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Taking sides:

Should fast food restaurants be allowed to operate on campus?

by ROBERT VASQUEZ

Bringing fast food to Texas A&M is simply a matter of good taste.
Yet some people seem to be concerned over bringing restaurants like Jack in the Box, Fuddruckers, and Taco Bell onto campus.

What's to be concerned about?
Bringing fast food onto campus means higher quality food will be offered at

lower prices.

Prices are most likely to go down, if economics professors know what they're saying. They always say that competition drives prices down and quality levels up.

Price wars are good omen

Look at the price wars between fast food's major players. McDonalds was king of the hill when Wendy's began mudging toward the top spot with their

Suddenly, Taco Bell was screaming, "Fifty-nine, seventy-nine, ninety-nine!" ds Street (bill 160,000 ri And students made a run for the

It took a while but McDonalds finally announced that they were selling amburgers for 59 cents.

Now you can walk across the street and buy three hamburgers for the price of one A&M Food Services burger. Jack Mpofu as in the Box frequently offers hamburgers for 99 cents. When was the last time ing about tash . . . in t Food Services offered a burger for less than \$1.50? Ask for a 59-cent taco on campus, and witness a blank stare from

he nice lady across the counter
The point is that when more businesses are fighting for dollars, those dollars can buy more. Imagine the DOSS price incentives a few restaurants could offer when crammed into the Sbisa basement, competing for your Aggie

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and three The quality of the food offered by fast food restaurants will almost assuredly be higher than what we a bomb pla ay. Borselli police guard surrently see on campus.

For instance, do you know what's in the burgers served on campus? Neither to I. Sure, it's a brownish, meat-like t comes at onal govern substance. But what are all those little grainy things boring into the deepest revices of its victim's teeth? At least ived as wea Fuddruckers is courteous enough to hang the dead cows in the front window before serving them up.

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And what about those campus hot logs? I'm not saying they're bad. mey first come out, before they have ad a chance to turn gray.

In all fairness, some of the food erved here isn't all bad. In fact, I even enjoy eating breakfast at the little cafe behind the engineering building. The ggs are good, the hashbrowns are ood, and the biscuits and gravy are dare I say it) better than one can get at

Even so, bringing fast food onto ampus is a good idea.

Until then, at least you can eat a ally good breakfast on campus -- at he eatery affectionately known as Prices 'R' Squared."

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by DWAYNE C. PURVIS

The problem of student dissatisfaction with Food Services' oncampus restaurants lies not in the quality or cost of their food. The problem lies in the way students think bout the combination of the two. Opening a fast food franchise on-campus would only temporarily ameliorate students' concerns and would reduce the quality of on-campus

Students lament Food Services products because they do not fit their paradigms. That is to say, students become disgruntled when they expect one thing but get semething also

one thing but get something else.
Students expect a fast food product—cheap, fast but predictable food at cheap prices. Food Services, on the other hand, tries to provide a fast food setting and service with restaurant quality food. The quality of the food necessitates higher prices ecessitates higher prices.

Students pay more than they expect, but they also get better food. However, students don't seem to notice that they are getting better food, so they think they are paying too much.

Weighing the options

On an ounce per ounce basis, the Food Service products are actually a better value than many fast food products. For example, Food Services' taco costs 14.5 cents per ounce while the Taco Bell Taco Supreme costs 25 cents per ounce. The Bevo Burger costs 20% less per ounce than McDonald's Texas Burger.

Burger.
Food Services also provides a better product. Food Services buys and cooks fresh ingredients instead of shipping packaged food in from a centralized

processing plant.

Last week I had a very good taco salad and a large slice of pie at Hullabaloo. The food was really very good. And of all the pizza rolls I have tried, I like Lil' Bernie's best.

Allowing a fast food restaurant on campus will lead to other problems.

Opening a franchise means accepting

a bid from a contractor who will, in turn, purchase the franchise. Food sales will supply profits to the franchise, the contractor, and to the University. Food prices could rise above off-campus franchise prices when sales decline, as they inevitably will.

Less food to choose from

Any franchise that comes on campus would usurp space occupied by a Food Services restaurant such as Bernie's or the Common Denominator. Because space is limited, the menu would be

For example, a pizza concept may serve only personal pizzas, or a burger place may serve only half of their nearly forty regular menu items. Students can presently order from the full menu of most franchises within a few minutes of campus.

As on other campuses, students will tire of the cheap food and limited options. In the end, students will be no more satisfied than they are now.

If the University decides to contract a fast food joint, they should realize that they may give students what they ask, and they may make a little money for the school. But they may not necessarily give students what is best.

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Boer War Three: Judgment Day South Africa on the road to disastrous civil war

by ANTHONY C. LOBAIDO

An Open Letter to Dr. Andries Treurnict Leader of the Conservative Party of South Africa

s you share this letter in Parliament, note that 23,000 copies have been printed.

The political Tower of Babel which the United States and the United Nations are attempting to impose on the Republic of South Africa through CODESA, (The Convention for a "Democratic" South Africa) is an

abomination aimed at the destruction of the Afrikaner.

I speak for myself and many other Americans who have no organized political voice, no official publication, and

By the year 1800, the United Kingdom, (including South Africa) and the United States controlled three-fourths of all the cultivated physical resources and wealth in the world. Now, the Marxist-Leninist economic plans of those who stand to inherit South Africa's vast wealth represent an extension of the socialist ideals which threaten the very foundations of Western civilization.

The Afrikaner fought alongside Americans in World War II against the Nazis, this despite the fact that the British killed 26,000 Afrikaner women and children in

concentration camps during the Boer Wars. Together, the Afrikaners (likened to Nazis by the world community) and Americans have stood by the nation of Israel. South Africa was instrumental in building Israel's (and America's) nuclear arsenal. Can there be anything more anti-Nazi than standing behind the Jews and Israel with steadfast loyalty?

The secret shame of NATO is that South Africa singlehandedly turned back the Cubans and the Soviets, (whose soldiers would bring home AIDS acquired from prostitutes) in Angola. This after the U.S. Congress had pledged help, then cowardly backed down. Nevertheless, American Green Berets covertly fought alongside the South African Special Forces, (aka "Recces").

Together we unmask Nelson Mandela, the convicted terrorist who cites Castro and Gadhafi as the men he admires most. We cast out Winnie Mandela, convicted of murdering a black youth. The International Freedom Foundation identifies 39 of the 56 members of the African National Congress' elite leadership as members of the South African Communist Party.

Together we continue the Cold War, as the most ambitious ANC militarists seek a revival of world communism with the help of Cuba, and note that the ANC plans to take prayer and Bible reading out of public schools upon ascent to power.

Together, we tell the world that South African blacks are not united. The Zulus are monarchists who consider the Afrikaners to be an integral part of the land. Also, let the world know that abortion and pornography is illegal in South Africa.

While encouraging the Christian Afrikaners and the South African Defense Force to victory in the Third Boer War, know that our prayers are with you. In light of the recent Los Angeles riots, it would seem that South Africa's political problems are encroaching their way into the

Let the horrendous lies spread about South Africa by the liberal American media, Hollywood and politicians stand refuted. Now the Afrikaner must fight for his own homeland and culture — not for Apartheid. Each racial group should rule itself. And surely two million conservative white Afrikaners cannot rule 28 million blacks

What Mandela and his communist party friends like Joe S.ovo and Chris Hani should know is that even if they one day gain political control of South Africa, they should never feel totally welcome or secure in America. Their Marxist-Leninist ideology remains an enemy of the Cross and all that conservative Americans stand for.

I can't say that our common enemies will be hunted like dogs on the street and that the Afrikaner will one day be avenged, as that would be unrealistic and un-Christian.

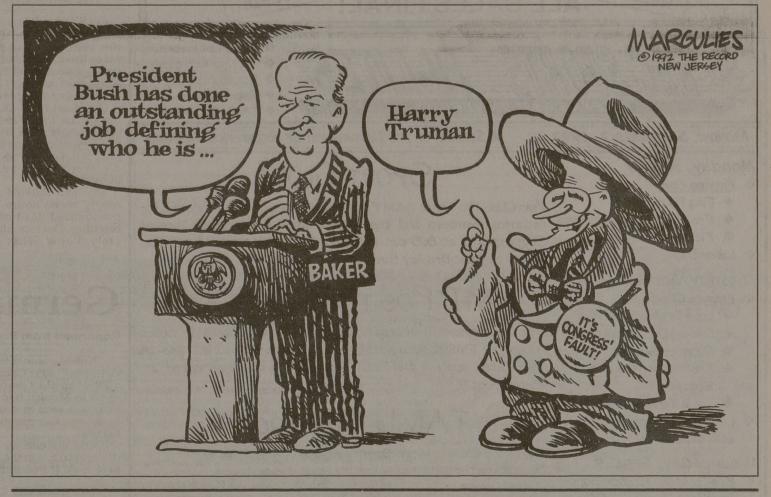
The truth is, the ANC/SACP will probably be hunting us. In the "career of God," all of the Earth's tribes must seek their appointed roles. Acts 17:26 states; "From one blood,

God created all the races, that they might seek Him...God determined the times set for them and the boundaries of their habitation." In light of this, Zulus and Afrikaners vs. Xhosas and "white-heathens," stands as an ideological war, not a racial one. A microcosm of the biggest war of allmankind's rebellion against God.

The dispensation of Apartheid is dead. Yet black South Africans will never find true prosperity and freedom with the ANC. And if the blacks cannot be free, then neither can the whites. I wonder if the Anglos ever truly were free. Let us not confuse racism with the hopelessness of the human

Regardless, whether Afrikanerdom lasts only one more year or a thousand, let it be said that the Third Boer War was her finest hour

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Parking person prods a nerve

A Battalion editorial has already appeared regarding the Department of Parking, Traffic and Transit, and the editorial board has undoubtedly and understandably received a room full of complaint letters on the subject. There are, however, a few severe problems that can best be illustrated by the following true situation.

On Thursday afternoon at approximately 4:20 p.m., I went to the new Student Services building to stand in line to pick up my parking permit. I was informed by the officer in charge that the line was closed for the day, and

that the students already standing in line were not even assured of being served. Since I had attempted the wait several times this week on breaks between classes and work, and did not anticipate any free hours the following day, I was willing to take my chances and see how fast the line would move. When I started to explain this, I was cut off in mid-sentence with "Yeah, yeah, yeah," delivered with an idiotic smile and several nods. I responded with a brief period of stunned silence during which the officer gestured me with his hand to continue and repeated the patronizing smile-nod routine. I angrily asked him if I would be ticketed if I parked in a student parking lot on Friday the 4th. He told me that I would not. I knew this to be untrue and informed him that I had called the parking office that day and found out that there is no first week of school grace period for parking tickets. He said, "Oh, well, just park in the fish lot – you'll be OK." I left the building with a sarcastic comment about his

Several conclusions can be drawn from this story. First, the officer made it obvious from his comments that I was not the first student with this complaint. Therefore this is not an

isolated incident.

The officer displayed extremely unprofessional behavior that is inexcusable from a university employee in a position of authority. Unprofessional behavior leads to lack of respect. Thus the prevalent negative attitude of the student body toward this department can be partially explained. This officer did not correctly communicate important information about student parking when questioned. Therefore communication problem exists.

On any given day, if a person were to ask me what I thought about Texas A&M, I would tell them that it is a top quality university with genuinely friendly people everywhere you go. I can no longer truthfully say this. Rude behavior breeds rude behavior. Students unhappy after standing in line for several hours in the Student "Services" building are very likely to treat the next person they encounter disrespectfully. A few bad apples can ruin the barrel. A&M needs to get rid of its bad apples quickly or it will lose its valued reputation.

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