

The sad state of student activism

The voice of protest at A&M is hoarse compared to other universities

Imagine the half-crazed guerrilla leader, eyes bloodshot and full of rage, taking his stance in front of the MSC.



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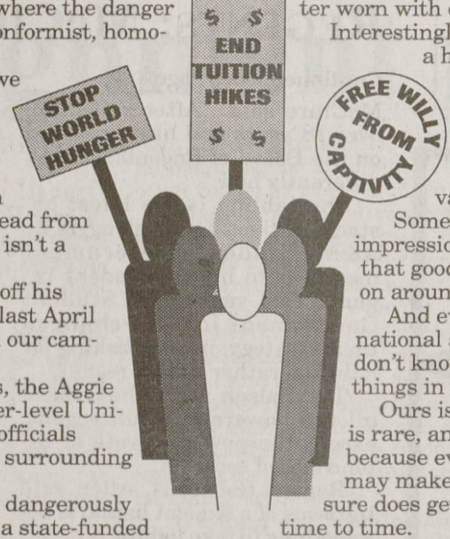
comes to reacting to national and local events that have any significant impact on their lives.

But we do deserve some credit for continuing the tradition of spirited and informed debate.

While reading through a recent article detailing the Top 10 Activist Campuses in the nation, I wasn't too surprised to discover that Texas A&M didn't quite make the list.

One might wonder where the danger lies in having such a conformist, homogeneous student body.

Interestingly enough, this subject became a hot topic around here just about the time the rest of the civilized Western world was debating the political and ethical ramifications of US military support for the invasion of Haiti.



Regrettably, it appears that our University security officials haven't had a need for tear gas, the National Guard or fire hoses at all in the last few years.

Phil Gramm kicked off his presidential campaign last April with a political rally on our campus.

Sometimes our students give the impression that they don't really have that good of a grasp on what is going on around them.

Political signs on campus say little

LIBERALS BEWARE, the yellow signs screamed as they stood vigilant outside Sbis Dining Hall.



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Don't believe me? Just watch television and you'll see what I'm talking about.

our system of life, even — is built on compromise. No one is right all the time, and if you think you are, you're wrong.

I've been on this campus for two years now, and each year it never ceases to amaze me how totally ludicrous some students can be.

his zingers about Newt Gingrich, are biting and scathing, but amazingly void of substance.

Politicians today have forgotten that. Our leaders today are so hell-bent on sticking to their guns that they end up shooting themselves in the foot.



MAIL CALL

Texas A&M should observe Labor Day

The refusal of Texas A&M University to observe Labor Day caught me completely by surprise.

forefathers, whether they were black, white, yellow, red or brown.

I suppose I am even more appalled that little opposition has been raised to this administration's policy in Aggieland.

the true meaning of this important holiday.

most eloquently, encouraging students not to give up on this idea, while at the same time acting to stifle student involvement.

the Student Senate, introduced five of the eight student body presidents from the Texas A&M System to the Board's committee, including Toby Boenig, student body president at Texas A&M.

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EDITORIAL IGNORED AGAIN

The decision to table the student liaison proposal was irresponsible.

Last Friday, the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents showed a complete lack of responsibility by tabling the proposal to create a student liaison on the Board.

have no input. By tabling this proposal and denying it a vote, the Board of Regents is sending the message that the concerns of students is not a great priority.



Regardless of whether other groups would seek representation on the Board if a student liaison were allowed, the Regents should have voted on and approved the proposal.

Apparently, that voice was not considered important.



"Hit it past the over-grazed plains, around the clear cut forest, beyond the national park mining, and onto the green..."

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Regents display conflict of interest

I am most concerned about the recent actions of the Board of Regents concerning the initiative to add a student liaison to the Board.

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