

...That Magic Line

Yes, Mr. Ripley, there really is a magic line in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

What makes this line all the more fascinating, however, is that it is only activated twice a year. By a strange coincidence these just happen to be the times when that strange breed of Aggie known as the graduating senior crosses it to accept his diploma.

The transformation that the Aggie undergoes immediately upon crossing this line is startling. His thinking is completely altered. He is no longer a student trying to survive within the university, he is now a former student and as far as he is concerned he owns the university.

One who has taken this giant step, Asgha Relief, was interviewed with the exact same questions immediately before and after crossing the line. A time span of 3 minutes 15 seconds exist between interviews. A year's supply of Roy Edwards-Gene

Stallings friendship badges will be awarded to all those who can guess which answers come from which side of the line.

Question: How would you rate the caliber of student that attends Texas A&M today?

A: Today's student at A&M is smarter, better prepared and more energetic than any in the school's history.

B: Soft! That's what these students today are, soft. They don't compare with the type of student who was here when I was here.

Question: There have been a lot of changes at A&M in the past few years. Would you say these have been good or bad overall?

A: Overall I would definitely say that they have been for the better. Sure the school has changed but so has everything else.

B: Back when I went to school, those were the good old days. If it was good enough for me, it is

good enough for these punks today.

Question: Who should have the major voice in shaping the policy at A&M?

A: The students should. They are the ones who have to go here and they should have a voice in the way things are run.

B: The former students should. We pay the bills, we look after the image, we should be the ones to determine how its run. Its our school, we know what the real A&M should be not these "Johnny-come-latelies."

The opinion that a person holds depends largely upon which side of the line he is on. The walk across that magic line by no means changes everyone who takes it, but it does have an effect on way too many.

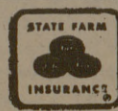
Saturday a whole new group of graduates step across the line. It is hoped that this group is the most realistic yet in remembering "when."



"I was just thinking that if my finals worked out okay, I'd be a half sophomore! There must be some better reason for wanting to do good!"



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Editor: I would like to pass on some information contained in the treasurer's report to the Student Senate which should be of interest to the student body.

The final cost of selecting a sweetheart from TWU is \$854. This money comes from the Senate budget which in turn comes from student fees which seem to be high enough already.

It is thought by some that this money purchases a larger pool of women from which to choose. This was true in years past when A&M was not coeducational. This year only about 30 women from TWU applied for Aggie sweetheart. More than a third of these were chosen as finalists and 13 were brought to A&M at student expense.

Can it be that we are overlooking

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ing the fact that there are more than 30 women on the A&M campus who are at least as qualified and probably more entitled to the honor of representing her fellow students as Aggie Sweetheart? In addition to the money saved, she would be present on campus at all times—not just for special occasions.

Jess B. Rhoden '70
Student Senate
College of Engineering

Editor:

Dear Mr. Weaver:

Thank you for your courteous letter to The Battalion. It is wonderful to know someone has noticed there is a Rugby team on campus. The matter you spoke of has been called to my attention, and we are proceeding to rectify the situation. In the past we have used the intermural fields; however, this presented a conflict with the intermural schedule, and we were asked to move elsewhere. Having admonished us, we do not seek excuses. We feel, Mr. Weaver, you ought to write several more letters and condemn those campus organizations which also use the field. When you are done writing those letters, you also may write more

letters and condemn the Aggies who play football on the field.

Please do not limit your campaign to the field, think of all the other areas on campus which have been disturbed by team sports. Any field outside of a dorm has been "badly torn up." An example is the "grassy" area by Davis-Gary. "... prospective athletic recruits, and parents—besides reviewing generals have little more to judge A&M by than its appearance." What are you going to do upon seeing Aggies play football outside of Davis-Gary? Think of all the paths around the campus where students have found it necessary to walk on the grass. Would you care to have the paths surrounding Hotard Hall seen by "... prospective athletic recruits, and parents—besides reviewing generals (who) have little more to judge A&M by than its appearance." Do not, Mr. Weaver, forget the paths near the Academic Building or even the paths across the Parade Grounds. We wish you the best of luck in your letter writing campaign.

Gregory L. Schwei
President, The RUGBY
Club of A&M

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SO I'M LEAVING, BUT ACTUALLY THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DOES NOT OUTRANK THE HEAD BEAGLE!

SOMEDAY YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GIVE UP THAT BLANKET

SOMEDAY YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO STAND ON YOUR OWN TWO FEET..

SOMEDAY YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GROW UP AND FACE LIFE WITHOUT ANY HELP FROM ANYONE..

SOMEDAY

By Charles M. Schulz