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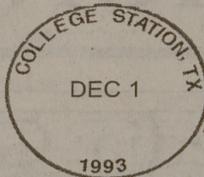
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### Parking garage patrons charged for extra hour

The operators of the North Side Parking Garage have figured out a way to increase their revenue without raising their rates. It's probably illegal but, hey, they need the money, don't they? NOT!

Their scam works like this: The entry machine stamps the time on your receipt five minutes behind the time on their machine in the booth. If you happen to park in the garage for just a little less than an hour or two or three, you'll get charged for the next hour also, because anything over the hour on the toll booth clock is considered a full hour charge, even though reality says something else.

What's my evidence? At first I only had a hunch. Every time I entered the garage my receipt indicated a time that was about five minutes behind that on my watch.

On several occasions when I checked out of the parking garage at a time that I thought was just under the hourly time limit, I was charged for an extra hour.

A couple of days ago, I started the timer on my watch when I got my parking receipt. When I checked out, my timer said 1 hour 57 minutes. The girl in the booth said that I had been there 2 hours and 2 minutes and hit me up for another hour charge.

Could it just be a problem with my watch? No way! Several weeks ago I got a parking receipt from the machine and not more than a minute later I asked the attendant what time her machine said. Again five minutes' difference.

It may not seem like a lot, but everyone who checks out within five minutes of the hour limit is being stuck for another hour charge. Illegal? Probably so.

Dean Merrill  
Graduate student

### Transfer students must fight new ring policy

When I transferred to A&M, the policy to order senior rings was explained to me and I worked towards this goal. I knew I would fall two hours short of the 30 hours required to order my ring; I would take the remaining 2 in

### Bonfire fizzles — but Aggie spirit still blazes

After reading the letters ridiculing Aggie Bonfire in Tuesday's Mail Call section, I felt that I had to write a response. I was crew chief in Law Hall this year, and it hurt me to hear all the criticism Bonfire received.

We put in a full two months of hard work to build the nation's largest tradition, and this year Bonfire was the largest it's been in almost a decade.

I worked hard on Bonfire last year, and when it fell within thirty minutes of being lit, I overheard ungrateful Ags saying how we didn't do a good enough job building it. This year, in an effort to keep Bonfire standing longer, not as much fuel was put on it as last year.

It turned out that it wasn't enough, but Bonfire did get burning and Center Pole did not fall until midnight. Even though supposedly this signifies that A&M will win the Cotton Bowl, once again we heard complaints this year, not about how quickly it fell, but about how long it took.

We put in so much effort into Bonfire. What you see when it burns is the blood, sweat and tears of fellow Ags. All we ask is that someone appreciates what we have done for our school.

Aggie Bonfire is one of the traditions that makes our university so unique, but it only happens when Aggies build it.

It's not a non-reg, CT, or freshmen Bonfire. It's an Aggie Bonfire, and I challenge any Ag who felt this year's Bonfire wasn't good enough to put in at least one day at cut and one night at stack next year.

You'll see the effort that goes into Bonfire, the friendships it starts, and just what it means to those who have given of themselves to build it.

Kevin Wang  
Class of '96  
Law Hall crew chief '93

Hey Ags, what's the deal? I'm tired of the whining and crying about this years Bonfire. I, for one, feel Bonfire '93 was one of the best I've ever witnessed, and I don't need a bunch of two-percenters who only show up to watch it burn tell me otherwise. Center-

spring of '94. Aggie ring, here I come. NOT! With the new ring policy going into effect Jan. 1, all transfer students that had been counting the residency hours will have to be counting; 60 hours will be required.

Transfer students were not given the opportunity to plan for policy change regarding senior ring orders. If I had been advised of policy change, I sure as HELL would have been two more hours this semester.

I need your help. If you care to express your views, as I did, please call or write:

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Ron St...

Class of...

pole stood 'til midnight, the last three years people complained that the Bonfire fell too fast. We beat the hell outta t.u., we're Cotton Bowl bound for the third straight year, what do you want?

In defense of the yell leaders, I've been all the yell practices and I think Mark has been a great head yell leader. I'm sure no one feels worse than he about "The Last Cotton Trip" recital.

Finally, my hat is off to this years rednecks and all the other pots who did one hell of a job buildin' the hell outta Bonfire '93. Don't sit around and complain, get out there and help build the hell outta Bonfire '94. WHOOP!

Robert Vaughn  
Class of '94



I am writing in response to the criticism the time it took to light Aggie Bonfire this year. In my opinion, this was the prettiest Bonfire in years. It burned evenly and stood past midnight.

Perhaps many Aggies could have enjoyed it had they stayed past the first attempt to light the fire.

Aggies that spend more of their time building Bonfire realize that there is more to Bonfire than just burning it. Building Bonfire is truly the most important part.

Building Bonfire is where friendships are made and bonds are strengthened. I believe as many of my friends, that the reason Bonfire burns is to clear the field to begin construction on the next one.

I am confident that Aggies who build Bonfire will agree with me. Those who do not agree did not travel tens of thousands of miles with me building Bonfire. They do not miss my classes or anger my girlfriends. I believe in Bonfire.

If you were disappointed in this year's Bonfire, perhaps you should have stayed a little longer or done more than just show up to watch it burn.

Bryan Dierker  
Class of '94  
Brown post...

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December 1, 1993

7:00 p.m.

All Faith's Chapel

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### Lost: One Aggie ring

Howdy Ags! This is a hopeful call to all with Aggie spirit out there. Last week during Elephant Walk my class ring fell off while wrestling with a good buddy of mine.

I was told by the kind people at the Alumni Center that many people every year lose their rings. Many are returned, but mine has not been.

For those who do not know, each ring has its owner's name engraved inside. I believe I lost mine near the north corner of the library.

If you have found my ring, or anyone else's, I beg you on the grounds of Aggie honesty to please turn it in to the Alumni Center as soon as you can. Thanks Ags!

Daniel P. Brown  
Class of '94

## CBS and the Kennedy assassination

It is very distressing to see the latest avalanche of major network documentaries on the assassination of John F. Kennedy that presented themselves as objective appraisals of the events in Dallas on November 22, 1963.

The average viewer not familiar with all the available facts surrounding the assassination would not realize the reports' general total disregard for important evidence. I

think that if you look at CBS's track record pertaining to the Kennedy Assassination, you'll see that not once have they presented any program that didn't attempt to vindicate the Warren report. Their recent documentary, "Who Killed JFK? The Final Chapter" was another case of presenting only evidence that support the Warren Report's conclusions or evidence that they can attempt to refute.

This is the same CBS that in 1964 had already had produced a documentary supporting the Warren Report before the report itself had been published. CBS has led the way in misinformation about the assassination.

To illustrate CBS's journalistic ineptitude, let me run down a few facts that, according

to CBS, weren't relevant. First and foremost, Lee Harvey Oswald was given a nitrate test immediately after his arrest to try to determine whether he had fired a rifle within the last 24 hours.

The test results were negative — he had not fired a weapon. This fact was hidden by the federal government for 10 months and now we can entrust CBS to conceal it.

Another fact that apparently wasn't important to CBS was that the FBI twice had foreknowledge of the assassination. First, they had a tape recorded conversation on Nov. 9 that an FBI informant had with Joseph Milteer, a right-wing extremist, outlining a plot to kill Kennedy will a high powered rifle from an office building.

Hmmm. That sounds strikingly similar to what happened in Dallas. So the FBI made a small error and failed to act. I'll forgive them. But on Nov. 17 the New Orleans office of the FBI received a telexed warning of a plot in Dallas to kill Kennedy. It was ignored once again.

Sounds to me like J. Edgar didn't want to take any precautions. But as CBS feels, this probably didn't have relevance. The fact that the FBI could have prevented the assassination is not important (sarcasm noted).

One more example of reportorial incompetence so skillfully exhibited by CBS was their disregard for the botched autopsy at Bethesda. Not only did the pathologists not have any experience in combat gunfire, but they were professors that hadn't been in the business of conducting autopsies of any sort

for quite some time.

Under oath Dr. Pierre Finck admitted that the FBI had controlled the autopsy and directed them not to dissect the neck wound. Also, in documents released under the Freedom of Information Act, it is revealed that the pathologists removed an additional bullet from Kennedy's body.

This wasn't presented to the Warren Commission as evidence. This revelation completely destroys the Warren Commission Theory of one man, three bullets.

We will never know the truth beyond reasonable doubt. The CIA will never release incriminating documents. They will just turn up "missing," as Kennedy's bracelet, or accidentally destroyed as other documents have.

But at least when you present the known facts about the assassination, tell the whole story. Don't pick and choose which evidence you want to present or just present evidence that conveniently supports your theory. CBS has done this ever since Nov. 22, 1963. They have just perpetuated the cover up.

As for the professors who believe it was the "lone nut" Oswald, I'll be more than happy to debate this with you in an open forum. One warning though — the facts are on my side. You'll be stuck having to defend the "magic bullet" theory and other useful conclusions drawn by the Warren commission.

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