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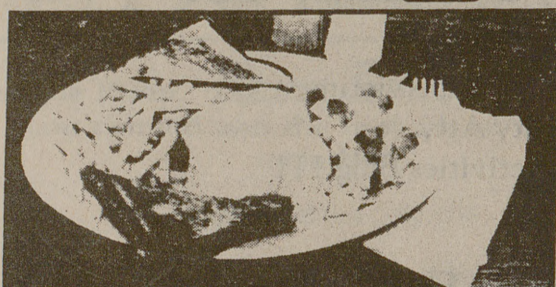
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Do better than honor system

As long as having been an advocate of an "Aggie Honor System", I was pleased to read that the Student Senate approved a resolution endorsing an honor system based on the Aggie Code of Honor. I was, however, somewhat intrigued by the comparison to Ivy League schools and others as quoted by a student senator as part of the rationale for implementing such a system. Although, not to make light of this individual's quote, I am not aware of any Ivy League schools with enrollments of 40,000-plus offering a number of classes comprised of 150 or more students.

Texas A&M as an entity, all of its outstanding accomplishments and goals notwithstanding, is nevertheless a large state university (a.k.a. degree factory) which is also charged with educating (diplomaizing) as many qualified young men and women as efficiently and economically as possible. In light of a perceived need to stem a tide of cheating (also known among students attending large state universities as utilization of the universal answer principle), the Student Senate might be better served by advocating a "level playing field" rather than what some might perceive as a covert whistle blowing system.

I concede that "lookization" (the ability to see your neighbor's work in progress) might be lessened by promoting an Aggie Honor System; however, let's be real. Given that a considerable amount of cheating occurs from advance distribution of test answers and mass exchange of term papers and such, the Senate might better serve student by advocating and developing a campus-wide test and material file that would provide students not associated with the Corps, fraternities, sororities, Cain Hall and other campus organizations or those relying on "Notes-n-Quotes" with an opportunity to have equal access to "previous knowledge."

Through a cooperative effort, the Student Senate, the library and course instructors can build on the existing "old" tests and other materials currently available in the library to comprise a base of information which students might access in order to better prepare themselves, thus alleviating the need to obtain information via other more nefarious means.

Ultimately, each student must demonstrate the capacity to utilize information, and, as in all situations, it will be left to the individual as to how he or she will make their way through A&M. The Student Senate, as representative of the A&M student body should strive in a practical manner to serve all students regardless of affiliation, as well as to promote lofty ideals.

Jay Hays
Class of '88

No homosexuals in scouts

In reading an article in The Battalion about homosexual, lesbian and women's efforts to affiliate with the Boy Scouts of America, I thought about the freedom of association we experience in this country.

As individuals, we have a generic right to associate with whomever we choose.

Yet, freedom of association within groups of people has come under government's parental influence time and time again.

Just how much self-determination is allowed to us within a group setting?

David Duke is rejected from the Republican Party (and Pat Buchanan is not-Ha ha).

Private schools reserve the right to have an all-male or all-female constitution and some colleges have declared that the only fraternities they will allow on campus will be co-educational.

However, their have been lawsuits, such as women attempting to join traditionally all-male clubs, fraternities' little sisters trying to be initiated as a "brother" and, here at home, women have asserted themselves to become members of the Aggie Band and Cavalry.

And the Boy Scouts of America is

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having trouble defending who it accepts in its organization.

Some of these instances involve public institutions which should accept the general public, but others involve private groups.

As a former Eagle Scout and camp counselor, I know that Boy Scouts is attached to its leaders, heterosexual people, like they are attached to America and the Red, White and Blue.

Accepting homosexuals and women in the BSA is like asking scouts and their leaders to accept Pink, Mauve and Fuchsia as our nation's colors. Good luck, whoever's trying.

Scout leaders have become paranoid with isolated tales of scoutmaster molestation and declining membership numbers in recent years. Homosexuals' involvement is seen as a threat to both problems.

Parts of the scout law and oath include a scout promising to be 'reverent' and 'morally straight.' Every member is required to profess these beliefs at each meeting. On this basis, Scout leaders, having interpretations from the Bible against homosexuality, argue that homosexuals can't fit in with the organization's ideals.

Until the BSA transforms its philosophy, it is not ready or prepared to accommodate homosexual leadership.

And should it? The BSA is a private, loosely Judeo-Christian organization dedicated to the education and leadership training of boys between 11 and 17 years old.

While these qualifications do exclude some people, can the courts take away the BSA's right to determine who it will accept for membership?

If your answer is yes, do you agree also when private minority scholarships are given to blacks, excluding equally needy candidates who are Vietnamese?

Private groups of people are exclusively regulated by nature whether reasonably or unreasonably. Change can only occur from within, and then without.

Would it seem practical for the government to decide that the Ku Klux Klan must accept people of different ethnic and religious backgrounds?

That will prove about as effective as what people are attempting to do with the Boy Scouts of America.

Bill Harrison
Class of '93

PTTS harasses night students

There was some bad bull going on Friday night and it involves the University's finest, the Parking, Transit and Traffic Services. There were four of them hanging out behind the Commons, between Wells and Epright. These polite individuals were harassing motorists by blinking flashlights in drivers' eyes. One unfortunate Ag was a victim of this harassment. The Ag pulled in that circle area and stopped to let his friend run into Wells Dorm.

The PTTS immediately shined his flashlight in the driver's face. When the car did not move, he wrote the Ag a ticket. This Ag did not do anything wrong. His car was still running, the lights were still on, and he was still in the driver's seat. He was not blocking any traffic, or even bothering anyone, except the beloved PTTS. I know that this circle area behind the Commons is no-parking zone, but he was not parked. He was waiting for his friend to return.

These four PTTS personnel were harassing even more motorists, including a lady Ag who stopped her car just to put something in the trunk. The PTTS yelled at her, "I would not park there!" in a menacing voice. There were several others that fell prey to this harassment.

I know that the PTTS is picked on all the time by Ags, but that does not give them the right to harass the students by giving meaningless tickets for doing nothing illegal. If you were one of these students that was mistreated that Friday night or have been mistreated in the past, call the PTTS and let them know (845-9700.)

Be careful out there Ags because some PTTS personnel might be having a bad day and they will take it out on you, even if you are completely innocent. Just ask anyone

who drove through the circle behind the Commons that Friday night.

Ryan T. Wood
Class of '93

Greeks give frats bad name

As Resident Advisers for Moore Hall we are observers to just about all forms of behavior. On Saturday evening we witnessed a form of behavior, that I thought had been removed from campus. I would like to thank Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity for helping this traditional form of behavior to continue. One of our residents was having a quarrel with another. Evidently there was a punch thrown and words exchanged. The one resident, a pledge for Tau Kappa Epsilon, thought it would be in his best interest to call, "all 130 of his fraternity brothers to be here in 10 minutes to kick some ass."

Three members managed to gain illegal entry to the building, while at best count seven others remained outside. (Once the University Police Department arrived, they seemed to be the first to scatter.) Once inside the building they proceeded to help escalate the emotions. Along with preventing the Resident Advisers and the Resident Directors from doing their job, they continued to berate and harass the staff.

This incident will continue to help Tau Kappa Epsilon's image as a beer drinking, girl chasing, and fight picking fraternity. As a member of a fraternity, I am embarrassed to say that I am a fellow Greek along with Tau Kappa Epsilon. Since the resident who made the initial call was an admitted pledge of TKE, it is obvious that their pledge program is producing gentlemen of superior quality, moral character, and manners. I wish them the best of luck with such a successful group of young gentlemen.

Richard Szecsy
accompanied by four other signatures

War necessary for freedom

I am here to answer the call for support of Stephen Ruth. I am not a cadet, I am a veteran. More importantly, I am a combat veteran. As a combat veteran, I will be the first to tell you that war sucks! Not just for the soldier, but for everyone else involved. As a soldier, the fear of being in combat is second only to the knowledge that your parents and your 11-year-old sister sit glued to the television, crying scared that their only son and brother will come home dead.

However, as a soldier, I will also be the first to tell you that war is necessary. Without war, where would this great nation of ours be? It was war that freed us from the aggression of the British Empire in the Revolution. It was war that brought an end to slavery in the Civil War. It was also war that protected us from fascist aggression during World Wars I and II.

Nobody loves war. Military personnel are not the blood-thirsty warmongers who people like Michael C. Worsham make us out to be. On the contrary, peace, is more valuable to the soldier than to anyone else in the world. For when there is not peace, it is the soldiers who must put their lives on the line to restore it.

We all enjoy the freedom to do and say what we want. Certainly the Michael Worsham's of the world have the right to express their opinions just like anyone else. Fortunately there are those of us who understand that these freedoms do not come free, and we are willing to pay the price to protect them for others. It is equally unfortunate that there are those people who do not share this understanding. Apparently those people place peace above freedom.

Before I go, I want to share some words of wisdom with you. Read them, think about them and understand them.

"Peace, without freedom, is slavery." It's this belief that justifies war.

Jason S. Beasley
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