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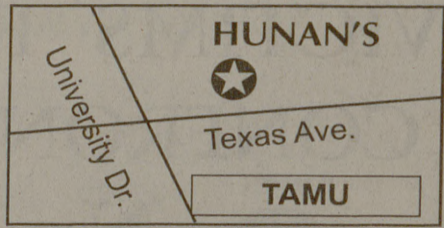
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### Sideliners harass Yell Leaders

Football fans who were not as fortunate to get front row tickets missed a really good show this weekend ... on and off the field. Apparently, one of our Yell Leaders interrupted the precision timing and teamwork of the Baylor "trainers" (the highly skilled and disciplined Water Cup Fill Team (WCFT)).

The WCFT felt they needed more space than provided and decided the guy in white was in the way. So much in fact, they requested the help of another highly skilled and disciplined team; the UPD. The UPD then proceeded to harass our Yell Leader for the next quarter of the game. I am not trying to imply that Yell Leaders are above the law; however, the only thing this Yell Leader was guilty of was doing his job and doing it well.

There are an estimated 150 people on the sideline and they all seemingly have some function. The WCFT fills water cups, the UPD patrols the sidelines for heinous acts, and the Yell Leaders lead the 12th Man in cheering our team to victory. It is a shame that others cannot share in the spirit of the games as the Yell Leaders. Instead, they must whine about cup space and enforce obscure rules (if any rules at all) about where Yell Leaders can and cannot stand. I am sure the visiting team's bench at Kyle Field can be a very stressful environment. I realize the WCFT (Average Water Cup Fill Time) will probably be up some this week for BU. However, I hope the next time they come to Kyle Field, they understand what "home field advantage" (currently the best advantage in the nation) means. I hope that the UPD can also get a grip on this concept. I commend the Yell Leaders who hung in there despite all the distractions. Keep up the good work and stand your ground!

Tim Kardosz  
Class of '88

### Aggies should respect opinions

On Oct. 12 I read a letter showing the ignorance of the writer Joe Baird. In his letter he stated, "I feel that a university paper should reflect the views and opinions of the student body, not a small minority of it." The so-called small minority addressed was liberals. First of all, I feel the purpose of The Battalion in my opinion is not to produce conservative or liberal columns, but assist individuals like Baird to be more open-minded toward new ideas of which they are obviously unmindful.

I am confused on where he receives his facts that

a majority of the student body is conservative. I do not recall while filling out my application to this university a question asking whether was conservative or liberal.

Was it somewhere near the questions on gender and ethnicity? No, I don't think so. I fed up with individuals producing statistics that cannot be proven.

Maybe "y'all" will be more comfortable at Perhaps A&M is conservative, but everyone about A&M does not have to be.

Baird also had a problem with a recent editorial about homosexuals. The key word in that editorial is "editorial" - an opinion. He has the right to his opinion and beliefs about homosexuals, but the editors of the Batt. He may have heard of it is called the First Amendment.

### College years not 'transitional' prepare students for life, careers

Elizabeth Preston's Oct. 17 column about difficulties in college gave me pause. As I read her column, I thought, how sad for her. No friends, no fun, nothing but study, study, study for two years.

Then, I thought, that cannot be. She's pretty, articulate, smart, imaginative. She cannot have such a lonely time for two years in such a place as Texas A&M. Perhaps, I thought, she is a columnist for The Battalion, the deadline is her, and she had to come up with a topic.

Even so, she spoke of loneliness, no friends, fun, nothing but study.

But, then, life is like that. Even at Texas A&M life is what you make of it. Nobody is going to anything for you. You have to do it all yourself. You have no friends, it's up to you to make some. You have no fun, it's up to you to find fun.

Toward the end of her column, she said she had changed. She has friends, great friends, actually, so she is no longer lonely. College is still tough, though, and she has to study more, but she learned to manage her time to include fun. Good for her. Things are going her way at last.

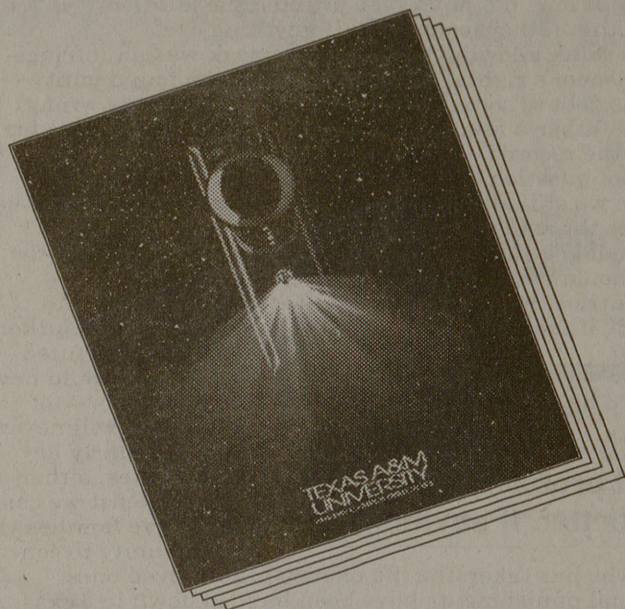
However, I take issue with her statements that college is a transitional state and that "No one knows exactly what they will be doing in four years."

College never has been a transitional state; it is a preparatory state, designed to prepare you for life and for your career. It's true that many students, even seniors, still have no firm career goals. But the great majority do and are dedicated to achieving them.

If Preston remains uncertain of her career potential, she should speak to her adviser or to the Student Counseling Service in Henderson Hall, page 68 of the 1993-94 Undergraduate Catalog.

It all boils down to taking care of yourself, which she learned to do.

Douglas P. Starr, Ph.D.  
Texas A&M Faculty



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