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"tell you what I'd do"

According to Mayor D. A. (Andy) Anderson, this is Clean Air Week in the city of College Station. Let's all pitch in this weekend and go out and pick up the dirty air on the roadsides and bar ditches.

There is perhaps no worse fate for a staff member of the Battalion than to be assigned a story for Friday's paper, especially if it is before a free weekend.

Ordinarily the paper on Tuesday is the one which is heavily competed for. There is not much space because of limited advertising and therefore the pages are few and price space is at a premium.

Even the reporters themselves don't bother to read the Batt on Friday. A quick survey of the Thursday night's staff revealed that a whopping 50 percent will not be on the campus or in the community when the Batt presses roll Friday.

The Friday paper reporters are treated more or less like Cinderella by the ugly Battalion editor who in many ways resembles the wicked stepmother who gave all the dirty work to the beautiful child.

As if you have not noticed, this column is in the Friday paper so therefore we must assume that there is dirty work afoot. In case you don't hear from this columnist again, please go to the bus station and ask for the key to locker 37 and open the file of secret documents. In these papers you will find the reason for the mysterious disappearance of this columnist.

Or if you don't have transportation to the bus station come and look in the Batt microfilm file for the last five months and see the Wednesday issues.

Mr. X is really making a name for himself on this campus as he has placed more wrong in the Batt picks than any other guesser. No wonder he remains anonymous. He is a throwback from last year's picks and is at it again.

He calls up here on Wednesday night and will speak only to John Platzer, the sports editor. Although I enjoy attending A&M, I would like to ask that this phantom reveal himself and refrain from using the Battalion as his mouthpiece.

On Stealing Hats

Once in a while we receive a letter that deserves more than noncommittal publication in the "Listen Up" column. Such was the one from Capt. John Teague, USAF, who enclosed a Lubbock sports column telling of a photographer who almost had his camera snatched away and a Lubbock man whose hat was stolen by "a fellow wearing an ROTC uniform" after the Texas Tech game here.

"Today," Capt. Teague wrote, "I was forced to hang my head in shame for my school, Texas A&M. . . . During my years at Aggieland (I'm a '59 grad), we were 'instructed' by the upperclassmen that we would be nice to any visitor on the campus. . . . and do nothing to bring shame upon the name of Texas A&M. . . . If an incident did occur, you can bet an Aggie didn't start it."

We agree wholeheartedly with Capt. Teague's further note that "there are some Aggies there that should be back in grade school. . . . and it's my personal hope that these 'children' will be sought out and sent home where they belong." Failing that, we would note, these misfits must at least be shown by example that they're not with the program and are not getting away with anything in the long run.

Granted, that job won't always be easy. Uncalled-for practices, such as the Tech bell team's jaunt through North Gate and the Tech boosters' heckling of the Cadet Corps as it waited to march into Kyle Field, tend to create an atmosphere in which childish acts might momentarily seem justifiable.

Well, they aren't. And a cadet who demeans his uniform by such an act destroys, in a few seconds, the work of thousands who wear that uniform.

That work began again early last week; it continued through Saturday's TCU game. It must continue through the coming weekend and through many more.

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Editor, The Battalion:
The First Battalion announces that it has 138 freshmen in its four companies this semester. Company A-1 reports 38, B-1 31, C-1 35 and D-1 34. The announcement came from First Battalion Staff. They are as follows:
(List of names was enclosed.—Ed.)

The First Battalion is proud of this number, which surpasses the 22 new pledges in the off-campus fraternity.
Michael P. Becket '69
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Editor, The Battalion:

I'm sure the graduate students of Texas A&M greatly appreciate the special attention directed at them during the Saturday football game with TCU. The written threat from the Graduate Council was met with many smiles. I predict there will be a new egoistic air of importance surrounding the graduate section since the graduates have been informed by the "displeased" undergraduates that the continuance of Texas A&M tradition rests on their behavior at future football games. It is unfortunate however that the little white warning signs

were not made available to amuse the faculty and staff members as well as our guests. Or is the concept of tradition based on coercive methods too embarrassing to broadcast?

I would, no doubt, agree basically with the original idea that initiated such action. It's great to be a part of any school which displays such exuberant school spirit but it's difficult to be proud of any organization which dictate the "proper" way to attend a recreational sporting event.

Most of the graduate students attending A&M are mature enough to look beyond the mere words of such a message and seek an understanding of causality. In doing so some realize that maybe they were the scapegoat of the "new fear" of Texas A&M.

This "new fear" has been brought about by the gradual acceptance of more and more civilian students on campus. Instead of accepting this as growth some fear it. Such unhappy individuals must be pathetically miserable; and since misery loves miserable company, perhaps they are the ones who need to sit together in the end zone.

P.S. It is my suggestion that a copy of the notice "served" to

the graduate students at the game be published with this letter.

An undergraduate senior,
C. Anne Clark
1310 Timm Dr.

Sorry, we didn't get a copy of the Graduate Student Council's notice. Perhaps we attended the wrong "recreational sporting event"?—Ed.

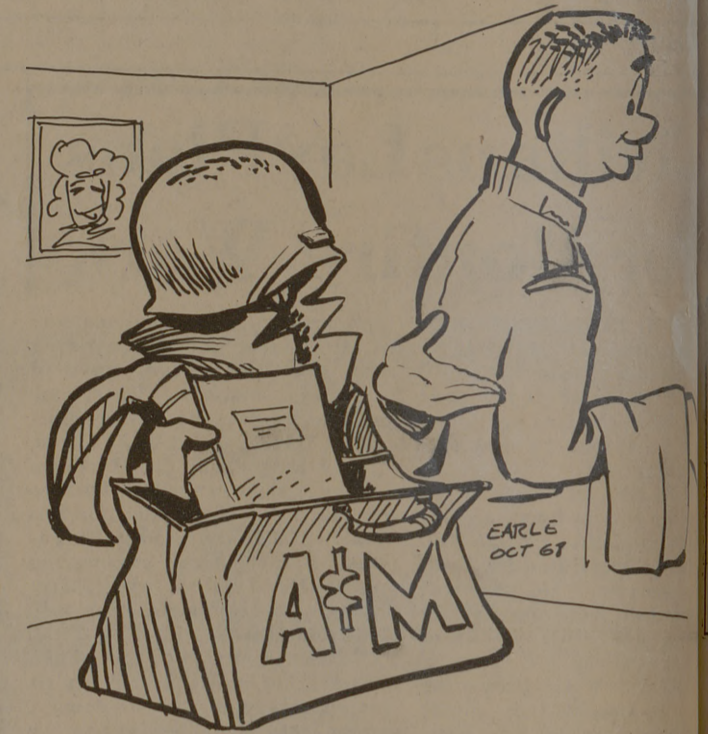
Editor, The Battalion:

Although I have tried to keep out of the tremendous controversy which has developed from a letter to the editor a few days ago, it is time for a definite statement.

I would consider it a personal favor if potential letter-writers would withhold their comments until Thursday or Friday, as I've been placed in a terrible disadvantage, having to write my Wednesday column for Friday.

John McCarroll '69
Granted, the situation got out of hand. In the future, we will follow the policy of major news magazines, which avoid redundancy by printing only the clearest and most readable statements of a particular viewpoint in the letters column — rather than publishing some 120 column inches of response, as we did this week.

"I can't see why it's necessary to lose a weekend—no study on th' way up, at halftime, after our dates and the way back!" —Ed.



ON OTHER CAMPUSES

By MONTY STANLEY

The University of Houston's Student Course and Teacher Evaluation committee is circulating questionnaires to find what items students would like to know about before taking a course. With this aid, the Student Association plans to publish a pre-registration guidebook containing the most important items at the end of this semester. This way, before getting in over his head, a student would know course objectives, types of material covered, amount of reading assignments, type of classes (discussion, lecture, etc.). Now how about the same kind of thing about profs?

Plans at ETSU for this weekend's game call for the students to obtain blue and gold balloons outside the gate and release them all at once when they score. It'll look pretty neat, but hopefully it'll never replace A&M's display of spirit upon scoring.

Washington State's Daily Evergreen runs a sports analysis column called "Jock It To 'Em." In addition, a WSU columnist asked some thought-provoking questions in his article this week. Like, just exactly what is wrong with dandruff? And pimples—"Think about it. What the hell is wrong with a pimple? A pimple is a result of some pleasurable event, such as eating chocolate or fried chicken or maybe even

playing in the dirt. Therefore, when observed, a pimple should bring back fond memories." When you think about it, he's got a point. These society-imposed complexes are not nearly so self-evident as they may seem at first glance.

Long Island University's students are worried about the recent arming of their campus defenders, the Burns Guards. Inspector Lewis Fambro, who oversees the guards at the university (but is not connected with them otherwise) did not know that there was anyone armed with a revolver, but said, "There will be no trouble as long as he keeps it in his holster. If you see a guard with his gun drawn, then let me know about it." The superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, when informed of the situation, reassured a reporter for the school newspaper by saying, "Don't worry. If some of the guards do have guns, they're not loaded." The whole deal was capped beautifully by a spokesman from the Burns Detective Agency who said in all seriousness, "But, in case there is any trouble, we are trained to load them in a hurry."

A picture, you've heard, is worth a thousand words. And so it seems when one sees the front page of Wednesday's Daily Texan, with its photo of a beaming Hubert Humphrey, arms outstretched in a double "Hook 'Em, Horns" sign. The theme behind Tuesday's rally in Austin was inscribed on a banner which read "Hook 'Em, Hump."

Here's a rundown of weekend events taken from this week's school papers: Emory University in Georgia—Stevie Wonder; Trinity University in San Antonio—the Sandpipers; University of Oklahoma—Bill Cosby; tu at Austin—Donavan; and the University of Minnesota—The Rascals, Tiny Tim, Joe Tex, and the Moody Blues. Take heart, though, readers. At least one school is showing a little "culture" and class—Castleton State College in Vermont is having the Army Field Band for their weekend performance. Wonder if there's any chance, say, for a Spring dance weekend . . . ?

Tonight On KBTX

6:00 News, Weather and Sports
6:30 Wild Wild West
7:30 Gomer Pyle
8:00 TX Friday Night Movie: "House of Wax"
10:00 News, Weather and Sports
10:30 Judd for the Defense
11:30 Alfred Hitchcock

Nurses Host Dance

A&M students are invited to an "Un Hallowe'en-Like Happening" tonight at 1810 Inwood Rd., Dallas. Sponsored by the TWU College of Nursing, the 8 to 12 p.m. dance will feature the U. S. Malebag Band.

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