

UT Coed Lauds Yell Practice

(Editor's Note: The following article is from Sunday's edition of The Daily Texan, the campus newspaper of the University of Texas. It was written by a staff member of The Daily Texan who also is the fiancée of an Aggie senior. We are reprinting to give Aggies an idea of the impression a Yell Practice makes on students from other schools.)
By Jo Anne Poth—

I attended an Aggie pep rally. I have seen a place where spirit is king. With some 7,000 boys and their dates yelling at a midnight yell practice, Aggieland is an impressive sight, even for a teasip.

Impressive is hardly an adequate word to describe Aggies when they fill the Grove, which is similar to an outdoor theater. Just imagine yourself caught in a cattle stampede. The Aggies become really mad when the "fighting Aggie band" comes booming to the Grove in a torch-lighted parade. The roar is deafening.

Sure I love UT, I'm really proud to be a part of the University, but I would like to see the students at UT show some real spirit once in a

while. The Spirit of Aggieland is overwhelming because it is a tradition. Maybe the football team has had some bad years, but the spirit never varies.

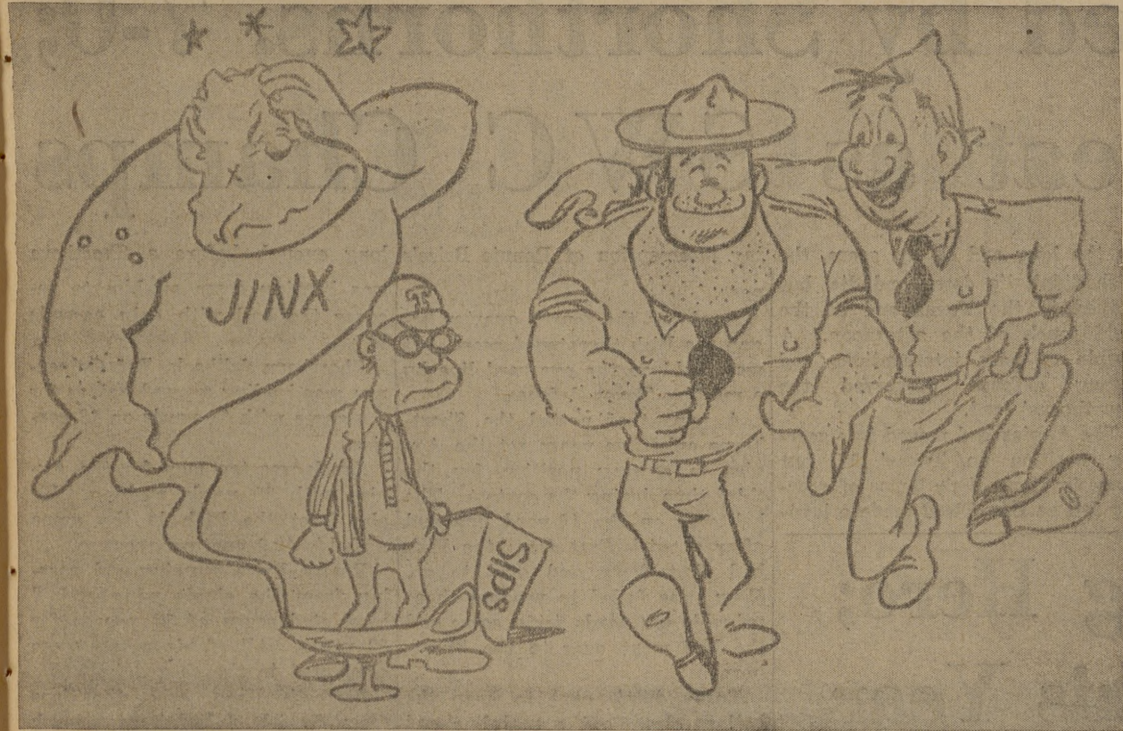
I stood there and listened to "beat the Hell out of Texas University," and really felt bad. Then I heard the Aggie War Hymn and felt a tingling sensation up and down my spine.

Suddenly I found myself lost in this thing called "spirit" and sometimes during the singing of the War Hymn I felt my partners on both sides join arms and brace feet. And then it came, "saw Varsity's horns off" combined with a swaying motion from one side to the other.

I did have certain misgivings about participating with these rivals of the Longhorns, but then I began to sing those words that brand me as a traitor.

Ashamed? Yes, a little, but I was lost in a new experience which seemed to curdle the very blood in my veins. I watched the "yell leaders" walk back and forth on

the stage at the Grove in front of a dictator's rally. I heard the this yelling mass, shouting words of encouragement and getting loud reactions. I felt lost in the middle of a dictator's rally. I heard the Aggies give their coach a rousing welcome that I knew I would never forget.



Cadets—Steers at It Again...

The Texas Aggies and the University of Texas Longhorns again renew one of the most ancient rivalries in grid annals Thursday afternoon on Kyle Field. The Cadets will be seeking a healthy portion of prestige for their Thanksgiving diet, while the Steers will seek a Cotton Bowl berth against powerful Syracuse, along with a full measure of Turkey Day satisfaction. Game time is 2 p. m.

Oak Ridge Scientist Osborne To Give Graduate Lecture

Dr. Thomas S. Osborne of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, will deliver a graduate lecture here Dec. 2 at 8 p. m. in the lecture room of the Biological Sciences building. He will talk on "Usage of Ionizing Radiations in Plant Breeding."

Most hereditary changes, "mutations," produced by high-energy radiations are harmful; the small fraction that may be beneficial are being eagerly explored by plant geneticists today, the announcement of the lecture says. Some of these beneficial changes involve

disease resistance, plant size, maturity date and yield, it is pointed out. To date however, only five varieties containing radiation-induced changes have been adapted to agricultural usage. The greatest opportunity for creating new varieties seems to be in the vegetatively-reproduced crops, such as sweet potatoes, peaches and chrysanthemums, the announcement states.

Osborne received his Ph. D. degree from the University of Washington. In 1953 he joined the staff of the University of Tennessee, and since 1956 he has been in charge of studies on plant and seed irradiation at the University of Tennessee—Atomic Energy Commission Laboratory at Oak Ridge.

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