

FORUM

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Call to serve

Aggies have chance to change lives

Pursuing a degree at Texas A&M is often one of the most challenging, but rewarding, experiences a person will encounter during his lifetime. The end result will likely benefit you indefinitely; yet for various reasons, earning a degree from A&M is an opportunity and privilege that scores of other individuals will never have access to. It is therefore our obligation to reach beyond the campus boundaries to help change lives and to bring in those who remain on the outside looking in.

Improving the quality of life for another individual is a call to service that can take many forms. One of the most fundamental improvements we can make is in education. Education provides a direct pathway to success in this life. It also allows an individual to view the world through an objective lens to clearly see the often-disputed problems that exist in our society today.

By helping to educate others, Aggies can eliminate the slow accumulation processes of inequity that continue to grow and separate many groups.

A student need not be the president or other high-ranking member of a student organization to make a difference inside or outside of A&M. Every year, thousands of Aggies participate in service activities such as The Big Event and Replant. These are noble efforts and should certainly continue with much support; however, they are only punctuated events with a very specific focus.



Student Leader Views
Josh Peschel

Imagine, for example, that the same number of Aggies committed just a few hours every week to enhancing the math and science education of junior high school students in disadvantaged communities within the Brazos Valley. How many more individuals would be prepared for college and have a better opportunity to become Aggie scientists and engineers?

One of the greatest things we as Aggies can do is create opportunities for individuals on the outside to walk in our footsteps, with the hope that they will reach higher goals and, in turn, provide the same opportunities to others.

Robert F. Kennedy once said, "But history will judge you, and, as the years pass, you will ultimately judge yourself, on the extent to which you have used your gifts and talents to enrich the lives of your fellow man. In your hands, not with presidents or leaders, lies the future of your world and the fulfillment of the best qualities of your own spirit."

History is watching and waiting to see what contributions to others we as Aggies will make. Let them be great.

*Graduate Student Council President
Josh Peschel is a student in biological and agricultural engineering*

Campers help build Aggie Spirit

This letter is for the campers out at Kyle Field. As a tour guide for the Aggieland Visitor Center, it's wonderful to show off how great Aggies really are. I gave a tour on Thursday and my tour of more than 50 high school seniors was amazed at the site of the tents. You all are the best! Seeing you all out there gets me so excited for the University of Texas game and makes me so proud to be an Aggie!

I love seeing the posters about how much you all love Aggie football. I think you campers are representing A&M in the best way and I just wanted to thank you all for boosting the Aggie Spirit!

*Brandi Skipper
Class of 2004*

Apathy for U.T. game disgusting

I am disgusted to see the number of sports passes for sale for the University of Texas game. I honestly cannot understand how Aggies can have no care for the game against our rival. Although we have had a down season and we've struggled, Aggies should all the more support their team as the Twelfth Man. What if E. King Gill decided that, due to a rough season, he did not want to come down from the press box and suit up, or even worse, decided to not travel with the team?

I realize some students are strapped for cash and need money, as there always are a

few every couple of years, or the fact that some have family obligations that they just cannot miss, but would this be the case if we were moderately more successful this year? I recall that when the game was actually played on Thanksgiving night, there was never a problem with getting the full Twelfth Man to show up. Suck it up Ags, and get your rears in the stands.

*A. Brannon Krull
Graduate Student*

CNN admitted biased reporting

In response to Collins Ezeanyim's Nov. 5 column:

Why does The Battalion almost always take a leftist view on issues and not report the whole story? The recent column on Fox News is a shocking example of this.

How can The Battalion endorse CNN when CNN's chief news executive Eason Jordan said in The New York Times on April 11 that CNN purposely failed to report Iraqi atrocities for the past 10 years? CNN did this so it could keep reporting from Iraq. But it was basically reporting Saddam's point of view. No where was this mentioned in The Battalion article.

This is especially scary since The Battalion is the only news source for some students at A&M. A&M students deserve better, they deserve to get the full story.

*Ethan Hammond
Class of 2004*

Piracy forum was nothing but a farce

In response to a Nov. 13 article

Wednesday night I attended the Net Piracy "Forum" that was sponsored by several Memorial Student Center organizations and am saddened and angry to report that it was a farce. A forum is supposed to be open and allow many voices to be presented. It should be interactive and facilitate discussion. This was nothing of the sort.

Instead, it was just another opportunity for industry folks to throw propaganda at us.

Ads for this event told us that we would have the opportunity to ask questions of the panelists. This was just for show. In a program that lasted for almost an hour and a half, three audience questions were read. I alone wrote and submitted six or seven questions, none of which were used; and many other audience members gave submissions.

Our voices were not heard. Audience response was not allowed. When an audience member did try to say something, he was silenced and the program was suddenly declared over. So much for discussion and interchange.

The panelists themselves had nothing new to say and simply recycled statements those of us who care about this issue have heard before. Additionally, why no student panelist? A potentially great opportunity was wasted Wednesday night.

*Vincent Prendergast
Class of 2004*

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Bryan
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Sunday School 9:00
www.betheltemplebcs.com

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1501 Southwest Pkwy
(979) 693-4701
Sunday Worship 8:15 10:45 & 6PM
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Wednesday: Meal 5:30PM
College Bible Study Wed. 6:30PM
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823-5451
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A&M Church of Christ
1901 Harvey Mitchell Pkwy.
(979) 693-0400
Sunday Assemblies:
8 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
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Sunday Night: 5:45 p.m.
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www.am-umc.org/college

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