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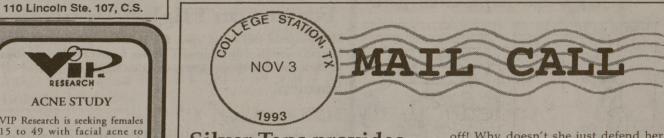
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Pat Carrigan Class of '95

Hutchison's actions are tarnishing state, party

A quick recap of how our criminal court system works: Major cases are taken before a grand jury. The grand jury reviews the evidence at hand and decides if the defendant should be charged. Their job is done. Now the case goes to trial.

"Charges Dropped Against Hutchison!" goes the headline! And why? Because of the merits of her case? No. Her team of lawyers discovered one of the grand jurors is suspected in a five year old \$20 hot check. Ooooh! (Sarcasm)

He is ineligible, and charges against her must be temporarily dropped. A new grand jury is already reviewing the same case (at extra cost to taxpayers). Now the fun part. This man reviewed 300 other cases. All of these must be dropped and retried (at extras cost to taxpayers). One of them was a murder case that went as far as the convic-

So, in order to make a cheap political point, Sen. Hutchison has set loose 300 murderers, thieves, rapists and who knows what else. At least a few of them will commit more crimes (at extra cost to tax payers).

Just what is it she is charged with that makes such a community risk so important to her? She's charged with using tax payer's money for personal gain. Isn't that what she's doing now? Gee, this seems to be a trend with her. Maybe she is guilty.

I didn't really care about her case. I figure most politicians do what she has to some degree. But this is really pissing me

off! Why doesn't she just defend her case and get it over with?

THE BATTALION

Her actions are not the kind of responsible nature we need in a senator. She's uselessly costing us money; she's tarnishing the Republican party, and she's tarnishing America as one of our important representatives. We

don't need a reputation like Italy or Japan. Put up or shut up, Kay! You're wasting my patience and my money.

Andrei Blozinski Class of '94

Table dispute sours an evening of studying

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, I was at the library studying with a friend. Sometime around 11 p.m., we decided to leave the library and go grab a bite to eat, preferably someplace we could finish studying. We chose to eat at the Kettle on University Drive next to University Tower. We ordered about \$12 worth of food and drink. Once finished, we began studying at our table.

At approximately 12 a.m., we were approached by the night manager. He quite rudely instructed the pair of girls next to us to sit at our table. Caught off guard and somewhat irritated, my friend told the manager we would leave in fifteen minutes. On that note, the manager flew off the handle. He said that when people lie to him he gets very angry and that he was going to call the police and have us escorted out.

When did we lie? My friend and I were stunned. Was this guy serious? Was he actually going to have us arrested for wanting to finish studying? We told him that he had no right to threaten us and assured him that we would leave quietly in fifteen minutes. This time he agreed, but only after telling us that we were never welcome in "his" establishment again. We left shortly after being too angry and confused to study. And as far as going back, I don't want to go to jail for studying! I guess I'll just stick to IHOP from now on. I think there I'm relatively free of criminal prosecution.

> John K. Ross IV Class of '96

School forces graduate students to cut corners

Elizabeth A. Allen noted that some graduate stipends pay \$1200 per month, while others pay as little as \$400 per month and correctly concluded that this reflects University priorities. Allen also noted that graduate students pay an extra \$14 per credit hour - a bitter pill to swallow when our counterparts at other universities are often offered tuition

In addition, graduate students (and undergraduates) will soon pay \$50 per year to defray the enormous expense of the new Recreational Center. This is particularly galling when one is constantly faced with inadequacies, especially in the humanities, of the 47th-ranked Evans Library. So much for the hollow rhetoric about A&M being a "world class" university.

As a teaching assistant at the Ph. D. level in the Department of English, I earn \$900 per month, am required to pay for nine hours per semester and required to teach two classes of 25 students each. My 50 students are required by the department to write five papers, three "rewrites," and complete many other minor writing assignments during an average semester.

Wednesday, November 3, 1993

Needless to say, the grading alone is an enormous undertaking, and frankly my sanity is often dependent on the corners I can cut. Invariably this degrades the quality of my teaching, my education and my contribution

to the profession. I think I speak for my colleagues, many of whom are paid less than I, when I say that this is a poor reflection on an institution as-

piring to greatness.

Food for thought: Last year at U.C. Berkeley, graduate instructors walked off the job just before final exams, virtually shutting the university down. Angered by their poor treatment, Berkeley grad instructors, along with others on campuses across the country, have now unionized in order to insure fair treatment from the university.

> Miles Klaff Co-President, English Graduate Student Association

> > Accompanied by 33 signatures

A&M doesn't treat grad students as second class

Graduate students at Texas A&M are not treated as "second class citizens." I, like Elizabeth A. Allen, am a graduate student. I was also an undergraduate here. I am presently pursuing my Ph.D. in Chemistry.

First, I would like to explain "The Aggie Ring" to those graduate students who do not understand the process of EARNING that ring. All students must have completed 95 credit hours BEFORE ordering a senior ring.

Undergraduate students are given immediate credit for the work they do in class. Graduate students complete certain hours by defending their thesis. This means that until you defend, many of your hours are being held as INCOMPLETE. This also means that graduate students pursuing only a masters degree do not earn the hours required to or-

Second, I would like to address the issue of stipends. What department are you in? That is an important factor in assigning stipend amounts. Not all graduate students are required to do the same caliber of work.

Chemistry T.A.s are expected to spend at least 60 hours per week between teaching and research, which does not include the time we spend on our homework. This precludes us from holding any other employ-ment. I believe that different jobs are worth different amounts and challenge anyone who is earning \$400 a month to do my job and earn the \$1200 that I earn.

I agree with you on the point of tuition. Texas is the only state that requires graduate students to pay tuition, and we pay more than undergraduates. Legislature is also planning to DOUBLE graduate students tuition within the next couple of years. I do hope that with this we get a stipend raise as

I have been here a total of five years to date and do not understand all about this university. However, when I have a doubt, I search for answers, which is what graduate school is all about.

Class of '92 and Graduate student

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