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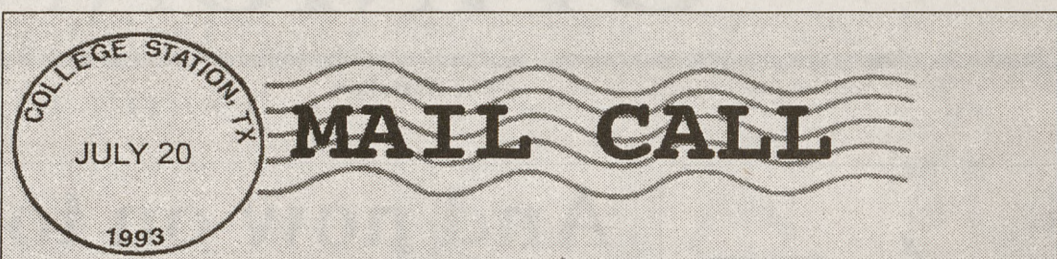
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**Battalion article unjustly
accuses A&M researcher**

As someone who has been privileged to work with Dr. George C. Y. Chiou, I am appalled by the lack of factual information and the unfounded accusations contained in the recent article, "Agency finds unethical study."
The National Institutes of Health and the Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C. investigated allegations made against Dr. Chiou and found there to be no misconduct. In fact, Dr. Lyle W. Bivens, director of the HHS Office of Scientific Integrity Review, expressed his concern for Dr. Chiou's reputation and the willingness on the part of his office to publicize in any way the exoneration of Dr. Chiou.
Texas A&M University was also directed to take the steps necessary to clarify any doubt of Dr. Chiou's scientific integrity.
Dr. Chiou has been head of the department of medical pharmacology and toxicology since the medical school was founded 20 years ago. He is a distinguished teacher and researcher whose work is internationally renowned in the highest academic and scientific circles.
The claims and allegations as presented in The Battalion article are completely false as well as misleading, and do a great injustice to a man who is clearly valued by the administration of this university.

*Richard A. DeVaul, M.D.
Vice President for Health Affairs and
Dean of Medicine*

*The Battalion stands behind its story.
- The editors*

**Reader shows ignorance
in attacking Corps, PMC**

If ignorance is bliss, then Michael Kraft (Mail Call, July 19) must indeed be a happy man. Kraft encourages The Battalion's attempt to release information concerning the sexual assault within the Corps, and the University's attempt to keep these records private. Concern for an individual's privacy is of great concern, especially when protected by law. Whether Kraft agrees or not, the legal situation is of great importance.
Cadets are not members of a specially privileged group. We choose to join, regardless of class, race or gender, membership is open to all members of the University. Had criminal charges been filed, the University student would have been prosecuted, and due to the allegation been removed for conduct unbecoming a Cadet.
Kraft further indicates that the Corps is an outdated club for men and women and espouses ideals out of touch with the times. Duty, Honor, Country are never outdated. Working together regardless of race or gender is an attribute that the remainder of the world seems to have a problem with, while the Corps does so to achieve a common end - to produce leaders for the state and nation. Ask Henry Cisneros, John Sharp or Rick Perry - all CTs.
Kraft further displays his lack of knowledge and quick mouth. Parsons Mounted Cavalry was named after Col. Thomas R. Parsons '49, Commandant of the Corps when the Cavalry Troop was reactivated in the 1970's. This troop attends stock shows and parades across the state and nation and represents the past, present and future of Texas A&M and its animal science tradition. For some, this is the first exposure to the University and it is a well respected emissary of the University.
Mr. Kraft, get the facts before you run your mouth. Oh, if it was a rebellion, explain the state of West Virginia, which SECEDED from Virginia, a state in the Union.

*Peter W. Knightes
Graduate student*

make mistakes, learn from them, and continue on.

Cadets try to live up to the Aggie Code of Honor which states "An Aggie doesn't lie, cheat, or steal, or tolerate those who do." They also try to live up to the ideals of Lawrence Sullivan Ross, a Confederate general, governor of the State of Texas, and President of Texas A&M College. Written on the back of his statue are the words "Soldier, Statesman, and Knightly Gentleman."

I believe you are basing your opinion solely on what you read in the papers. I invite you to come take a closer look at the Corps during the fall. Until then maybe these words will help you: From the outside looking in, you can't understand it, from the inside looking out you can't explain it. Gig 'em.

*Mark Fecci
Class of '94*

**Right of marriage falls
under religious domain**

In his column "Marriage as a basic human right," Matt Dickerson argues that homosexual unions should be legally recognized. Although I do appreciate Matt's thoughtfulness on various issues of economic import, such as health care reform, I do find some weaknesses in this column.

I do agree with Matt in the thesis that state prohibition of homosexuality by statute is inconsistent with our chosen system of government. Seat belt laws, helmet laws, and laws prohibiting homosexuality are among the so-called "victimless crimes," whereby secular government enforces morality, against its mandate, and usually against the wishes of the governed. I do not like these laws and have sometimes stood alone in the Christian community in opposing them. However, opposing prohibition and proposing an official sanction for a behavior are two different things. In his article, Matt made a few assumptions regarding the issue of homosexual marriage that I would like to challenge.

The first is embodied in the title itself, and two words stand out when used together - "marriage" and "right." If one is to believe that humans have rights, then the obvious questions follow - from where/whom/what do they derive? If there is no God, then it is difficult to show that we have rights at all. If, however, they derive from our being a created being, with God-like characteristics (in God's image), then we do have rights - but attached to this gift is the concept of responsibility.

Just as there are no absolute freedoms in this world, there are no absolute rights. For example, if we have the right of democratic government, we also have the responsibility to vote. From where do homosexuals obtain this "right" to marriage?

Secondly, Matt asserts that homosexual marriages should be legally recognized because such will reduce homosexual promiscuity. Even if this were true (and promiscuity could be shown to be immoral outside of a theistic system), it would not be sufficient to convince me that I should accept homosexual marriage. Clearly, there is no formula available that, when followed, can guarantee relationship stability - for homo- or heterosexuals.

There is, however, a more fundamental problem here. The idea that marriage is merely an instrument by which relationship stability is afforded and by which certain economic benefits are granted is quite offensive to me. God teaches us in the Bible that marriage is a beautiful image of our relationship to God, with the principal characteristics of the two genders complementing one another. The human joy derived from this is, for Christians, far greater than material gain, such as tax benefits and so on.

Because I am particularly sensitive to the limits that we have chosen to place on our system of government regarding private matters, I am tempted to agree with Matt that homosexual marriage should be legally recognized, even though I do not approve of it personally. I do realize that without a Christian world-view, one will not share my perspective on this.

As a Christian, however, I realize that marriage is fundamentally different than other human contracts. It is more than just a written document, and more than just a pragmatic solution to life's hardships. It is often frustrating but rewarding institution given by God and subject to the limitations imposed by the giver. As such, I could never support laws that give sanction to homosexual marriage.

*Steve Cunningham
Class of '93*

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**A&M puts dollars over
people in work schedule**

This letter is in protest to the change in scheduling of the custodial workers of Crew Area V. What this will do is change these workers' weekly schedule. Instead of working from 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, they will work from 4 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. four days a week.

There are many problems that will be created for the workers involved. The largest problem is for those with families, for many of the employees who live in surrounding towns they will now have to get up at 2 a.m. to be at work on time.

Where are the employees expected to find good day care at this hour in the morning? In addition, how are the employees to have any time with their children if they drop the kids off by 3:15 a.m. and do not pick them up again until 3:15 p.m.? They will only have maybe two hours to feed their kids and have everybody in bed by 6 p.m. so that they can wake up again at 2 a.m.!

I find it very difficult to believe that the faculty would ever agree to this kind of schedule and yet it is being forced on employees who make much less without any say from them. Many of the employees carpool and therefore will find it very difficult to find rides at this hour of the morning. An additional problem will be the fact that this will leave only seven people to clean seven buildings on one day of the week.

So far there seem to be no advantages to this new system. The only one that we can think of is the fact that employees earn 8 hours per month sick time and depending on the employee about 10 hours per month of vacation time.

If an employee under the present system needs a sick day off, then he will use up his 8 hours for the month. However, under the new system, when an employee needs a sick day off he will lose 10 hours for the same day off! This will not effect employees when they take off a week at a time, but whenever they need a day off here or there they will be losing 2 extra hours of pay a day!

In this day and age of "family values" it would seem that our government institutions would do all that is possible to promote strong families, not tear them down for a few dollars.

*Eric Stein
Graduate Student*

*Abraham Clearfield
Professor of Chemistry*

Accompanied by 15 signatures

**University apathetic,
abandons principles**

The Battalion published three articles on page 1 of the Thursday, 15 July 1993 issue. One article concerned the A&M Board of Regents changing the name of Texas A&I University. The second article stated that

**Who's out of touch? Take
closer look at Cadets**

I am writing in response to Mr. Kraft's letter published in Mail Call on July 19th. In your letter you states "It (the Corps) is an outdated club for young men and some young women. The ideals it espouses are out of touch with the times." I would have to agree with you. The Corps teaches ideals such as love of country, self-sacrifice, and honor. The Corps teaches young men and women how to be leaders, how to take responsibility for one's actions, and how to work with others. True, to some people, these ideals may be out of date.

The stated mission of the Corps is "to provide leaders of character for State and Nation." In order to achieve this goal the Corps is set up to be a "leadership laboratory." In this "laboratory" the cadets perform "experiments." They experiment with different styles of leadership to find out what does and does not work. They