

Pepsi fan suspended on Coke Day

EVANS, Ga. (AP) — If your high school guidance counselor was right and there is such a thing as "your permanent record," this is going on Mike Cameron's: In 1998, he was suspended for wearing a Pepsi T-shirt on Coke Day.

School officials say the shirt was an insult to visiting Coca-Cola executives and ruined a school picture in which students spelled out "Coke."

Cameron says it was just a joke. "In my eyes, I didn't do anything wrong," the 19-year-old senior said Wednesday while serving his one-day suspension.

"I know it sounds bad — 'Child suspended for wearing Pepsi shirt on Coke Day,'" said Gloria Hamilton, principal of Greenbrier High School in Evans, about 130 miles east of Atlanta, the world headquarters of Coca-Cola.

"It really would have been acceptable if it had just been in-house, but we had the regional president here and people flew in from Atlanta to do us the honor of being resource speakers. These students knew we had guests."

Friday's Coke in Education Day was part of Greenbrier's effort to win a \$500 local contest run by the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Augusta and a national contest with a \$10,000 prize.

Cameron wore a blue-and-white-

striped T-shirt with a small Pepsi logo underneath another shirt. He waited until just before the picture was taken to remove his outer shirt, Mrs. Hamilton said.

"It's not a Coke-Pepsi war issue," she said. "It has nothing to do with that. It was a student deliberately being disruptive and rude."

The Coke executives did not even see Cameron's T-shirt and were not offended by the prank, said company spokesperson Diana Garza.

"It's not a Coke-Pepsi war issue.... It was a student deliberately being disruptive and rude."

Gloria Hamilton
Principal of Greenbrier High School

"The kid did what a kid does," Garza said. "We have people coming into the World of Coca-Cola here in Atlanta wearing Pepsi shirts."

Pepsi spokesperson Brad Shaw said, "Without knowing all the details, it sounds like Mike's obviously a trendsetter with impeccable taste in clothes. We're going to make sure he's got plenty of Pep-

si shirts to wear in the future once we track him down."

After getting caught, Cameron was sent to the principal's office, where he said Hamilton "talked about how important that day was to the school and that I might have cost the school 10 grand."

The Coke contest offers \$500 to the Columbia County school that comes up with the most creative method of distributing promotional discount cards to students.

In addition to the school picture, Greenbrier officials invited a Coke marketing executive to address economics students, had chemistry students analyze the sugar content of Coke and used a Coca-Cola cake recipe in home economics.

"In the past, when kids have decided to ruin a school picture — occasionally we have some who decide that's the time to do an obscene gesture — they've been given six days of suspension," the principal said. "So it's not a new situation."

Hazel Lanier, who was picking up her granddaughter at school Wednesday, said she thought the punishment was too severe.

"We do teach independence in this country, don't we?" she asked. "The last thing we need is to teach conformity."

The color of money



Collin Young, a senior construction science major, relaxes while playing pool at the W... after a presentation on Wednesday afternoon.

WHAT'S UP

Thursday

Graduate Fellowship of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF): Bible study for graduate and non-graduate students, followed by fellowship will be held at 7:30 p.m. See our website for location and map at <http://stat.tamu.edu/~inlow/ivcf.htm>. Call Mark or Jennifer at 764-1552.

ATM Womens Rugby: Come join! No experience needed. Practices are from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the pitch on the corner of Texas Ave. and University Dr. Call Nikki at 694-0084 for information.

Association on Baptist Students: A meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at 410 College Main. Call Bobby at 846-3223 for details.

Alpha Phi Omega: Meet to go to the Boy's Club at 3:30 p.m. in 133 Koldus.

Catholic Students Association: There will be a daily mass at 12:05 p.m. in the All Faith's Chapel.

Aggie Speleological Society: A meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. in 146 Koldus. Call Travis at 693-4088.

Resurrection Week: There will be a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

Pagan Student Association: A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in 504 Rudder.

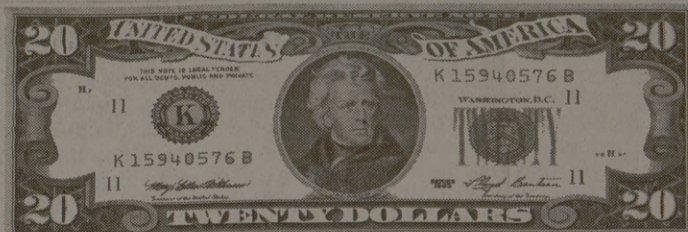
ATM Roadrunners: There will be a meeting in front of G. Rollie White at 5:30 p.m. today. We will run 3-4 miles, and everyone is welcome. Call Steve at 847-7905.

Soka Gakkai International (TAMU Buddhist Student Chapter):

There will be a discussion on "Esho Funi: A Buddhist View of Relationship of Humankind and Environment" at 7:30 p.m. in the mediation room of the Chapel. Call Elena Lim at 845-3777 for details.

What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit student and faculty events and activities. Items should be submitted no later than three days in advance of the desired run date. Application deadlines and notices are not events and will not be run in What's Up. If you have any questions, please call the newsroom at 845-3313.

IMPROVE YOUR WEALTH- BY SHARING YOUR HEALTH



Here are 81 good reasons to become a plasma donor at Westgate Plasma Center: \$80 dollars in your first two weeks, and you save lives. If you have any questions about donating Plasma or wish to set up an appointment please call us at **268-6050**.

VALUABLE COUPONS

NEW & DONORS: off program for 6 months: Receive an extra \$5 on your second donation.

CURRENT DONORS: Receive an extra \$10 when you bring in a friend and they donate four times in their first 2 weeks.

OLD DONORS: Receive an extra \$5 on your next donation if you haven't donated in 2 or more months.

1998 Summer School On-Campus Housing

Residence Halls		Rate*
Moore (men)	Corridor double occupancy	\$314.00
	private	\$471.00
Moses (women)	Corridor double occupancy	\$314.00
	private	\$471.00
FHK Complex (coed)	Balcony double occupancy	\$335.00
	private	\$503.00
Hughes Apartment		double occupancy \$522.00

* Prices per summer session.

Applications available beginning March 1998 at:

Housing Assignments Office
101 YMCA Building
College Station, TX 77843-1258
(409) 845-4744 or toll free: (888) 451-3896
<http://reslife.tamu.edu/>

* All assignments will be made according to application dates, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Women's Week Town Hall Meet

"What will be the legacy of women at Texas A&M"

An open discussion moderated by Dr. Karan

Today - noon - Rudder

FREUDIAN slip

improvisational comedy

I don't get it.

Fri & Sat, March 27 & 28
10 p.m. Dixie Theatre (doors open @ 8pm)
Tickets are \$6
available in advance at Rother's Bookstores, Marooned Records, and Doublequick Food Stores

<http://http.tamu.edu:8000/~fslip>

AI's Ring Dance DISCOUNT

Campus Tux Party

at Wings n' More

Across from the campus on Texas Ave.

Starts Today from 11AM to 4PM

DJ, Barb Flores will be broadcasting live 11-1

Visit AI's Mobile Tuxedo Store for on-site rental reservations until 4pm. It's easy & fun...or come to the Harvey Rd. store.

An Aggie Tradition since 1957
AI'S FORMAL WEAR
1100 Harvey Rd.
next to Post Oak Mall.....409-693-0947

See store for details. Some restrictions apply, expires 4/25/98

Register to Win the Ultimate Ring Dance Date

- A Tuxedo from AI's Formal Wear
- Dinner at Outback Steakhouse
- Flowers by University Flowers
- Hair by Dana at Couffieurs
- Nails by Nails Magnific

THE BATTALION

Tiffany Inbody, Editor
Helen Clancy, Copy Editor
Brad Graeber, Visual Editor
Robert Smith, City Editor
Jeremy Furtick, Sports Editor
Jeff Webb, Sports Editor
James Francis, Aggie Editor
Mandy Cater, Opinion Editor
Ryan Rogers, Photo Editor
Chris Huffines, Radio Editor
Sarah Goldston, Radio Editor
Dusty Moer, Web Editor
Aaron Meier, Night Editor

News: The Battalion news department is part of Texas A&M University in the Division of Student Services, the Department of Journalism. News office: McDonald Building, Newsroom phone: 845-3313; email: batt@unix.tamu.edu; Website: <http://www.battalion.com>

Advertising: Publication of advertising does not constitute endorsement by The Battalion. For campus advertising, call 845-2696. For classified advertising, call 845-2696. Advertising offices are in 015 Reed McDonald Building, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For advertising during the summer session, call 845-2696.

Subscriptions: A part of the Student Services Department, the Battalion is published weekly. Subscriptions are \$60 per school year, \$30 for the summer. Single copies are \$17.50 for the summer. To charge by Visa, MasterCard, or American Express, call 845-2611.

The Battalion (ISSN #1055-4726) is published weekly during the fall spring semesters and bi-weekly during the summer session (except University holidays) at Texas A&M University, Second campus building, Station, TX 77840. Postmaster: Send address changes to The Battalion, 015 Reed McDonald Building, College Station, TX 77843-1111.