

But this is not about war, this is about learning from the past. This is about learning how America has developed into the greatest nation in the history of the world, how we are the envy of every nation. This is about being American.

This is a country of opportunity. In 1966, my father came to the United States from Egypt to study at Ohio State University. This was in the midst of the war between Israel and Egypt. My father showed up a week late for his first semester and in his first week vandals stole all of his laundry from a laundromat. He faced a great deal of other racial problems at Ohio State. No family, no friends – did he give up? Hell no! He left with his masters degree and went to the University of Wisconsin where he received a Ph.D . He has since developed into one of the leading metallurgists in the nation.

By the end of 1993, he will have three sons who have graduated from Texas A&M University. He also sends assistance to his family in Egypt, and helps the younger members of his family here in the United States, such as my cousin who graduated in August with a Ph.D in Ocean Engineering from the Universi-ty of Florida. Successes like this are all around

The truth is we have it too good. Imagine being shot for saying you love Allah, or Jesus. Imagine mandatory service time in the armed forces. Imagine having to leave your home and country to get a good education! People complain about the very establish-ment that allows them the freedom to express

sometimes sick ideas - such as the KKK. Sure there are obstacles. Sure opportunities are sometimes taken away by ignorant, bigoted or just plain sick people. I was a victim of a very violent crime that has definitely changed my life just five years ago. Pick up – move on. Its time we all with finding excuses and that finding the opportunities that are all

start finding the opportunities that are all around us. Talk to some veterans, especially those of the World Wars. They are all a priceless resource of knowledge! Talk to leaders and educations, learn from the past-then take time to think and take a good look around. Things aren't so bad.

> Alfie A. Mahmoud Class of '93

Aggies offer bad bull banter at baseball games

•I have been attending Aggie baseball games for three years now and have always enjoyed the spirit and unity that the fans dis-play. Olsen Field, in my opinion is the best to watch a ball game.

The fans are usually very funny in mimicking the opposing players and coaches. However, in the second game of the double header against the Bears, the Aggie faithful went a lit-tle overboard with their comments toward Baylor pitcher Jason Rathbun.

Fans were yelling such offensive remarks as statutory rape, child molester, and fourteen year old girls. I have no idea about the story behind these comments, but they were obviously very personal insults towards the Baylor starting pitcher.

This goes way beyond the taunting, teasing, and heckling that have always characterized good bull" at Aggie baseball games.

The worst part of this story was finding out that we were sitting directly behind Mr. and Mrs. Rathbun who were in town with their friends to watch their son pitch. I was very embarrassed to be an Aggie at these moments and could just imagine what the Rathbuns thought of Ággies as they left the game

Aggies are supposed to be above the likes of t-sips and LSU fans. Dedicated Aggie fans give our baseball team a home field advantage unmatched anywhere in the nation, but we nave gone too far this time.

I will be at every remaining home Aggie baseball game heckling with the best of them. But I ask that we keep the personal insults out of Olsen Field. Gig 'Em!

> Larry Racioppo **David Balmos** Class of '94

•I was very disappointed at the behavior of some of the fans at a recent Aggie baseball game. The Fightin' Texas Aggies were hosting Texas Southern University, a team comprised mostly of blacks. I was trying to enjoy the game, but I could not.

During the game I heard an individual sing "on little, two little, three little rather loudly, niggers." And another yelled about checking the ball for grease. A comment was made that a TSU player wasn't a good enough baseball player, so he should go back to picking cotton.

These are just three examples of the many things yelled that were clearly racially offensive. For the first time, I was embarrassed to be sitting among other Aggies

Those of you who were participating in this

know who you are. While I personally dor care how you feel about other people, I ju wish you would keep your racist comments yourself. Your actions create a bad image your organization and our university.

Please take it upon yourself to uphold the image of Aggieland, don't degrade this university with your insensitive actions.

Brad Wage Class of

Beutel isn't bad, it's a learning experience

The health center offers the best medic service and none of us realize it!

My first experience was with the eme gency room. I suffered from shortness breath. The calm personnel asked me a doz question and made me sign a form. How wa to know what I was signing? I was gaspin for breath and could hardly speak!

Let us consider this strategy. If the docto had sprung into action the moment I entered could have thought that my condition was rious. And therein lies the secret. By n treating to my ailment, the doctors had co vincingly proved that I should remain can because my problem was trivial and did m merit immediate attention. They even show me how difficult it is to sign my name neat while gasping for air!

An oxygen machine was rolled in. I stu my mouth into it . . . nothing happened. T nurse twiddled away at all the switches a yet it did not work! I pointed to a switch the read "Rate-Increase." The nurse turned it and lo and behold, the machine started pur ing air into my lungs. The nurse went av and minutes later another doctor walked in.

"This World War II equipment," I was formed, "wait till you see the fluid level down and you will be through." I begar watch the fluid level eagerly and suddenly my horror I felt fluid droplets on my arm: fluid was actually leaking!

Why can't we have better equipment? W don't the staff know how to operate the m chines? The secret is that this is not accident if the nurse knew how to operate the machin would I have joined her in seeking a solution Would I have learned how to operate the ox gen machine? Would I have thought about Fluid Mechanics classes and considered to design of a suitable method to stop the leak think not.

Folks, I am convinced that the health cent offers the best medical facilities in the world The next time you visit the center do not com plain -- try and think about the sheer brillian of the system. After all, where in the world's the visit to the clinic the cure and a unique hands-on learning experience.

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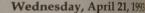
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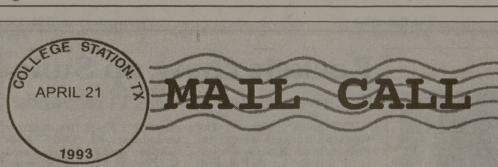
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April 22, 1993 Live Band, Cash Bar, & Dancing The Texas Hall of Fame 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM Ticket Price: \$3.00 plus tax

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