

For one night only

Male sexual attitudes in need of improvement

Columnist



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Here a slut, there a slut, everywhere a slut slut. Whether one's spring break was spent on Panama City, Padre Island, Cancun or the Chicken, this breed of college student was not difficult to spot. That "I just want to get laid" mentality abounded as Aggies parted until the wee hours of the morning.

But casual sex with random people is not simply an act reserved for spring break, nor is it reserved for a particular gender.

Webster's *Unabridged Dictionary*, first published in 1955, defines a slut as "a dirty woman; a woman of loose character; bitch."

But there's one breed of slut Webster fails to mention, a breed which may be more than one-half of the slut population: the male slut.

The word "slut" is a label commonly attached to a female who often seeks to engage in sexual acts with males she doesn't know well. No self-respecting woman cares to be labeled as such, and even those who fit the description try their best to remain inconspicuous.

For some reason, however, guys are never labeled sluts.

Go to any club in town and you will find plenty of guys who care little about devel-

oping a longterm relationship with a woman — they only want to take her home to do the nasty.

If he is successful, the male slut is labeled as a hero by all his male friends. Even guys who aren't sluts encourage these acts. It's a testosterone thing, a male bonding thing. It happens, but that doesn't make it right.

However, if a girl has casual sex with a guy, she is scorned by men and women alike. As she takes the "walk of shame" home the next morning, she hopes no one saw her leave with the male slut and that her reputation isn't ruined forever.

This is ludicrous. Men should be just as accountable for their actions as women. Society should recognize male sluts and treat them with the same scorn as women.

Everyone has different morals, and no one has the right to force his on anyone else. But casual sex usually leaves a victim.

The solution is to simply isolate the sluts — to somehow pair up all the male sluts with all the female sluts. There should be Slut Night at any College Station bar once a month, or maybe even a nationwide Slut Convention. Beavis and Buttthead would be sure to show. All the sluts could hook up and do what ever they do without any "innocent" people getting hurt.

Unfortunately, this will never happen, and people will continue to get hurt.

Casual sex is a stupid and selfish act. Even if it's one-night affair status is understood by both parties, there are always consequences.

Those who engage in casual sex assume sex is purely physical and no emotional attachment exists. Many male sluts think they can block out these emotions, but few are really successful. Also, they can't control the emotional attachment their partners may form. Sex is designed to bond two people together, and it does whether a person wants it or not.

The other consequences are much more dangerous. Pregnancy can ruin a person's plans for the future, and HIV and AIDS can instantly destroy the future itself. Chances are that male sluts will either cause these consequences to happen to others or suffer them themselves.

All consequences aside, casual sex is an easy, short-term high — a quick remedy to a case of the "horns." It simply doesn't compare with developing love and respect over time with someone of the opposite sex.

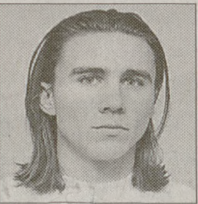
Male sluts lack the patience to wait for something better and more meaningful. They are selfish and dangerous to society and they need to grow up.

To all the male sluts out there — have the guts to keep your arrogance in your pants.



Writer takes a fresh look at etiquette for generation X

Columnist



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The college years can be confusing — the social norms that apply to most other phases of life may not be relevant. This column is dedicated to all those students in search of a beacon.

Question: What's the difference between a keg stand and a one-night stand, and is there anything wrong with either of them?

Answer: A keg stand is done by someone (generally male) after determining he has no chance of engaging in a one-night stand. The problem with a keg stand is the participant usually exhibits other signs of being a loser than being able to find someone who is attracted to them. To them I say, "Come on, grow up, hard liquor is where it's at." The one-night stand is something of a paradox.

Its defining feature, that there is no chance of further developing a relationship, can be a drawback because the person will not know if the relationship could turn into something beautiful and rewarding. But it can also be a plus (see: beergoggles; coyote-arm).

Question: I eat off the floor. Is that bad?

Answer: Many students' eating habits degenerate upon entering college. With approximately 2.3 fastfood restaurants per student and no parental guidance, the freshman 15 becomes a serious threat for the metabolically challenged. To combat this, it is advisable to occasionally shop at a grocery store because it allows one to better regulate food intake, and because barbecue sauce

gets lonely in the fridge by itself. Also, splurge occasionally. Though a certain brand of "party pizza" may be cheap, it may not offer all of the essential vitamins and nutrients necessary to promote a healthy body.

Question: My roommate is an ex-convict. What should I do?

Answer: The key to good roommate relations is tolerance. Almost everyone is annoyed with the prospect of sharing a confined living space with another person or two, especially in something as small as a dorm room. If something is bothering one roommate, the best policy is usually to be direct and to the point. For example: Roommate 1: Roommate 2, you seem to have an unpleasant body odor. Roommate 2: I'm allergic to water. Roommate 1: Bathe or die. Roommate 2: O.K.

Question: Why isn't sco-pro called sco-con?

Answer: Scholastic probation isn't the end of the world, take it from the voice of experience. Yet, even after becoming a Jedi Master of procrastination, one's GPA can always recover. I find studying and attending class helpful, but there are other students who say cheating is the only way to go because it prepares one for the real world — where lying and backstabbing beat hard work and honesty any day of the week. This is true unless a student chooses as I have, to go into advertising — "the most honest profession since prostitution."

Question: Last week I got drunk. When I came to, I had a tattoo and had joined a fraternity. What do I do now?

Answer: Fortunately, today's laser technology makes tattoo removal a painless, though somewhat lengthy, process. The frat poses something more of a

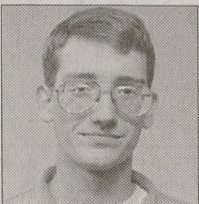
problem. If you wish to disjoin yourself from the collective, the first step is to get rid of all your khaki shorts, Teva sandals and any shirts that include the word "bash." This should prompt the frat to throw you out. If not, go ahead and get rid of your Mossimo/No Fear cap. That should do the trick.

Admittedly, these questions only scratch the surface of what it's like to be a college student, where the only constant seems to be the perpetual redefinition and re-evaluation of what should be common knowledge. Just when you think you're headed in the right direction, the magnet falls out of the compass.

There is only one constant, one place to turn in times of confusion. The inside back page of your student newspaper, *The Battalion*. And just in case I'm wrong, it comes conveniently printed on biodegradable newsprint.

A&M should take a stand and improve on campus election guidelines

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The rights and liberties Americans now enjoy came at a great price. For centuries, patriots have fought and died to protect the freedoms that make this country unique.

Now, some students say their rights have been stripped by the Texas A&M election commission.

Since election regulations at the University of Texas have come under legal scrutiny, the student body president and election commission should carefully analyze A&M's regulations to be sure students' rights are being protected.

Each candidate in the upcoming student body election must abide by

the 20-page packet of election guidelines.

These rules restrict everything from flier size and placement to contribution and spending limits. Any candidate who violates a rule is subject to fines or disqualification.

Some students say these rules infringe on their basic right to free speech.

The University of Texas dealt with a similar complaint in February. Like A&M, UT limits the amount of time a candidate may campaign. Anyone campaigning before the official start date is subject to reprimand. Marc Levin, a candidate for vice president on UT's ACTION ticket, said their party chose to ig-

nore this regulation, holding campaign rallies and writing letters to the editors of both school and local papers asking for votes. After the students were disqualified from the election, the American Civil Liberties Union came to their defense. A union lawyer filed a temporary restraining order forcing the UT's Student Government to reinstate the candidates until the matter could be decided in court.

The new student body president has promised to rewrite the election regulations, but Levin said if the regulations are not changed by this summer, further legal action may ensue.

In light of the proceedings at UT, A&M's election regulations deserve closer examination. Aggies have begun questioning several election guidelines including time limits,

spending limits and the prohibition of off-campus campaigning.

Jason Jaynes, election commissioner, does not believe the regulations are a violation of free speech, but said he would not enforce the rules if rights were being breached. Jaynes says students get tired of campaigning, and 10 days is sufficient time to campaign in a university election.

Opponents of the time limit argue they cannot communicate a substantive platform to the student body in 10 days. If candidates were allowed to spread their campaign efforts over a larger time period, students might not be inundated with material during such a short period. This change might make elections less hectic and annoying.

Currently, the challenge of reaching thousands of students in 10 days

is amplified by the spending limits imposed on all candidates. The Supreme Court case *Marbury vs. Madison* determined that campaign spending limits were a violation of free speech, and that the same reasoning should be applied to A&M's student body elections.

Supporters of spending limits claim the restraints make the candidates more equal, but someone should not be stripped of their rights in an attempt to remove disparity. Besides, inequalities between candidates will always exist. Some candidates are more charismatic than others, some are better looking. Candidates are not equal, but that is no reason to violate their freedoms.

Candidates have wrestled with these guidelines for many years, but this election has presented new rules. The election commission told candidates, this semester that they may not post signs off campus, even on private property or in businesses. Off-campus regulation is clearly outside the scope of the election commission's authority, and even though the city of College Station has a city ordinance prohibiting signs, the rule is not uniformly enforced.

Dale Baum, president of the Brazos Civil Liberties Union, has been informed of the possible free speech violations and said the chapter is looking into the matter.

The University has seen enough legal problems recently; this is a situation Student Government members can resolve before it grows out of control. The election regulations should be overhauled as soon as possible, unless A&M wants to lag behind the University of Texas.



MAIL CALL

Trilogy fans upset by cinema politics

I am a dedicated *Star Wars* fan, I always have been and always will be.

If Stephen Llano's column Monday was a joke, then it wasn't funny, if it wasn't a joke, then Llano should be frozen in carbon and sold to Boba Fett.

The basis of the column was a "rumor" about Hollywood 16 not being allowed to show *Return of the Jedi*, and the rights given to the Post Oak Theater. This was not a rumor. After speaking with Jerry Young, manager at Hollywood 16, to organize a darkscreen

(early morning) showing of *Star Wars* for my residence hall, he confirmed it was fact. The Post Oak Theater company is a larger nationwide chain than Hollywood 16, which is why they were able to secure rights for even one-third of the great saga. Fortunately, the Force was with us, because Hollywood 16 regained the rights for *Jedi* in time.

Forgive the 275 people (including myself) who attended the darkscreen viewing for wanting to be comfortable and enjoy a movie we paid good money for.

Apparently Llano hasn't had the opportunity to enjoy the Post Oak movie-going experience. It has all of the requirements he list-

ed: sticky floors, creaky seats, the faint smell of stale popcorn, and two more he forgot: an incredibly small screen and a theater designed like a long hallway.

If the trilogy "isn't any good unless it is shown in a brand new theater," then why did millions buy it in video stores for \$29.99 very recently? I don't have a brand new theater in my residence hall room but I own it and watch it.

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