

## Remember to stay off grass at MSC

For years, the MSC grass has been sacred — no one is supposed to walk on it out of respect for the Texas A&M students who died in World Wars I and II. Now, however, the University Center area is being expanded, and, in the confusion, the tradition seems to have been forgotten.

Not only have people been walking on the grass, but also a bicycle rack has even been placed on it. Should we let some bulldozers and hard hats replace our respect for Aggies who have given their lives in defense of their country?

We're building our student center into something to be proud of. Let's not destroy one of our most valued traditions in the process.

The Battalion Editorial Board

## Graduating columnist looks at last four years

Well, the time has come for me to say goodbye to this great University. I will be graduating in just two days and a few hours.

Now y'all are probably saying to yourselves, "Oh no, not another graduating senior column." But hey, what else can I say? Graduation is a big thing, and I'm leaving behind a lot of great things.

I've been going to A&M for five full years and I've experienced a lot that has changed my life. I turned legal while in college ... twice. I learned to like beer.

I decided I didn't want to become an engineer like my dad, my grandfather and my brother, but it took me two-and-a-half years to figure it out. I realized money can buy happiness and not having money can really suck. And I found out that the meaning of life is a great Monty Python movie.

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Those of you who are not close to graduating may not realize what graduation means. It means the end of a lot of close friendships; it means the end of homework; and it means the beginning of your real life (unless you intend to be a professional student).

But there are so many memories I have of my college experiences. Many of them affected the whole University in one way or another. Here are some that many of you may remember.

My favorite memory is a Letter to the Editor of The Battalion in 1985. Someone wrote in saying they observed two people fornicating in the hallway of Heldenfels Hall. That was a classic.

Another of my favorite memories is a Police Beat that reported a car had been observed driving around and around Albritton Bell Tower. The police officer stopped the car and found that the driver had been masturbating.

I'm going to miss Police Beat. These incidences must have happened before A&M became a "world class university." I think we reached world-class status when we had "art" cluttering our campus in the form of a big jack, a big pine cone, some headless body builder type dudes, and a couple of dancing frogs on the roof of Harrington Classroom Building.

Or perhaps we obtained world-class status when the men's restroom on the



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Columnist

second floor of the Academic Building was named as the region's hottest gay spot.

In any case, I think we have reached world-class status.

Sports at A&M have always been great. The best football game in history was A&M vs. Baylor, played on Kyle Field in 1986. We were down 17-0 in the first quarter, and the A&M football team rallied back to beat the hell outta Baylor, 31-30.

Jackie Sherrill left a legacy at A&M, too. He brought a lot of great things here, like the 12th-Man Kick-off Team and the Cotton Bowl victories. But he brought a lot of doo doo too, with all the controversial NCAA investigations.

He now sells cars in Baytown, where I hear he gives great deals to A&M graduates.

As long as I'm on the subject of sports, I can't forget to mention the Aggie baseball team which was ranked number one in the nation, and the softball team which has continued to kick butt since 1983.

There are just so many things that have changed since my freshman year besides my major and my age. There were no parking garages or co-ed dorms. There was no Research Park, no Faculty Club and no Clayton Williams Alumni Center on George Bush Drive.

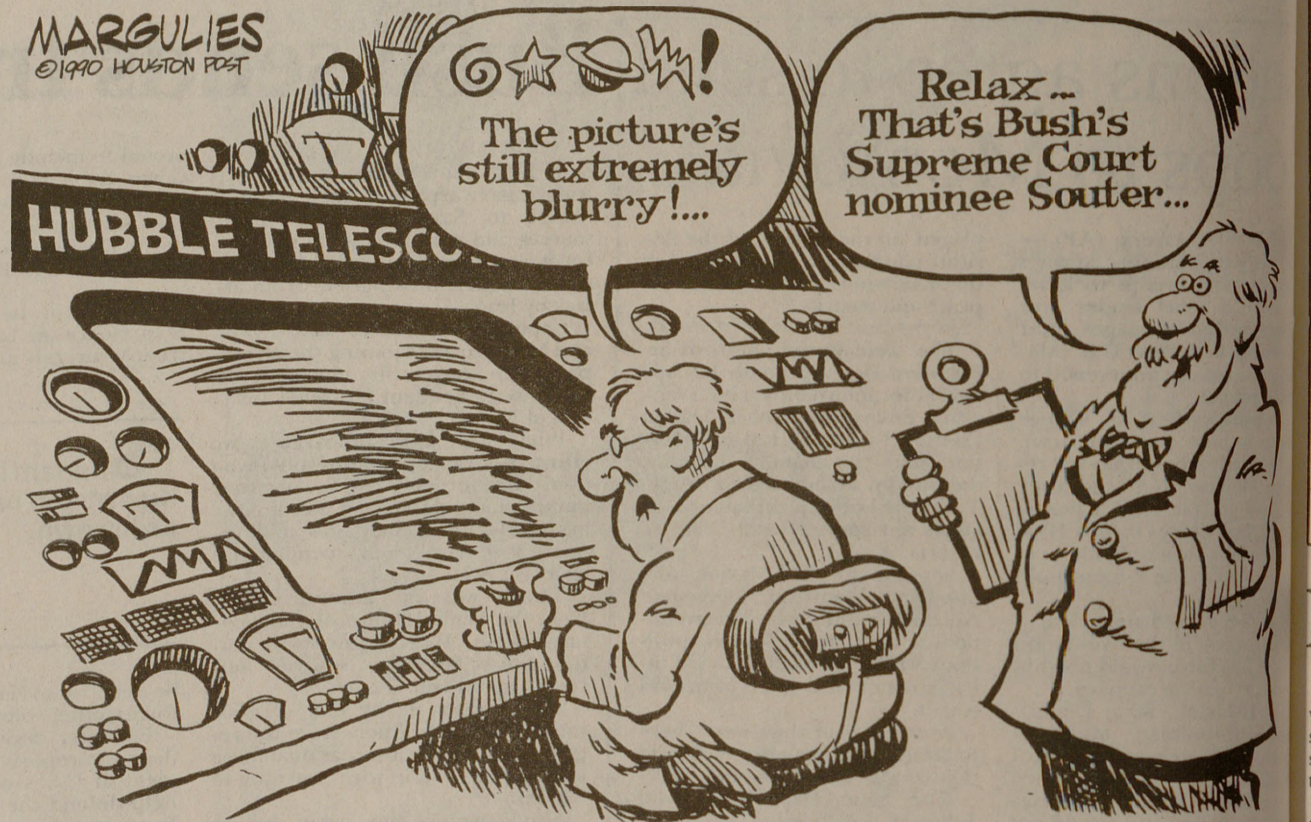
There used to be a grocery store between the Cow Hop and Texas Aggie Bookstore called Charlie's. Baja Yacht Club was the Roxy in '86 and Sneakers was the Christmas Store. There was even a Fuddrucker's here in town.

So many things have changed. Oh well, that's the way life is.

I'm going to miss A&M, all the people, traditions and all the things that changed my life. Most of all, I am going to miss the friends I made this summer because they're the ones I had the least time to get to know.

So all you graduating-type people, when you walk across that stage and get your sheepskin-in-a-tube, think about all of the memories you have of A&M, all the friends you made, and all you will leave behind. Good luck and BEAT THE HELL OUTTA THE REAL WORLD!

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## Mail Call

### Racial issues major concern at A&M

**EDITOR:**  
WHOO! Good Ag! Is that the response expected from an article published in The Battalion on Thursday, August 2? The article, "Poll shows racial issues not major concern at A&M" was as untrue as the notion that The Battalion should be wasting its readers time with an orange-capped fire hydrant story. The racial issue article had quite a few noteworthy percentages; but as we all know, statistics can be manipulated to say whatever the surveyor wants them to.

According to the registrar of the University, there are 14,982 students attending Texas A&M this summer; there are 3,381 minorities. The racial tensions at the University of Texas, University of Michigan and at the University of California at Berkeley surged primarily because an ignorant group agitated an already irritated few who refused to be discriminated against any longer. The minorities at this campus have not yet reached this point.

I believe the second reason tensions at the other campuses grew is because their respective universities would not support policies that required multicultural courses. These same courses have now been implemented at those universities.

Keep in mind that this university offers only a handful of courses for minority enrichment. That was fine when there were only a handful of minorities here, but this renowned university must now expand with the changing needs of the diversified minority, or risk more concerted efforts by minorities to meet its needs.

What am I trying to say? To the Battalion: Rather than subjecting the majority of this campus to the idea of having multicultural requirements all at once, (as was done in the "Poll shows racial issues not a major concern at A&M" article), show the campus how they will benefit from such necessities. Where can The Battalion run such helpful columns? Why, in the space it features the orange fire hydrant stories, of course!

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## Reader: Barton does not deserve re-election in view of sparse laurels

Last Friday, both The Battalion and the Eagle ran an article at the request of U.S. Rep. Joe Barton which was disturbing. The article announced fall and spring intern openings in the congressman's office.

Barton called for applicants with this hard sell: "Few college students ever have jobs offering the excitement and educational opportunities that a congressional internship has."

What caught my attention, being a political science major, was not that this was a golden opportunity, but rather how Barton's conduct exemplified his presumptuous record.

How can he gleefully ask for applications and all but guarantee "once in a lifetime" opportunities for 1991 positions? Has the congressman forgotten the election on November 6? I am sure he hopes the voters of the 6th District did.

Unfortunately, this mind-set is no anomaly for Congressman Barton.

Andy Yung

Reader's Opinion

Indeed, this episode mirrors the time Joe Barton was so certain of his wholesale expertise that he publicly debated the technical aspects of the Strategic Defense Initiative with the Texas A&M Physics Department.

Granted, Barton has started the race with a few advantages (none attributable to his personal merit): Barton had no opponent in the Republican primary. He has received over \$250,000 from some 150 Political Action Committees (including self-proclaimed Texas red-liner North Carolina National Bank) during this election cycle alone.

And the incumbency rate is well over 90 percent. Even so, his presumptive style is offensive, and his false promises are unconscionable.

Joe Barton does have some truly

"personal accomplishments," but the National Education Association's (NEA) annual ratings, and any average environmentalist's score card, will show failing marks attached to them.

Barton ought not insult his opponents (or the voters of this district for that matter) any longer. Let's not give his the chance on November 6.

There are two other viable candidates: Democrat John Welch and Independent write-in Mike Worsham. Barton owes a public apology to both these men. Let's not allow another politician to rest on his laurels — especially when they are so sparse.

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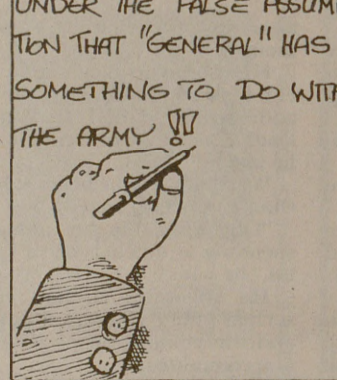
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