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. . . Journalism Which Succeeds Best -and Best Deserves Success- Fears God and Honors Man; Is Stoutly Independent, Unmoved by Pride of Opinion or Creed of Power . . . Walter Williams

# Signifying What?

The malicious mischief engaged in by unknown members of the Corps of Cadets Monday night was the type of extracurricular activity that gives the Corps of Cadets a black-eye both on and off the campus.

Some members of the Corps of Cadets decided that it would be "good bull" to show what big men they were by going out in the dark of night to tear down traffic barricades

They did not stop to think that although the blocking-off of Spence Street may cause some of them inconvenience in getting from their parking lot to the main campus, the street was blocked off by college officials only after careful study and planning.

If the unknown vandals felt they had a legitimate gripe against the blocking-off of the street and that their reasons for keeping it open were better than college reasons for blocking-it, the group should have presented their arguments to the college in the way men are supposed to rather than resorting to night raiding tactics.

As members of the Corps of Cadets learned Monday night when a Corps-wide collection was taken up to pay for water fight damages, gone are the days when the college paid for damage done by mischief in dormitory horseplay or during the infamous Texas Aggie waterfights.

The incident Monday night was not the first time that some minority group of the Men of Aggieland, and we are being almost insulting to the true Men of Aggieland when we include as Men of Aggieland the Monday night midnight raiders, has engaged in some mischief that started out as "good bull" and has ended up in having far-reaching effects upon the reputation of the Corps of Cadets and Texas A&M.

We will be the first to admit that a water fight can be harmless and a lot of fun if it is conducted as good fun and is not allowed to become a free-for-all when tempers flare and college property is willfully destroyed.

But the action Monday night does not of the imagination by any stretch of any mature person fall into the classifica-tion of "good bull" or clean fun. The destruction of the street barriers was a willful and deliberate act of vandalism. If the offenders are caught, they face expulsion from school, liability for all damages and possible prosecution under Texas statutes which make it a felony to willfully destroy property of the State of Texas.

A far more serious injustice will be done if officials are unable to determine the guilty parties by name but to determine what outfit or outfits they belong to and force their outfit buddies to kick in their hard-to-come-by cash to pay for the damage done by the malicious vandals.

An even more serious injustice will be done if the entire Corps of Cadets is forced to contribute money to pay for the damage done by the vandals.

We believe as much as anyone in being true to our fellow Aggies, but if the point comes where the guilty parties are willing to let their buddies pay to repair their damage, then the guilty ones are violating their Aggie trust to their buddies and should no longer be considered Aggies.

We hope the guilty parties will have in them enough of the Spirit of Aggieland to confess their guilt and pay for their damages before their buddies are forced to do so.

The big question is WHY did the vandals strike and what did their action signify? As we see it, NOTHING!

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"I don't know what's wrong! Coffee here at the MSC just doesn't taste as good as it did!"

### On Other Campuses By Alan Payne

The TCU cookie-pushers have really thought up a really good motive to dress sharply. In an article in one of last week's student papers, the author advised boys to shine their shoes, shave and comb their hair in order to look good for the girls who were beginning to hunt for dates for Feb. 29. With something like that to gain, who wouldn't mind looking sharp for a change, even for a couple of weeks.

The Frogs can also boast of an "Ole Army" coed. One coed, who will graduate in June, attended a three-month Marine summer camp in Quantico, Va., last summer. She enjoyed it so much, she hopes to earn a commission when

Social Whirl

Townshire Shopping Center.

Architecture Wives Society will meet at Lester's Smart Shop in

A veterinary medicine film will be shown at the Student Chapter

of the AVMA Auxiliary meeting

in the Social Room of the MSC.

she graduates in June. There were 89 girls in the camp, which was attended by between 3,000 and 4,000 boys. Sounds like a nice type summer camp, doesn't

The tea-sips are really raising a stink over registration and profs, as well as the usual final grade gripes. One of the biggest complaints is 8 a.m. classes, but, of course, Saturday classes are also receiving quite a going over It sure is bad to have to see them getting up before 10 in the morning and not getting to go home early Friday afternoon, but that's just the way it goes and we sure feel for you. Maybe you'll have better luck next semester.

ning the old Indian "stick" game people." is like banning bingo, or bridge, Last month the government said Most stuck with the ancient In

by Jim Earle Games Ban on Reservation Creates Ill Feeling Among Tribe

say the Indians, and the Tribal no more gambling on the Sho- dian guessing contest called the Council adopted a resolution ap- shone-Bannock Indian Reservation stick game, but some enjoyed card pealing to the "sense of justice here. It had been allowed since games instead.

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