

Sound Off

Editor:
The Battalion;
Dear Sir;

A P.S. to the letter appearing in Sound Off Tues., Mar. 14— Wednesday "morning I looked up at Old Glory soaring and snapping in a very fine spring breeze.

Indeed, she looked old." About eight years old I'd say. Yes, our illustrious Corps of Cadets did take down the flag with the RV bullet hole in it. But what did they put in its place: An Arizona Special—vintage 1912. Yessiree, the "new" flag flying so proudly in the Sbsia area has only 48 stars. As I see it, we have three alternative: bring the Corps up to date; take up a collection for a new flag; or get rid of two states. So, remember Betsy Ross! Say, is she the one the RV's are named after?

Ronald D. Hinds '69

Editor:
Battalion;
Dear Sir;

For several weeks I have observed the flag in the Sbsia area. Unless I am mistaken, there are three different flags which are to be flown, each for a different reason. There is a nylon, all-weather flag, which is to be used in inclement weather. There is also a holiday or ceremony flag. This ceremony flag is the one referred to in Mr. Logan's letter. Occasionally, I see the correct flag on the pole. It is about half the size of the ceremony flag.

I wish one of the O.D.'s would make a check and see about having the correct flag on the pole for a change. Most military bases have this type of flag arrangement. I believe, that A&M, being an R.O.T.C. detachment, should have this same flag arrangement.

Sincerely,
David W. McElwath
Walton J-5

P.S.: Old Glory is like a woman. She has a face for all occasions. Let's keep her happy.

Editor:
The Battalion;

(In answer to letter appearing in Sound Off, March 14.)
Dear Mr. Logan:

Concerning the condition of the flag in the Sbsia area, I feel your complaint was justified. However, I do not appreciate, nor do I see justification for, your hypothesis that the hole in the flag was "caused by a stray RV bullet." It is surely a shame to see a fine "crusade" marred by an unwarranted and certainly unpalatable statement. Also, let it be known, when the RV Firing Squad fires, it does so with full knowledge of what it is doing, as well as why such an occasion is being observed. It is regrettable that one should attempt to lower a sacred tradition to the status of a crutch, to be used in support of a poor argument.

Respectfully,
Bob Holcomb
Commanding Officer
RV Firing Squad

Editor:
The Battalion;
Dear Sir;

What's happened to the "Fish Pond"? For a month water has been dribbling over the top edge and no one seems to know what is wrong with it. Do you know when it is going to be either turned up or fixed?

Sincerely,
Harvie Nachlinger '70

We talked with a Physical Plant official who said the fountain was off for drain repair, and he assured us it would be back on by the time you get this paper.—Ed.

Editor:
The Battalion;
Dear Sir;

It appears from your editorial of Tuesday, March 14, that by praising General Rudder and condemning Mr. DeFrank you know the right thing to do to keep your job. Poor Mr. DeFrank simply wasn't intelligent enough. Freedom of speech and of the press is a very precious possession. They are freedoms denied to many people around the world. I believe these freedoms are some of the goals we are fighting and dying for in Vietnam, but losing on our campus.

Sincerely,
Larry E. Brown

Editor:
Battalion;
Dear Sir;

After reading your March 14 issue, all I can say is BRAVO DEFRANK!

Sincerely
C. Almaguer

Editor:
The Battalion;
Dear Sir;

It seems to me that were it not for mouth washes, this campus might begin to smell like a glue factory, considering the great deal of waste that is being scattered around this area of Texas over an issue that many had thought died a great while ago. That is except for the verbal obstetrician that this campus was so blessed to have had as an editor to the college newspaper at one time, who spends a great deal of time, better spent on rebuilding an acceptable image, giving birth to words that are empty in their context and hold no place in a college geared towards excellence.

Perhaps this wizard of syntactical sarcasm has forgotten that he is attending a forum where people strive to avoid needless obstacles and not running into them with any apparent reason. Ralph Waldo Emerson once said that it was "impossible for a man to be cheated by anyone but himself, as for a thing to be, and not to be, at the same time."

This doesn't seem to be the case with Mr. DeFrank who must realize that everytime he opens

his mouth and egotistically spouts off, he harms the reputation of Aggies who aren't even concerned with his problem. It seems he might give more consideration to where his words are actually receiving the most effect.

But eventually this will all be forgotten and all DeFrank will be left with is a broken crutch and memories, for what their worth, of how he brought only disappointment to the student body he once represented in print.

I realize, Mr. Editor, it takes a great deal of courage to print what you did about a sore spot on this campus' reputation, but believe me it will not be nearly as difficult as the eventual acceptance by that sore spot that he may be intelligent and the recipient of a great many awards, but somewhere along the line he forgot to complete the gap between adolescence and maturity.

Respectfully
Barry Baker '67

Editor:
The Battalion;
Dear Sir;

I would like to know if everyone who "knocks" A&M is tearing away at the super-structure of a perfect university. Obviously, Mr. DeFrank feels that the present system of handling controversial subjects can withstand some serious criticism. Many of the students are concerned deeply with the existence of political clubs and the opportunities these clubs bring to stimulate free responsible thinking. The university's policy in this field is as progressive and alive as a ghetto.

As for the "no censorship" testimonial for Green and Moreno, the first breath of life they have shown as editors came in yesterday's paper. Until this issue reopened there has been a long string of wishy-washy editorials designed to stimulate the hell out of five year olds.

My personal feelings for DeFrank would not normally lead me to defend him. He fathered one of the most irresponsible editorials I have ever read. I am referring to the one last year that condemned the civilian student body as a whole. It was offensive, to say the least. But it did lead to two weeks of the most free throwing exchange of facts, ideas, and opinions I have ever witnessed since enrolling in A&M.

What I would like to know is, if Lindsey had the power to refuse an article concerning the present progress of political clubs at A&M, how would he allow such a biased (militarily, of course) editorial to be given an "o.k.?"

We students pay (at least in part) for this publication. Return it to us. Let us decide which articles are of value and which are not. Let us make our mistakes. As proven by DeFrank's mistake, we students will correct it. As the Battalion stands now, it is emasculated. Don't allow this paper to breed any more of the apathy so prevalent here.

Ray J. Evans '69



"I thought it was a tremendous movie! Who said Mitchum was tryin' to buy it?"

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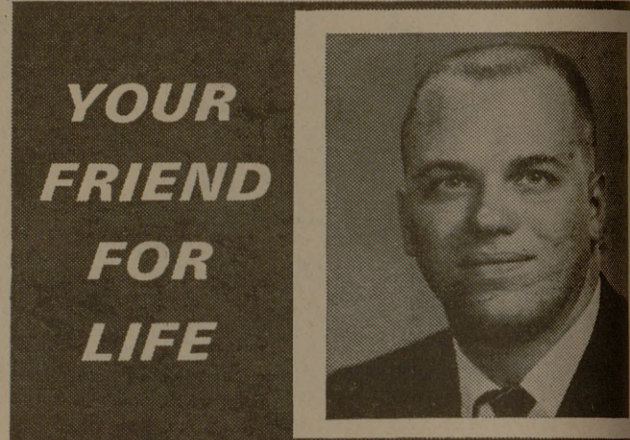
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NO JURY WOULD EVER CONVICT ME!
By Charles M. Schulz