

1993 Wave is very bad bull

At last Saturday's game, we were shocked to see the Wave performed for the first time in Kyle Field. Even though the Wave was started by the Junior ROTC students in the end zone, the entire 12th Man and about half the Former Students participated while the SMU Band performed on the field.

We understand that the Mustangs weren't too challenging, the SMU Band was boring, and everyone was colder than an Eskimo sitting on an iceberg; yet, as Aggies we have a responsibility to show some class and hospitality to the other team's fans and band. Imagine our reaction if the t-sips did the Wave in Austin last year during our band's performance.

Furthermore, Texas A&M supporters used to be the only fans in the state that didn't do the Wave. In our opinion, we at Texas A&M have enough traditions of our own that we don't need to copy other's. Beat the Hell outta Louisville!

'93-'94 Yell Leaders

Sex and sports go hand in hand in free market

I am writing this in response to Julie Chelkowski's column on Nov. 2; "Sports Pages Are No Place to Sell Sex." I have one question for Julie: Where the hell else are they going to sell it? It's a captive audience! If I were trying to reach as many men as possible, I would certainly start with the sports page.

Ms. Chelkowski wrote "sex is synonymous with sports." That's ridiculous! It just so happens that men like sex, and men like sports. That is why you find these topless bar ads in the sports section. It's the same way for any company or industry that is trying to reach its target audience. Personally, I don't find it particularly pleasing to watch mothers and daughters discussing their favorite douche while I am trying to watch The Young & The Restless. But I understand why it's there — the company is trying to reach out to as many women as possible to sell their product. Capitalism. That's all.

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Ms. Chelkowski goes on to say "It's difficult, if not impossible, to avoid associating the ad with the story when they are sitting sideby-side." Please, Julie, don't insult our intelligence. The only people this could apply to are those who can't read and are only looking at the pretty pictures or Battalion sports writers.

THE BATTALION

By the way, Julie, isn't your job assistant sports editor? You should be writing about something relevant to the sports world and not displaying your ignorance of the freemarket system.

> Tut Jones Class of '92

Beutel is a health threat

"Clinic provides emergency care"? After reading that article in the Batt (11/2/93) I felt compelled to respond. Last week I suffered a concussion playing intramural football. After the doctor at the "health" clinic examined me, he said, "Oh it's nothing. Just sit up." I couldn't, so I was placed in an upright position. I was dizzy, my pupils were sluggish to dilate, and I couldn't focus my eyes.

The doctor reluctantly sent me for an x-ray as the symptoms persisted. After that the doctor said, "Well, you have a concussion. If you have some Tylenol at home, take two and go to sleep." He didn't say one thing about possible balance problems, nausea or the complications and warning signs to look for after receiving a head injury. My roommate asked the nurse about it, and she told her to wake me occasionally, "just to make sure."

I went home with my roommate and immediately called my parents, who are both in the medical profession. They were outraged at the treatment, or lack thereof, I received at Beutel. They instructed my roommate to take me to St. Joseph's, where I was given prompt attention. The doctor told me I had a serious concussion, and I was kept for observation until 4:00 a.m. and instructed to stay in bed for 24 to 48 hours. He also gave my roommate a list of symptoms to watch out for, the name and number of a local neurologist in case I didn't improve and several instructions about recovery from a concussion that I otherwise would not have known.

This is not an isolated incident of inade-

quate treatment at Beutel's "health" clinic. I challenge you to ask almost any student about an experience there and get a positive reaction. We pay \$25 per semester per student for this clinic. If there are 40,000 stu-

dents here, that's \$1 million. What can we

do? Think about it.

Amy R. Jimenez Class of '93

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Go after criminals, not law-abiding citizens

I am writing in reference to Jason Sweeney's Oct. 29 opinion piece on the NRA's opposition to H.R. 1025, also known as the Brady Bill. I would like to salute his support of the NRA, but I also hope to rectify some incorrect assumptions he made in his piece.

First, while the Brady Bill requires a fiveday waiting period before purchase of a firearm, it does not require a background check of gun purchasers. The waiting period is to allow for the option of a check by local authorities, but the bill cannot specifically mandate one because the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution "forbids the federal government from compelling states — and thus local law enforcement — to undertake any kind of action, including conducting background checks of gun purchasers" (American Rifleman, Nov. 1993).

The NRA, does, however, advocate an instantaneous background check program enforced by the states; the one already in place in Florida has prevented the sale of firearms to over 13,000 felons in the last two years (AR, Sept. 1993).

As for the question of a ban on "assault weapons," I can find no evidence that the Brady Bill contains such a provision. The primary piece of legislation in this area is Sen. Howard Metzenbaum's S.653, which he is attempting to amend to include all semi-automatic firearms, including those used legitimately for hunting and competition. Sen. Metzenbaum has stated publicly, "Until…we can ban all of them (semi-automatics), we might as well ban none" (August 3, 1993).

The NRA has focused its lobbying efforts on its CrimeStrike program, which promotes legislation that affects criminals, not lawabiding gun owners. Those who would like to see something done about crime in America would be better served by this effort rather than the Brady Bill, which will do nothing to curb the amount of crime perpetrated with guns obtained illegally.

> Erika Prater Class of '95



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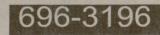
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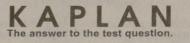
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