

Listen Up *the batt forum*

Editor, The Battalion:
I have attended the past two football games, namely the Baylor and Arkansas games, at which the Aggie Band was present. I have all the respect for the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band—it's the best I've seen—and for its members and director. I also think that the War Hymn is a great song—I get goose bumps when I hear it.

But I think that Colonel Adams is overdoing it when the War Hymn is played four times (Baylor) and six times (Arkansas) in the fourth quarter. At Baylor, Col. Adams had the band strike up the notes familiar to all Aggies while Edd Hargett was calling signals after an Aggie recovery of a Baylor fumble. This most likely made it difficult for our split end and/or wingback to hear the signals. At College Station last weekend, the War Hymn was played three times consecutively during the last four minutes.

I am not anti-"Gung-ho," as many students and exes can verify, but I think that pre-game, halftime and beginning-of-the-fourth-quarter playing of this great song would be sufficient to let the Aggie team know that we're behind them — win, be outscored, or tie.

Scotty Scott '67
BEAT TH' HELL OUTA SMU!

Editor, The Battalion:
This is to thank you for printing the letter which gave me three and a half of the most wonderful and exciting days of my life.

To all who credited me with, I think, undeserved bravery, let me say I was plenty nervous. Fortunately, though, my will to date Aggies overcame my fear of any bad consequences of my letter. But, up until the letter was mailed, I worried that I might be sticking my neck out pretty far. I wondered if it would be accepted at A&M as I wanted it to be. It was.

The countless Aggies who replied made me feel like a

celebrity, an unknown suddenly thrust into unwarranted stardom. And it was just great! The only difficult part about it was turning offers down.

As someone said, I had a 50-50 chance of getting a date who was "not too cool." Yes, true. But the fact that A&M doesn't have a reputation for something too many colleges have too much of now — hippies, SDSers, demonstrators — gave me reassurance.

I hope to keep up a regular correspondence with all those who wrote me, and eventually I would like to meet them all one way or another.

Again, to you, to the Aggie who escorted me this last weekend, and all the other Aggies who wrote and/or called me, I would like to say thank you so very much.

You may not be very popular here in Austin, but you have at least one ardent supporter who will give a rap in the mouth to anyone who says you aren't the greatest.

Sincerely,
Kaye Herzik

Editor, The Battalion:

I wish to point out a serious problem which now exists on our campus. That problem is the theft and damage done to automobiles parked in the southwest corner of the campus, near Kyle Field. Stolen tapes, broken windows, "borrowed" hub caps, and ripped off antennae are some common examples. This general area is very inadequately lighted and vandalism is further encouraged by the fact that it is in a relatively little-traveled section of the campus. I believe that this problem could be virtually eliminated if the day students were to park in this area. Quite obviously, most vandalism occurs at night. Since day students do not leave their cars overnight, there would be very little opportunity advantageous to such maliciousness. Another side effect is that on home games, not as many Fish would have to move their cars.

My suggestion, admittedly, is

not perfect, but I believe it to be superior to the present system.

Ernest R. Elsberry IV '72
P.S. It seems that the \$9 it costs to park my car on the campus would be directed in such a way to remedy this problem. Since this problem still exists I wonder what is done with this money. (See Dale Foster's story on Page 1.—Ed.)

Editor, The Battalion:

"Get groady" is what you hear. And groady and a little beyond is what the yell leaders get. I don't know where the Aggie tradition of Midnight Yell Practice and "getting groady" ever became linked, but if they are both part of the "Ole Army Tradition," then in my opinion "Ole Army" can go to hell.

I don't know what "getting groady" contributes to the Aggie Spirit, but I do know it doesn't leave a lot of visitors overly impressed with the quality of A&M and its traditions. It's also a safe bet that a number of Aggie Exes attending any given Midnight Yell Practice are not overly proud of the way A&M's traditions are being perpetuated.

In short, I don't believe "getting groady" has a place on public display with the traditions of Texas A&M.

Larry A. Reiter '69

Editor, The Battalion:

While attending a seminar at Texas A&M, I had, through Mr. Bill Eckles of the College of Business Administration, the honor and privilege of dining with members of the Corps Staff in the mess hall. Cadets with whom I dined were Robeau, Mudd, Nelson, Clark and Corps Commander Hector Gutierrez.

I wish to express my appreciation to these young men and my admiration for them and the entire Corps. I am proud to have been an "Aggie" for even such a short time.

Sincerely yours,
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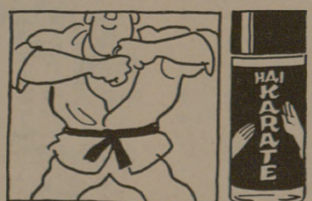
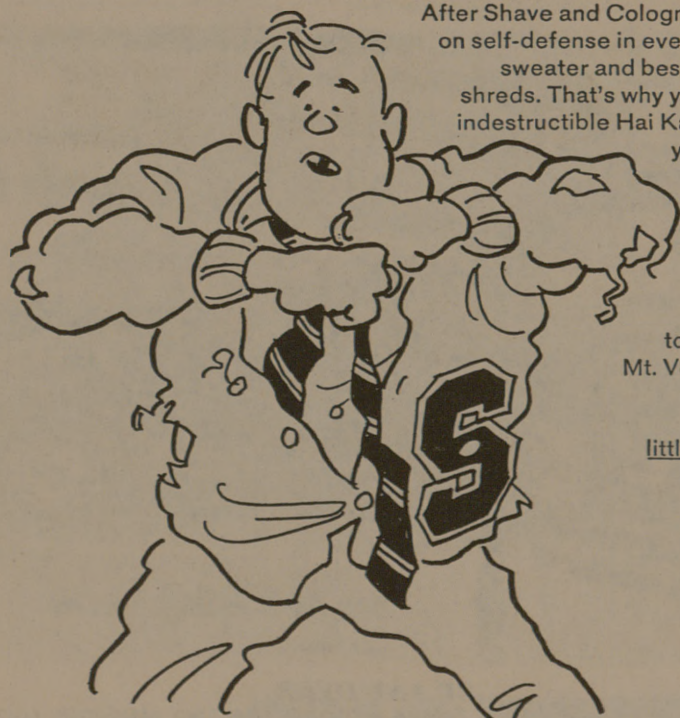
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