

BATTALION EDITORIALS

Mole Men Traditions  
Not True Aggie Spirit

"Aggies, are the traditions of this school not worth fighting for?"

The above statement was part of "A Mother's Day Message from the 'Mole Men'" which appeared on campus last Friday. This time the question of controversy centers on co-education.

For those who are too recently arrived on our campus to know who the Mole Men are, about the best description we can offer is that the group is usually made up of a brotherhood of spineless students who think more of controversy than they do of the cause they claim to be fighting for. From time to time in past years anonymous newsletters (?) have been distributed on the campus with the pretense of fighting for a cause. These were the work of the Mole Men.

It seems that slowly but surely the Mole Men are developing a tradition of which no Aggie can be proud, the mask of anonymity. When we consider the gallantry with which Aggies have stood tall and given their most for the causes in which they believed, we must look up each publication of the Mole Men as blasphemy to the spirit and traditions in which the underground group professes to believe.

The Mole Men have stated, "We believe that our basic rights of freedom of speech and press have been violated by the administration."

First of all, we feel that we are the press on the A&M campus and in no way has our freedom been violated by the administration. In regard to the administration's violation of the freedom of speech, we can only point to our Sound-Off column which is the column written by our readers. Any letter that has been signed in regard to the Board of Director's co-ed decision has been published or is on file to be published as our space permits.

With dreams of being martyrs, the Mole Men have stated, "As a result of threats which include expulsion from school or loss of membership in the Corps of Cadets, we have been forced to resort to the underground methods of our 'Mole Men predecessors.'"

Administration, please note, that you have only to turn to those persons you have threatened with expulsion from schools or loss of membership in the Corps of Cadets to know who the Mole Men are.

Of course it would be necessary for the accusations directed at the administration to be true (which we doubt) before this could be successfully accomplished.

It's just possible that when the identity of Mole Men becomes known, and we are confident it will, that they can stand as real Aggies and real men to fight for their cause.

Until that time we appeal to real Aggies to refuse to accept the blasphemy of the real Aggie Spirit.

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CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"... No I am not protesting co-education, and further more I didn't shave my head!"

Physical Facilities  
Asked By Dean

The emphasis upon physical facilities and the usefulness of any service to students which does not enhance his academic achievement were recently questioned by Dean of Students Glen T. Nygreen of Kent State University.

According to Nygreen "the central responsibility of the college for its students lies in the staffing of the institution and in the creating of a climate of freedom and commitment which is conducive to a continuing dialogue between students and faculty who see themselves as educators more than as simply representatives of an academic discipline.

Nygreen noted, however, that "we typically overprovide in equipping our classrooms and laboratories. Beginning chemistry need not be taught in laboratories equipped for the fine measurements demanded in physical chemistry."

In the area of residence halls, Nygreen noted, "sleeping rooms and study stations are required." But, he said, "we tend to go beyond this to provide decor, lounge and recreational areas far beyond that which a student will experience for many years, if ever."

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"DIVORCE  
ITALIAN STYLE"  
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Sound Off

Editor,  
The Battalion:  
I am an Aggie's sister, an Aggie's daughter and an Aggie's girl friend. I would like to attend Texas A&M almost more than anything, but I do not like the recent movement of making Texas A&M co-educational. The very old Aggie tradition is too great to be forgotten now. This movement has broken this tradition and has broken the spirit of Aggieland. I think the decision of the Board is a terrible one.  
The Texas A&M tradition is much too great to be sacrificed. I want the "old" Texas A&M back again!

Zona Ann Woodward  
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might not now. This new decision has disappointed many boys. Boys make a lot better grades away from girls. This college had a tradition for itself but now it is ruined. I believe I feel like most boys about this. I don't know that this is true but this is what I heard. A&M changed to co-ed because of Texas Tech putting in a veterinary school. I don't think Texas Tech would take all the kids. I believe you are going to lose more boys than you're going to get. This letter may not ever be read, but if it does I hope you'll understand more of what the boys feel.  
Richard Sweaney  
P.S. Good luck to the school in the future.

Editor,  
The Battalion:  
I wrote to tell you I am very discouraged since the decision of making A&M a co-ed school. I think this is a downfall to the school. I never realized a thing like this would be done. I was planning to go to A&M, but

Future Dates

- WEDNESDAY  
U. S. Naval recruiting and interviews (through Friday).  
Bimonthly Extension Service conference (through Friday).  
Traffic Institute (through Friday).  
Polygraph School (through Friday).
- THURSDAY  
American Veterinary Medical Association Annual Awards Banquet at 6:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Memorial Center.
- FRIDAY  
Press Club Banquet at 7 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center.
- SATURDAY  
Senior Ring Dance at 9 p.m. in Sbsia Hall.

**On Campus** with Max Shindler  
(Author of "I Was a Teen-age Dwarf", "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis", etc.)

TILL WE MEET AGAIN

With today's installment I complete my ninth year of writing columns in your college newspaper for the makers of Marlboro Cigarettes. In view of the occasion, I hope I may be forgiven if I get a little misty.

These nine years have passed like nine minutes. In fact, I would not believe that so much time has gone by except that I have my wife nearby as a handy reference. When I started columning for Marlboro's, she was a slip of a girl—supple as a reed and fair as the sunrise. Today she is gnarled, lumpy, and given to biting the postman. Still, I count myself lucky. Most of my friends who were married at the same time have wives who chase cars all day. I myself have never had this trouble and I attribute my good fortune to the fact that I have never struck my wife with my hand. I have always used a field

newspaper—even throughout the prolonged newspaper strike in New York. During this period I had the airmail edition of the Manchester Guardian flown in daily from England. I must confess, however, that it was not entirely satisfactory. The airmail edition of the Guardian is printed on paper so light and flimsy that it makes little or no impression when one slaps one's wife. Mine, in fact, thought it was some kind of game, and lost several pairs of my trousers.

But I digress. I was saying what a pleasure it has been to write this column for the last nine years for the makers of Marlboro Cigarettes—a fine group of men, as anyone who has sampled their wares would suspect. They are as mellow as the aged tobaccos they blend. They are as pure as the white cellulose filter they have devised. They are loyal, true, companionable, and constant, and I have never for an instant wavered in my belief that some day they will pay me for these last nine years.

But working for the makers of Marlboro has not been the greatest of my pleasures over the last nine years. The chief satisfaction has been writing for you—the college population of America. It is a rare and lucky columnist who can find an audience so full of intelligence and verve. I would like very much to show my appreciation by asking you all over to my house for tea and oatmeal cookies, but there is no telling how many of you my wife would bite.

For many of you this is the last year of college. This is especially true for seniors. To those I extend my heartfelt wishes that you will find the world outside a happy valley. To juniors I extend my heartfelt wishes that you will become seniors. To sophomores I extend my heartfelt wishes that you will become juniors. To freshmen I extend my heartfelt wishes that you will become sophomores. To those of you going on into graduate school I extend my heartfelt wishes that you will marry money.

To all of you let me say one thing: during the year I have been frivolous and funny during the past year—possibly less often than I have imagined—but the time has now come for some serious talk. Whatever your status, whatever your plans, I hope that success will attend your ventures.  
Stay happy. Stay loose.

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We, the makers of Marlboro Cigarettes, confess to more than a few nervous moments during the nine years we have sponsored this uninhibited and uncensored column. But in the main, we have had fun and so, we hope, have you. Let us add our good wishes to Old Max's: stay happy; stay loose.

By Charles M. Schulz

**PEANUTS**  
I WONDER WHY HE WEARS A GLOVE...  
WHERE ELSE WOULD I KEEP MY LUNCH?  
KLOP!  
OH OH! LUCY'S GOT HER MAD FACE ON! NO MATTER WHAT I SAY OR DO TODAY, I'M GOING TO GET SLUGGED.  
I MIGHT AS WELL GET IT OVER WITH...  
SLUG!  
NOW I HAVE THE REST OF THE DAY TO MYSELF!