-1320 or Mr. Lynn Zimmermann's office at 845-5187. The cost will be \$5.00 for students and \$9.00 for non-students. The deadline for reservations will be Friday, January 26th.

The symposium is open to all students, as well as men and women from the community.

Retailing Symposium

"Career Bowl Sunday" is the theme of this year's retailing symposium which will be held on Sunday, January 28th. The symposium, presented by the Center for Retailing Studies, will address a number of contemporary retailing issues facing today's graduates.

Beginning at 11:30am in the College Station Hilton, the symposium will cover such topics as "How to Play Your Position" and "Talking to the Pros: What an Interviewer Looks For, How to Interview the Interviewer and How to Evaluate a Job Offer". The keynote speaker, Mr. Jeffery Wells, Vice President of Human Resources with Toys "R" Us, will speak on the "Four Stages of Retail Employment".

The speakers represent a wide array of businesses such as Apple Tree Markets, Pier 1 Imports, J.C. Penney, Books & Company, Macy's South, Color Tile, Foley's, Arthur Anderson Consulting and Toys "R" Us.

Before the presentation, students will be afforded the opportunity to meet the speakers at a "Pre-Game Show" Brunch which begins at 10:00am. This is an excellent opportunity for all students to meet top executives from well known corporations as well as gain valuable insight in Career Development.

Tickets are \$5.00 and available through the Center for Retailing Studies located on the 6th floor of the Blocker Building or at the door the day of the Symposium.

MBA Case Competition

The MBA Case Competition, which will take place February 2, will give several teams of MBA students the opportunity to exhibit their analytical skills as strategic consultants. Each team of four MBA students will have one week to prepare a presentation before a panel of judges (executives from the Dallas and Houston areas). During the presentation time, the students will analyze the business operations of a local company. Then on the Friday of Career Fair, the teams will deliver a 35 minute presentation and a 15 minute question and answer session of their findings. The winning team will go on to represent Texas A&M at the Rutgers Camden Competition, a national competition held annually in April.

Please call Craig Barrios at 846-5837 for more information.

CAREER FAIR AGENDA Schedule of Events January 28-February 2

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

10:00am-3:00pm Retailing Symposium Hilton
 7:30pm-9:30pm Informal Recruiter Reception (invitation only) Chicken Oil

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

8:30am-4:30pm Corporate Booths Blocker
 9:00am-11:00am Women in Business Symposium Hilton
 11:30am-1:00pm Women in Business Luncheon Blocker
 2:00pm-4:00pm Women in Business Symposium Blocker
 7:00pm-10:00pm Student Leader Reception (invitation only) Hilton

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

7:30am-9:30am MBA/MS Recruiter Breakfast Blocker 503
 8:30am-4:30pm Corporate Booths Blocker
 11:00-12:30 Human Resource Mgmt. Seminar Blocker 114
 2:00-4:45
 7:00pm-9:00pm 1990 Career Fair Awards Banquet Hilton

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00am-9:00am Minority Student Breakfast Hilton
 8:30am-4:30pm Corporate Booths Blocker
 1:00pm-2:00pm Speaker: Larry Kalmbach, V.P. Union Texas Petroleum Blocker 125

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

2:00pm-3:15pm "How to Use the TAMU Placement Center" Blocker 307
 3:30pm-4:45pm "How to Use the TAMU Placement Center" Blocker 307

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

10:00am-5:00pm MBA Case Competition Blocker 503
 5:30pm-7:00pm MBA Case Competition Reception Hilton

Minority Student Breakfast

Something new happening this year will be the First Annual Minority Student Breakfast. This breakfast will be on Wednesday, January 31 at 7:00am to 9:00am at the College Station Hilton and it will feature a buffet style breakfast. Students will have the opportunity to speak to recruiters informally, on a one to one basis, in a more relaxed setting than other Career Fair activities provide. This will give both the students and recruiters a chance to get acquainted.

Freshmen and sophomores are especially encouraged to attend so that they will have an opportunity to establish a rapport with each recruiter. Often the same recruiters come back each year to the Career Fair. Therefore contacts made early can become useful throughout the college years. This is an excellent way to learn more about potential employers and the opportunities that exist with the companies.

The breakfast will take place in the College Station Hilton's Bluebonnet Ballroom from 7:00am to 9:00am. Students are reminded that the event will be business attire. All minority students are strongly encouraged to attend.

Human Resources Management Seminar

On Tuesday, January 30, 1990 the Texas A&M University student chapter of the Society for Human Resources Management will sponsor a seminar entitled "The Future of Human Resource Management: Meeting the Needs of a Changing Workforce".

The distinguished speakers that this seminar will focus on are Ira Sheppard, Atty., Schmeltzer, Aplaker and Sheppard; Dr. Don Self, TAMU Medical School; Ric Beskin, EEOC District Office; Dr. Bob Fox, TAMU Industrial Engineering Department; Dr. John Hoyle, TAMU College of Education; Dr. Dean Corrigan, Former Dean, College of Education and "Commitment to Education Task Force Chairman"; Anne Durram, Robinson, Owner Anne Durram Robinson; Kathleen Rowland, Initiatives for Children; George Wheaton, TAMU Director of Affirmative Action; Randi Mays Knapp, Recruiter with Anderson Consulting and Barbara Willis, Association of Professional Women.

The seminar will consist of three panel discussions focusing on educating and training the workforce of the future, future trends in employee rights, and the changing impact of women in the workforce. Short presentations by the panelists will be followed by time for open discussion and questions.

The three panel discussions will take place at 11:00am, 2:00pm, and 3:30pm in Blocker 114. For more information call the Business Student Council office at 845-1320.

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