



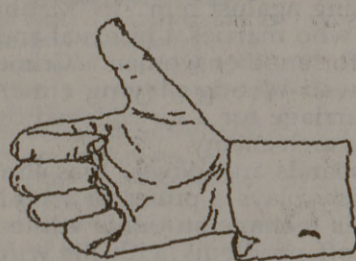
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**CAREER CENTER
UPCOMING EVENTS**

Week of April 5-9

Monday April 5:		
Placement Orientation	2:00 p.m.	111 Student Services Bldg
Compensation & Salary Analysis Seminar	2:00 p.m.	502 Rudder
Career Research Seminar	4:00 p.m.	111 Student Services Bldg
Tuesday April 6:		
Interviewing Techniques	1:00 p.m.	110 Student Services Bldg
Cooperative Education Orientation	5:30 p.m.	110 Student Services Bldg
Wednesday April 7:		
Resume Writing	12:00 p.m.	110 Student Services Bldg
Thursday April 8:		
Career Options	4:00 p.m.	110 Student Services Bldg

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Aggie Ring Orders

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DEADLINE: APRIL 21, 1993

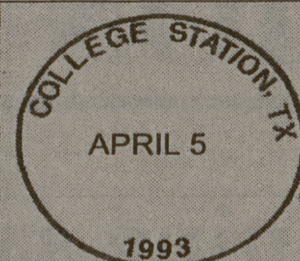
Procedure to order a ring:

- You must come to the Ring Office no later than Wednesday, April 21, 1993 to complete the form for an audit of your transcript. (One-two days are required to process your audit.)
- After your transcript audit is approved, the entire ring price is paid in cash or by check no later than April 23, 1993.
- Undergraduate degree seeking students may place an order if:**
 - 30 credit hours were completed in residence at A&M in the Fall of '92 or before if you were a transfer student. (Hours in progress are not completed.)
 - 95 credit hours are completed/will be completed at the end of this semester. (Should you be including enrolled hours for the Spring '93 semester, only hours in progress at A&M may be counted.)
 - A 2.00 cumulative grade point average at A&M is reflected on your transcript (after your most recent final grades).
 - Your transcript does not have any blocks for past due fees, loans, parking tickets, etc.
- Graduate degree seeking students may place an order if:**
 - You are a May '93 degree candidate. (Your order will be accepted contingent upon your May '93 degree being conferred.)
 - Your transcript does not have any blocks for past due fees, loans, parking tickets, etc.

MEN'S RINGS	WOMEN'S RINGS
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*There is an \$8.00 charge for Class of '92 and before.

The approximate date of the ring delivery is August 4, 1993



MAIL CALL

Help return stolen Aggie tags to owner

Imagine my dismay when I exited St. Mary's church in College Station at 6:30pm, on March 27, and discovered that someone had meticulously "removed" my personalized Texas A&M University Texas license plate ("4 AGGS") from the front of my car.

One copy of a license plate can't be used on another person's car - plates are required on the front and back of cars. Besides, the removed "4AGGS" would be too obvious to use on a car. Therefore, I assume someone thought it would be real "cool" to hang "4AGGS" in a room or apartment.

I have served Texas A&M University for 25 years, and all four of my children have degrees from A&M - that's where "4AGGS" comes from. The money for the personalized license plate is used for scholarships to attend Texas A&M University.

If you know the person who "removed" my license plate or if you see it hanging on display somewhere, perhaps you will encourage the individual to return it to me via one of the following:

- 1) Campus Mail: EDCI MS4232
- 2) My Home Mailbox: 2201 Briar Oaks, Bryan, TX 77802
- 3) The College Station Police Department

Glen Ross Johnson
Bryan, Texas

Graduates irate over six-ticket ceremony

I am writing in response to the article in Battalion, "Graduation guest limit draws few complaints". Contrary to what University Relations and President Mobley would like everyone to believe, there is a very negative attitude amongst graduating seniors about the guest limit for graduation.

First of all, seniors were not notified about the "six ticket system" until AFTER the deadline to order graduation announcements. What is the point of sending out 20 announcements to friends and relatives when only six can attend? Oh, but that's why they were called announcements, not invitations. I suppose us intelligent soon-to-be A&M graduates should have seen that coming.

Secondly, the ever-so-nicely worded letter we were sent told us when and where we would have to stand in line and wait to pick up our measly six tickets to our graduation. If everyone is getting six tickets, why doesn't the University MAIL them?

Wouldn't that save everyone concerned, especially the students, some TIME? Time that we could better use explaining to our grandparents why they can't come to our graduation - which is exactly what I and others like me will be doing, since I have seven immediate family members. "Sorry, Gramps, I never liked you anyway..."

The letter the school sent May Degree Candidates takes the prize, I believe, in stating, "One of the rich traditions of Texas A&M University is the personalized graduation ceremony..."

How personalized is it when we don't get to have a say in our own ceremony? The letter goes on to say, "...wishing to avoid ...imposing the burden of an additional ceremony upon the University faculty and staff..."

They are more concerned about faculty and staff than graduating seniors? We are a burden, now?

Oh, yes, I forgot one thing. The University is being gracious enough to say that IF anyone turns in unwanted tickets, a graduate may receive up to four more!

What seniors in their right mind would miss this money-making opportunity? Does anyone else have visions of scalpers outside G. Rollie White yelling, "Only \$25 to see your daughter graduate!"

There are other alternatives. There could be an additional ceremony, earlier in the morning on Friday, or later on Saturday. Each ceremony could be condensed. Doesn't everyone get a little bored by long-winded speakers? And there is Kyle Field in the distance - where they pack us by the thousands every Saturday in the fall - sitting vacant while our relatives file into G. Rollie one by one, tickets in hand.

No mother or father should be required to have a ticket to see their son or daughter graduate. I know some pretty feisty grandparents who won't stand for it either.

Suppose no one has their tickets on May 14 and 15? Suppose we all just "forget" to bring them? Would graduation be cancelled? This would be a great last memory of A&M. A memory that would surely resurface every time the Association of Former Students called for a donation.

Kate Ryan
Class of '93

With a little more than two months until graduation, seniors received notice that they will only be allowed six tickets for family and friends attending graduation. What a nice send off from the University after spending thousands of dollars and studying countless hours in pursuit of a degree.

I can understand the need to address the overcrowding problems at graduation, but the way the University decided to handle the problem is a pathetic outrage.

Starting this new tradition in the fall would give students adequate time to deal with the dilemma. Most people made hotel reservations in anticipation of this momentous occasion last semester. My family waited until late January to look for hotel rooms.

So now not only can relatives traveling long distances stay outside of the Bryan/College Station area, but also not all of them will be able to attend the ceremony. And how do you decide who is going to attend your graduation? Who is less important, a nephew or a grandparent?

Texas A&M spends thousands of dollars making the campus look prestigious for visitors with a revamped MSC, new parking garages, etc. Yet the administration appears too cheap to hold a fourth graduation commencement. Since this University seems so proud to have over 40,000 students, it would be nice if they would accommodate them, and their sacrificing families, once they reached graduation.

David R. Hill
Class of '92

Texas great for all NBA fans, not just Houston

I agree with William Harrison's March 25 column said the Houston Rockets' Hakeem Olajuwon is deserving of MVP honors this season. However, I take exception to his criticism of San Antonio's David Robinson. Harrison makes it sound as if "The Admiral" is having a bad season. Last time I checked, Robinson was averaging 23.5 points, 11.8 rebounds, and 3.44 blocked shots per game, compared to Olajuwon's 25.5, 12.9, and 4.17 respectively. Looks pretty even to me. As for Robinson's Spurs "fizzling" into second place, one game behind the Rockets is hardly insurmountable with 17 games to go.

Harrison sounds like a typical sour grapes Houston sports fan, jealous of the success of other Texas sports teams such as the Dallas Cowboys. He needs to get over his petty jealousy and support all the Texas professional sports teams. After all, the Spurs have won more Central Division titles in Robinson's three previous seasons than the Rockets have with Olajuwon. Perhaps team success has something to do with individual honors.

Harrison also talks about Olajuwon out-

played Shaquille O'Neal and the fact that Robinson was dominated by Patrick Ewing. Well, Robinson has shown O'Neal the ropes twice this season too as the Spurs won both games against the Magic. Last season, the Admiral made Ewing look like a bush leaguer in their two meetings.

My point is that on a given night, any of the "Big Four" can outplay any of the others. Harrison should just be glad that the two best centers in the NBA are in Texas. Hakeem for MVP!

Trey Neely
Class of '91

Save trees by removing menacing mistletoe

I read that The Big Event participants were going to plant 100 trees in 100 days, a very laudable endeavor. But how about a little tender loving care for existing trees?

There are hundreds of trees slowly dying from mistletoe infestation in the Bryan/College Station area, many of which are on the A&M campus. These enthusiastic young people could prolong the life of well over 100 existing trees in just one day by removing that mistletoe.

Page W. Higgins
College Station, Texas

Dead and living fish found in Quack Shack

I like fish. Do you like fish? Apparently our friends at the emergency room in the Quack Shack don't. While we were impatiently waiting on the evening of March 23 at approximately 11:45pm, our attention was diverted to the aquarium and its living and non-living inhabitants.

Among these inhabitants were three living fish, and six floating objects that vaguely resembled fish.

As we in our boredom examined these objects closer, we concluded that these objects were at one time fish, but now were either mummified or so hairy that they nearly doubled their original size. From our vast expertise in tropical fish care, we estimated that most of these objects had been in this state for at least a week. We sincerely hope that none of our money as a students and a taxpayers was spent on the aquarium and its inhabitants, else it would have been a severe waste of resources, just as a former Arkansas governor's emergency economic revival program with its invisible pork programs will be.

Mack Bean '95
Stephen White '96
Jerome Park '96

New commander a good pick for Corps

The Heartbeat of Texas A&M University is the Corps of Cadets.

The recent selection of Will Haraway to lead the Corps efforts to infiltrate university organizations is a grandiose idea. I look forward to its implementation.

Robert Wayne Crouch
Class of '91

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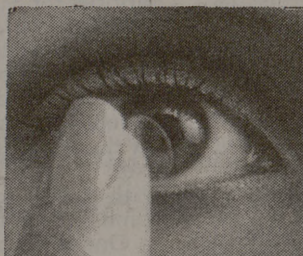
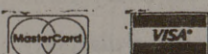
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