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SUICIDE ...

THE FBI CLAIM THAT

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veryone has probably heard about this "new Woodstock" thing. A

This isn't the 1960s anymore. Has yone considered the fact that a

ne Woodstock is just kind of a

nam? After all, it isn't about peace or

reedom or any of those other abused ut lofty words. Instead, it is about

Tune in, turn on, and drop out. This

ofit and greed, a more familiar oup of words for the '80s generation.

te phrase captures the essence of what

ur hippie ancestors were trying to complish, if they were not dying in letnam at the time. It means tune in to

periences and drop out of society. Hey,

hatever floats your boat, man.

Now, I decided to try to understand that everyone sees in all this '60s evival. First of all, hippie-type lothing is now "in." But, the whole

dea behind hippieness is that it is supposed to be "out." In other words, what is supposed to be cool is something that no one else is doing,

t something that Cindy Crawford

Second, people have been doing the rug thing for a while. How many times

re people going to have to get screwed up in order to figure out that drugs are tupid. Let me spell this out for all the slow learners in the audience: DRUGS

world and meet new people. I do not

elieve that anyone would mind if a erson wanted to leave civilization

ears on a Vogue magazine cover.

world, turn on to drugs and

operform for people, just like in the rand old 1960s.

bunch of bands are getting together

Whitewater hearings

SHUT UP!

YOU SHIT UP! CHAY UP

TER ABOUCTED

and so many killed themselves when they were 14 or 15. Growing up, I really knew people in Plano, Texas, who hung

Yeah, I guess it must be much easier

themselves and blew their chests out

for all of us to lie to ourselves and melt

our brains away rather than thinking

about that fact that most of our leaders

are liars and thieves and that the world did not get much better, whether our fathers went to war or whether they

Instead, lets act like hippies. Nope, it won't be quite that easy. There will be security at this Woodstock and lots of

community get-together, but a cheap way to capitalize on a name.

all are going to discover our own Woodstock, our own defining moment.

The real question here asks when we

Can't we do something a little different, something

that suits our needs as the

disenfranchised from the

that two guys are doing

American Dream?

something they want to do, without

stresses of their times. To have

harming anyone else. In the end, they die, just like many of the dreams of their generation, crushed under the

wisdom is to learn. Instead of making

the same mistakes, as well as showing the same kind of poor taste, let us all try something different from

generation that is supposedly

The other day I rented a copy of "Easy Rider." The whole point of the movie is

Josef Elchanan is a senior

stayed here and protested against it.

electronic equipment and no Jimmy Hendrix. Why go? It isn't some

with pistols.

AREN'T YOU THE SAME GUYS THAT

BELIEVE THAT ELVIS IS DEAD ?

Twentysomethings must find own defining moment, not emulate hippies

behind and spend time with nature. On

the other hand, everyone should remember that the vast majority of those

60s communes are closed down and that

the people who used to run them are now

bank presidents and lawyers. Or even worse, many of them now have to get on national TV and tell the whole world

We are supposed to stand on the shoulders of giants, not steal their clothes and shoes and run around

making the same mistakes. Yet, that

making the same mistakes.

is what so many of our fellow college

students are doing. Some of them want to use 15th-century religion to solve 21st-century problems. Some of them want to use 19th-century society

as a basis for modern race relations,

somethingers want to go out there and

generation are skinheads or Klansmen,

and so many are shooting each other in

Unfortunately, very few twenty-

find out who we really are.
I guess that might be kind of gruesome, since so many of our

We are supposed to stand on the

shoulders of giants, not steal their

clothes and shoes and run around

what they smoked and why.

**JOSEF** 

**ELCHANAN** 

Columnist

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ermen: 8 33, despite missing KILL BRAIN CELLS.

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Third, dropping out of society doesn't work for very long. It is great to do your own thing and to go out and find America. It's even more exciting if a person can find a way to see some of the ast two seasons,

ensive line, but

second team after our games, with of bulk. Craig Swann and

ankovich return roles after surger e injuries. our main cond ras the lineback ossley said. "The e our strength this

- Mark Smith

n Rodney Watkinderspectives of feminism

el Artmore and the section of the Parker anchor the reston. Her July 28 column on the femi-cositions, while this t movement has given me renewed will will take the onfidence in my opinions and beliefs. Feminist groups have about exhausted

not too much to ask. There are participants of the women's movement, who at one time or another, expect that this nation should halt the evolution of society as we know it and implement laws and legislation that automatically give women certain inalienable rights. And there are also opponents to the movement who believe that the deterioration of our society rests solely on the shoulders of those women who chose to work instead of stay home and raise their

children properly. Blame is not the issue here. We cannot

correct the mistakes our ancestors made, but we can learn from them. If we would spend less time pointing fingers and more time developing solutions, maybe

harmony is not an impossibility after all. I am not idealistic enough to believe this will happen overnight, nor will this one letter in a college newspaper in a college town make a monumental difference. However, if just one woman reads this and realizes that no one's place in society is defined as absolute, including women, including racial minorities and including homosexuals, then it has made a difference to someone, and that's really what the movement is all about.

College Station for a medical school rotation, it is refreshing to see that despite all the changes on campus in the past four years, the Battalion Opinion page remains steadfastly committed to its pursuit of knee-jerk liberalism. Elizabeth Preston illustrates this beautifully in last Thursday's attack on religious institutions and defense of a woman's right to sexual promiscuity and other traditionally male behaviors. I've seen firsthand the effects of women's sexual liberation - AIDS. herpes, sterility, abortion and single motherhood to name a few.

Women of our generation have made great strides towards achieving equality

· As a former student returning to

to edit letters for length style, and accuracy.

behaviors," among them the right to smoke cigarettes, abuse alcohol, be sexually promiscuous and neglect family in pursuit of career. The problem with feminists like Preston is that by seeking to achieve equality with men they have set their sights too low!

Matt Poling

The Battalion encourages letters to the editor and will print as many as space allows. Letters must be 300 words or less and include the author's name, class, and phone number.

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## **FDITORIAL**

## ACT AGAINST AIDS

## Texas A&M should develop research efforts

Texas A&M should devote more effort to AIDS research.

of the 50 publicly funded AIDS research projects in Texas, Texas A&M is supporting none, while other Texas schools such as Texas Tech, Baylor, UTMB, and University of Texas campuses in El Paso, Arlington and Dallas are participating in these studies.

As a major research university and a public institution, Texas A&M needs to actively work to solve the AIDS crisis. The University has the resources and the capability to be on the forefront of AIDS research in the state. The opportunity to contribute to the fight against this epidemic deserves

Science and medi-cine are not the only fields which can foster AIDS research. Education, psychology, communication and management can contribute to halting the epidemic, while other

disciplines search for a cure.

It is extremely important that research continue. When budgets get tight, research is often the first thing go. This attitude is extremely

gained from this research can benefit many people in many fields. When research is conducted in pursuit of a specific goal, often the knowledge gained finds application

in numerous other places.

For example, the effort to put a man on the moon developed countless innovations - from satellite communications to Tang – that are widely used to-day. AIDS research has similar po-tential. With all the resources and

efforts being put into finding a cure for this deadly disease, there is a wide range of future applications of this work which cannot yet even be imagined.
Another benefit

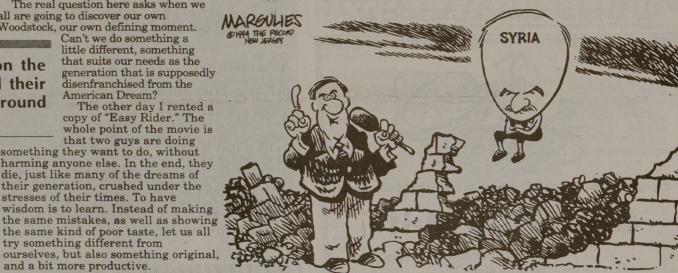
of increased research is increased awareness. More research and education about the AIDS virus will cause people to realize how AIDS is transmitted and will reduce the fear of working alongside people with AIDS and reduce activities which cause the spread of the disease.

More tolerance and understanding for AIDS patients and less people with AIDS are certainly good things. Fewer people will die, and money will

short-sighted. The future depends on the research of today.

AIDS research benefits more than just AIDS patients. The knowledge to the first people will die, and money will be saved in trying to find a cure.

Texas A&M should be a part of this effort. It is time for the University to do its part to combat AIDS.



"With Jordan joining the peace process, another wall has fallen in the Middle East..."

interesting.

## size of the deleter to be a problem Evans Library periodically provides magazine-reading 'fix' have the greats Evans Library periodically provides magazine-reading 'fix'

for it by just of the football," He library gets a bad rap. We love to rip on old Sterling Evans often and furiously, and undoubtedly there are Hatfield will tell easons for the attacks. It seems ridiculous ext level is still easons for the attacks. It seems ridiculous hat so many of us have so many problems e believes he called here, myself included.

Most of my complaints have to do

rts with kids whooks on time and make the rest of us e best in America vait, whether we have time or not. To

emedy this problem, the library could legin charging fines after a book is seven days Mark Sm verdue. This would fix the problem. They ought and Brian Colo implement it. It's that simple.

Other problems, like funding, are perhaps out of dministrators' control, but I have the feeling that ne serious reevaluation is in order so to make the sive line will be brary more useful and accessible for students. bassley said. "We" But problems aside, I have some good things to

bssley said. "We" But problems aside, I have some good things to e to stop the rule ay about our library. In fact, the periodicals section in people and rule one of my favorite places to hang out. geveryone off the I used to pretend I went there to study, and even it."

I used to pretend I went there to study, and even it notebooks on the desk to fool myself. Somehow I said the mail ave to justify my frequent visits because every time he defense for the enter the library, a magnet pulls me to those glass I be the lineback foors at the back of the first floor. I always give in. returns sophome It's no use pretending anymore. I am addicted to o, who was selected agazines and the periodicals section provides a big

HILL

Columnist



fix. When I first came to school I experienced withdrawal symptoms. At my home, it seemed that my family bought a new subscription every time a

neighborhood fund

raiser came to the door. I was used to having magazines handy whenever I wanted one. As a student who moves frequently it can be

inconvenient to have subscriptions, so I went without. But it didn't take long before I fell behind in my horoscope and knowledge of who was marrying whom in Hollywood. I lost track of which fashion look was hot - I may have even worn what was not! On a more intellectual note, I missed John

Leo's opinions, George Will's columns and Hints from Heloise. Things were tough then. It was the periodicals section that made recovery possible. The 7,000 magazines (newspapers not included that total)

were there for me when no others were. For that Once upon a time I had to do a research project. I English Journal, of which I had never heard. The article was great, so I looked for more in back issues. I found them dating all the way back to the 1940s. I found so many interesting articles in The English Journal that I spent a small fortune making copies.

I knew that I spent too much time with The English Journal when my roommates started leaving my phone messages on its shelf. But it was time well spent. From The English Journal I learned

It's inconvenient to have magazine subscriptions during college, so I went without. But it didn't take long before I fell behind the hot fashions.

subtleties about being a high school English teacher (my chosen profession) that I couldn't pick up in any college classroom.

Some of my other discoveries were The New Republic and Mother Jones. It is fascinating to read well-written pieces from that side of the political spectrum. And I try to give equal time to The

Through reading the New Yorker I am able to keep up on the arts in New York City. Though I've only been there once and have no plans to return soon, it seems important for me to know who's starring on Broadway and what show tickets cost.

The New Yorker also has great poetry and prose. And Texas Monthly keeps me updated on the Lone Star State.

National Review. I get a new spin on issues, maybe

even expand my views. What more could I ask for?

better understand that misunderstood creature -

motivates him, what drives him crazy, what he's

wearing and why he's lazy.

Esquire does the same thing by helping me to

the modern American man. You, too, can learn what

And if you can't handle the cologne inserts, go to the Microtext files – scent-free and just as

So no matter what people say about the library, I'll always have a soft spot in my heart for the periodicals section. There's lots to do there. Go practice your language skills in the foreign publications or keep in touch with our neighbors to the north by reading McLean's from Canada.

It's worth your time to check out what they have to offer - and the price is right.

Erin Hill is a senior English major



dary should ad Readers argue current

every argument imaginable. I am happy to see that Preston's column was neither passive nor militant. With an issue as touchy as this, there can be no ambiguity, but a little understanding and patience is

Stacy Stuart

with men and have adopted many "male

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