

**Service to community proves own reward**

I'm sorry Aaron Meier feels so disgusted at helping his fellow man. Let me tell you about my experience at Big Event. I went with two other people to an older couple's house in Bryan. They have a big tree in their backyard but lacked the energy to rake it, so the three of us spent the whole day gathering over 40 bags of leaves.

They fed us homemade chili for lunch and made us feel like part of the family. Although what we did was nothing earth shattering, the appreciation that the couple showed made me feel good about myself the rest of the semester.

I'll admit that not everyone that receives Big Event services is poor and weak. It's not supposed to be. Big Event is a service provided to all members of the community to show our appreciation for putting up with us "beer-guzzling, ax-wielding morons"

(and you have to admit, we must be pretty hard to put up with sometimes). Sure, maybe that teenager could have done the work, but was it really so bad to do a favor for someone in the community? If we can get 3,000 students together on a Saturday to help someone in their community, "something of true worth" is definitely accomplished. I'd say that's a pretty big event.

Lisa Peterson  
Class of '00

**Battalion coverage possesses bias slant**

I am saddened and disappointed by *The Battalion's* extremely biased coverage of Saturday's pro-choice rally on campus. In a story headlined "Pro-lifers watch pro-choice rally in silence," reporter Amanda Smith chose to focus on the handful of anti-choice demonstrators at the rally instead of on the sizable contingent of pro-choice advocates who

spoke about a woman's right to choose. It is improper to pretend that the quiet demonstrators were the point of this rally. When demonstrators rallied peacefully in front of Rudder Tower when anti-choice Norma McCorvey came to campus, *The Battalion* chose not to give the coverage at all — much less a whole

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