

## North Area Fracas Demands Action

The long-simmering feud between Corps and civilian students in the north dorm area has finally reached the point where more than mere administration reprimands are needed.

Monday night's disturbance should not have been unexpected in the light of earlier incidents in that area this year.

But the uprising was likely the nearest thing to an uncontrolled mob that has been seen on this campus in many a year.

The crowd refused to listen to any constituted authority and greeted all attempts to restore order with disrespectful and obscene language.

The Dean of Students and Director of Student Affairs were ignored and received the same miserable treatment when they attempted to quell the disturbance.

Which all points to the fact that there was a complete and undeniable disregard for authority on the part of the mob.

There can be no denying that the Monday incident was initiated and kept alive by civilian students. Most members of the Corps housed in the area were in their dorms under orders from unit commanders.

Civilians began the fracas when they started egging members of the Corps while the flag was being lowered during retreat formation.

After a fist fight later erupted, civilians continued the incident by throwing more eggs, fruit and water on Corps students.

And it was the civilians who were totally contemptuous for all the officials who tried to restore order to a potentially dangerous situation.

The civilians cannot be blamed for being angry, especially after a raid on Dorms 20 and 21 early Saturday morning in which heavy water damage was caused when raiders flooded the dorms. Many civilians reported that valuable personal belongings were ruined by the water, and university officials fear the dorms may have to be retiled.

But regardless of what prompted the melee, there can be no excuse for the conduct of all students who openly defied attempts to bring order.

We can show no sympathy for those who jeered, cursed, spat and refused to heed the pleas of the Dean of Students, Corps Commandant and even campus and city police officers.

There is no room at Texas A&M for students whose sense of responsibility is so warped and distorted that they feel they can throw all respect and decency to the winds for the sake of childish and fruitless retaliation.

It makes little matter who started the incident or who kept it brewing, since outsiders will cast the accusing finger at all Aggies, not just Corps or civilian students.

This university stands to pick up another black eye unless students in the north area stop behaving like infants and begin worrying about possible repercussions of hasty and pointless actions.

All Corps commanders pledged Monday to strive to maintain order among their troops, but there are no commanders to speak for the civilians. Some civilian leaders must come forward and also persuade their counterparts to refrain from further incidents.

Administration officials who decided last week to house both Corps and civilian students in the north area should now reexamine their decision, since it should be clear such a setup will only be inviting similar recurrences next year.

Corps members in the north area have voted overwhelmingly to separate the Corps from civilians in the fall. That mandate should now be heeded.

There is no sense in begging for more trouble.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle

Wanderin'



EARLE MAY 66  
"It's a general purpose decal!"

## — Sound Off —

Editor,  
The Battalion:  
Happiness is Bryan-College Station. Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! That cliché deserves the horselaugh of the year. Apparently the "brains" (?) behind this publicity drive didn't have the Aggies in mind.

So what if the signs are maroon and white?  
Big Deal!

Where in either town can an Aggie get a friendly smile and a howdy, an invitation to a community dance, an invitation??

Oh, sure, you'll get a howdy and a smile if you have a dollar in your hand—especially at the local theaters.

All Ags are well taken care of in Bryan—just ask any cop. As for things to do, both towns offer terrific "atmosphere" lounges—you can't be happy unless you're doing something, and doing something around here is drinking.

Anyway, these typical "atmosphere" lounges have a para-

chute on the ceiling, a toothy waitress, 17 pinball machines and a jukebox with last year's music. Terrific!

Happiness is Bryan-College Station!  
Shall I say more? Ha! Ha!  
Gus De Le Garza, '67

## Root Beer, TU, The Bomb

By LARRY R. JERDEN  
Inflation has really hit College Station.

I was over at the local root beer establishment the other day you know the one, its all done up in TU's colors. Anyway, I ordered a root beer float. They brought it, but forgot the spoon. So, I pushed the little intercom button and asked for a spoon and a cup of water to wash down the ice cream.

Anyhow, a feller (my luck) brings out the goods, and says, "Five cents, please."

"For what," answers I, "the spoon?"

"No, for the water," he calmly replies.

Now that really takes it! Five cents for a cup of water! I told him I wasn't five cents worth of thirsty, and he just stood there, playing with his change maker. I told him I was sorry and all that, but I just couldn't go a nickel for H<sub>2</sub>O.

But I guess that's what you can expect from a place painted orange and white.

Not in Aggieland, bud!!

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Joke of the year: A Sip sitting behind me at the game yesterday started complaining about what poor sports the Aggies were. I guess the four years of "Poor Aggies I've heard is just good bull to him.

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I've been running a classified ad in the College Station paper for the last few days now, trying to sell my car. It didn't work, so I think I'll explain just what

a real bargain lies in store for the future owner of "The Black Bomb."

It's a '57 Chevy, and was my first car. Sure, it has faults, like it burns gasoline to make it go, and you have to keep fluid in the transmission, water in the radiator, oil in the crankcase and water in the battery, but that's pretty standard on most cars.

It has rattles, too, but I guess when a car has covered the territory mine has, and then ends

up on Brazos County roads, entitled to a few complaints.

Its not the fastest in the west and not the newest. As a matter of fact, when it was new it outscored TU in football. The alone should make it valuable to Aggies.

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