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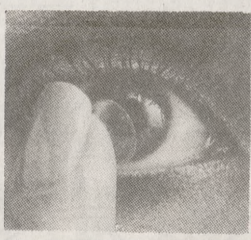
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CRs fiasco raises many questions

Rest assured, Texas A&M will never be confused with Wellesley or University of California, Berkeley.

Both are respected internationally, as well as in that insignificant portion of the United States beyond the Texas border.

Slogans on T-shirts do not a "world class university" make, nor does sheer size or a top ten football ranking. Lasting reputations rests on academic excellence. Recreational sports and special event centers do not compensate for a library that ranks near 50th among universities. Is education, the primary concern here?

The College Republicans need a project, and I suggest lobbying for library funding. A second goal might be setting out-of-state fees at in-state levels.

A&M could set an enlightened example for state universities and strike a blow against the stultifying provincialism that pervades this "world class" institution.

M.C. Wilheit
Graduate Student

I read Michael Landauer's Sept. 21 column and almost wept with joy. As a very moderate Republican, I was disgusted at the actions of the College Republicans. I have refused to be a part of that organization because of its right-wing policies and ideologies.

It seems that all College Republicans do is blast liberals. This latest incident of political ineptitude is another example of this misguided thinking.

Personally, I have never heard of a time in American history in which one group was totally correct on all of its assumptions about society. In fact, the best ideas and greatest achievements have been made through compromise and cooperation.

Instead of ignoring the ideas and suggestions of the Democrats and liberals, the ultra-conservative wing of the GOP should listen and work with others to develop courses of action that consist of common sense and fairness, not fear and ignorance.

As a Republican, I am immensely tired of being labeled as insensitive, greedy and uncaring.

Therefore, I would like to thank Landauer for his insightful column that said the right things. I would also like to reaffirm my devotion to the Republican Party, despite the actions of a select wing of the great institution.

Jeff Freels
Class of '98

The actions of College Republicans have shown themselves to be true to what I feared. I was a member last year, but didn't renew my membership this year because of their radical views.

College Republicans is an outstanding club in gaining voter turnout and participating in many other positive activities.

I feel that expressing such radical conservative views (as the posters and now this), is being not only insensitive, but rude.

I wish the College Republican's wouldn't have taken these steps. The actions cross lines from being strong ideologically to simply being blatantly argumentative.

I also agree with Dr. Ray Bowen, A&M president, when he comments, "The only real issue I think is completely relevant here is that they did violate our fund raising policy."

Regardless of the outcome of the issue, a segment of College Republican's are not very conservative. I urge you to read the points made carefully by both sides. Fighting for an opinion is okay. Coming across an abused organization is not.

Sarah Lewis
Class of '98

I find it ironic, yet very fitting, that the same day Michael Landauer writes about how most Republicans do not support the College Republicans, Rodger Lewis, county chairman of the Republican Party, writes in support of the constitutional rights of the College Republicans.

Also, just a few days ago, the State Republican Executive Committee passed a resolution in support of the College Republicans.

In addition, Landauer's charge that the College Republicans are "Liars, cheaters, racists and fascists" is straight out of the kneecracker liberal handbook.

I suggest that Landauer join the Democrats, because his column is yet another example of why The Battalion might as well be the official newsletter of the Democratic Party.

Chris Hornsby
Class of '97

Problems at Evans: talking, vandalism

A library is a resource of importance for both research and study within a university. Access to the information kept there is a need and right of all who study in the university environment.

During a recent visit to Evans library to research information

related to my dissertation, I came across evidence of what I can only describe as academic terrorism: key pages and whole articles had been ripped out of journals of several of the references I was looking for. Not only is this frustrating, but it demonstrates a mentality that I have no patience for.

Those of you who do this, or contemplate doing this mindless vandalism, should know that your actions are extremely destructive and selfish. Information is there to be shared for the benefit of everyone in our community. Please keep it that way.

Simon Bird
Graduate Student

We have a little problem in Evens Library. It isn't anything malicious like people stealing books or beating the copy machines. Students are using the study area for socializing. This upsets me because I go to the library to get away from that.

The library is a place that you should be able to count on to provide a quiet study environment. The dorms do not provide this.

There are designated areas for group study where you can talk. If you are going to use the library, be courteous to those of us who need quiet to study.

Jennifer Eichhorn
Class of '98

At a difficult time, Corps touched all

I am writing to express my thanks to Texas A&M University, the Corps of Cadets and Company L-1 for the spirit and traditions they uphold.

On Sept. 18, I attended the funeral of an L-1 cadet's father who had passed away suddenly.

After a six-hour trip from College Station to Haskell, Texas, 25 members of Company L-1 arrived at the funeral in full uniform to support their friend and his family during this difficult time.

As a member of the extended family, I was touched and honored. Chills went up my spine as I watched and heard the cadets leave the church and line the path for the family and pallbearers as they carried the casket.

Members of this small town community, the family and I were impressed with such a noble gesture. I am certain I speak for other members of the family and community when I say thank you. We were very honored.

Penny Peden
Texas Tech, Class of '93
Leiza Morales
Class of '92

No need to cut military budget

This letter is in response to Chris Stidvent's Sept. 18 column in The Battalion.

Stidvent spoke about the American military, unfortunately

some of his opinions weren't stated ones.

"Does anybody feel any sense of guilt after bemoaning the fact that the U.S. budget allowed provisions for more defense systems and Stealth bombers."

He termed these projects "less" and spoke of our threats as "largely imaginary." Stidvent also accused the American government of "robbing our own citizens" to pay for these endeavors.

In an American military history class taught by Dr. Linn, a former professor at Point, I learned of a true American history.

Throughout time, men and women have shared their ideas about the American military. Occasionally, men of peace have agreed. Thus, the military has taken large cutbacks.

However, each cutback during peacetime led to a sort of period during war. The lost men had to be retrained over a slower period than normal, leading to a slower response. The people defending this country were made to do their best at their jobs.

War is not a predictable thing and in a world as unstable as this, we cannot know what our countries may decide to do.

As to Stidvent's accusation that the government "robs" us to pay for these projects, I refer to Dr. R. J. Q. Adams, an A&M history professor. Adams pointed the king, or in our case, government, is not above the law.

They cannot steal money from the people. If they have done it set up a system of taxation, in which we agree to pay our government a certain amount of money to support this country. The money you pay is voluntary.

If you feel you are being robbed, maybe you need to think again.

Respect for flags flourishes at A&M

I am a senior in the Corps of Cadets and have the honor of leading my outfit's flag detail in front of the Systems Building.

On Sept. 20, there was a crowd of non-reg's in front of Systems Building taking the dorm pictures.

When the flag detail arrived the crowd was loud and very involved in what they were doing.

The flag detail moved to the front of the Systems Building and in response the crowd became silent. The crowd remained totally silent throughout the lowering of the colors.

As the flag detail retired, colors everyone had their hands over their hearts.

This revealed to me that there is in our country flourishes among the members of the student body of this great University.

Marcus
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