

Football by Crowd Reaction

Some people just don't enjoy the finer things in life.

You know, life's hidden little pleasures such as walking into a class only to discover that tomorrow's test is today; deciding to approach that 90 degree turn at 85 only to discover that your brakes are out; telling that girl how you would maul "Junior" if he had enough guts to show up only to discover that "Junior" (all 6-4, 250 pounds of him) is standing right behind you; and, best of all, getting a coke at a football game.

This maneuver leads to a fascinating game so new it has yet to come out in table model form. Its name: Football by Crowd Reaction:

The sun was beating down on the bustling metropolis of University Corner with full intensity as the weekend football mod filed into Wild Pasture for the clash between the Artist and Musician College of Texas and Northern Buddhist University. Not that it was hot but the Astroturf needed watering.

Arriving a good hour before gametime were our heroes Miss Sunflower Smith and Mr. Ragweed Rollins. It was just in time for the traditional march-in by

the Reserve Order of Topnotch Castoffs.

As our dynamics duo struggled their way up the 35 rows of the upper deck, they paused now and then in the thin air to catch their breaths. It was then for the first time that Ragweed realized the honor that had been placed upon the students in being allowed to sit in the stadium's east side. Where else would afford such a perfect eyeball-to-eyeball view of the sun.

During the march-in, the most common sight of the day is "hawkers" making their way through the stands with their cold drinks. Once the game begins, however, forget it if you happen to be 35 rows up. Then the "hawkers" barely make it to the second row before their wares are devoured like a frog in a pool full of piranha.

By the beginning of the second quarter, Ragweed had surrendered to his thirst and begun the long trek down the aisle in search of the promised land where hopefully would be found a couple of cold drinks. It was then that the game really began for our gallant warrior.

As the seconds turned into minutes and the minutes into

what seemed an eternity, Ragweed proudly stood his ground as the line inched forward. His only touch with the reality of the football game coming from the noise overhead.

Soon the roar of the crowd automatically interpreted itself into the action on the field. A loud roar and it was obvious that the "good guys" had just intercepted a pass. And then it came, a rolling, thundering noise that could mean only one thing. Yes, the home team had scored.

"We scored! We scored!" came the cry from all around Ragweed as the band struck up that old time favorite: "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now."

Just as he reached the head of the line, Ragweed inquired of a newcomer, "who scored the touchdown?"

"Touchdown? We didn't score. We're just on the 20."

"Just the 20," Ragweed shouted, thinking of his vulnerable position.

As our hero began the long trip back up the stands with his 20 drinks in hand, another game of Football by Crowd Reaction came to an end. It had been well worth it. After all, what's a measly 10 minutes 32 seconds out of a regular game?



"Three months ago I wouldn't have gotten excited about a letter addressed 'Box Holder'!"

Listen Up the batt forum

Editor:

To the students, faculty, and administration of Texas A&M University:

We were overwhelmed by the generosity and affection shown to us by all of you on the occasion of the death of our son and brother, Thomas K. Young Jr. As he had only been among you a few weeks, we were very much comforted that he had been accorded the concern, love, and affection of a lifelong friend during that short time. To all of you we wish to express our most heartfelt thanks for your open hearts.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Young Sr. and family and fiancée Kathy Smith

Young, a sophomore architecture major, was fatally injured Oct. 31 in an automobile accident at Grand Prairie.—Ed.

Editor:

Let me suggest an answer to the problem outlined in Manuel Davenport's letter to the editor (Oct. 29). Perhaps the university is practicing selective civil disobedience (SCD) in relation to its own regulations. If so, I wish to defend the university. When one of our great statesmen desires to denounce the creeping, corrosive, corruption devouring our nation it is the sacred duty of the university to allow him to speak. The intent of the regulation against "political types" is to

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guard the morals of the young. This interest is not violated when the right kind of politicians are allowed to speak. The future of America's youth should not be sacrificed on the altar of a Kantian conscience.

Some misguided souls would argue that SCD is a nefarious tactic used only by such organizations as the ICC (International Communist Conspiracy). This, of course, is rubbish. SCD is as American as Apple Pie. Every loyal American bursts with pride as he remembers the Boston Tea Party. At that great hour of decision, red-blooded Americans defied an unjust law. Only those who were more interested in sipping tea than in freedom were appalled at the momentary disrespect for law and order. Throughout history, tea sippers

have tended to identify with the conservative element. Let us support the university on this issue by reminding ourselves that law and order, while sacred, must be tempered with a healthy respect for SCD. Wast not the Sabbath made for man?

Wes Seeliger
Episcopal Chaplain

Editor:

I have recently been horrified by the increasing level of indecency at Sbsa: 1) students refusing to take trays to busing bars 2) trays piling up on tables, chairs, and floor, making it very difficult to find a place to eat, 3) students eating amid towers of threatening trays and puddles of food.

Aggie: gentleman or barbarian?
Alan D. Northcutt

Bulletin Board

TONIGHT

Pennsylvania Hometown Club will elect officers at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

Aggie Christian Fellowship will hear Jim Bruno, ACF chairman, answer the question, "Jesus Christ — Dead or Alive?" at 5:30 p.m. in Room 3C, MSC.

Zeta Iota Nu (Finance Society) will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room Library.

Garland Hometown Club will elect officers at 7:45 p.m. in the Dormitory 1 Lounge.

Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

THURSDAY

Williamson County Hometown Club will take pictures for the Aggieband at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3B, MSC.

Brazos County Post 4692 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will have a social at 7:30 p.m. at the

Post Home.

Review magazine staff will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 224 Services Building. Anyone interested may attend.

Computer Science Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Jan Mull, 905 Lazy Lane, Bryan. Each member is to bring a baked item to be auctioned and items for the needy family the club is sponsoring for Christmas.

Pecan Valley Hometown Club will view the film, "Aggie Football Highlights, 1967," at 8 p.m. in Room 2C of the Memorial Student Center.

A&M Parachute Club will hear a discussion on maneuvering in free-fall at 7:30 p.m. in Room 113 Plant Sciences.

SUNDAY

Rugby Club will practice at 3 p.m. on the field across from DeWare Field House.

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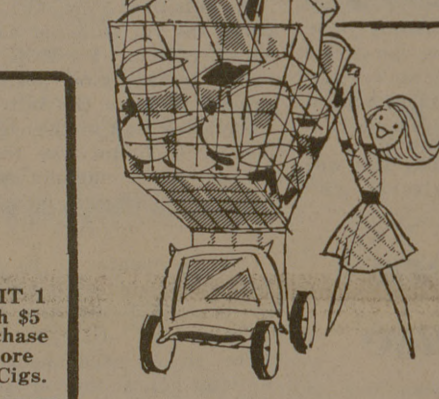
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