

# Aggie writes Nixon of A&M patriotism

A&M's 1970-71 Corps of Cadets information officer has written President Nixon pointing out the demonstration of respect and love by A&M students for their parents "as well as their patriotism, their faith in the American system and their confidence in our future."

Thomas C. Fitzhugh III says it shows "the other side of the coin" in the current series of campus disturbances.

The junior geophysics major used the recent Parents' Weekend program as an example of the A&M students' expression of feelings.

His letter said, in part: "Sunday afternoon (May 10) there was a demonstration on our campus which probably escaped the attention of your office. As in the other demonstrations across the nation, the participants here were thousands of young, idealistic, intelligent and concerned Americans expressing the intensity of their feelings.

"There were, however, two striking differences between occurrences here and those elsewhere. First, there was a surprising absence of the photographers, cameramen and reporters who so readily covered other campus demonstrations. Second, the purpose of this demonstration was a radical departure from those so widely publicized events elsewhere," Fitzhugh wrote.

"You see, Mr. President, these students were demonstrating their

faith in the American system and their confidence in our future..." Fitzhugh pointed out in his letter that thousands attended Parents Day activities.

"Sadly enough, elements of the national press corps were absent. On the other hand, one can only speculate on the amount of publicity the occasion would have received, had a small handful of individuals with far different purposes interrupted these proceedings.

"The blame for the obvious disparity in the amount of attention given to this responsible, sincere point-of-view lies not only with the news media, but also with our elected public leaders..."

Fitzhugh continued his letter by noting the Saturday commissioning exercises and Final Review of the Corps of Cadets, with Gen. William C. Westmoreland, Army chief of staff, serving as commissioning speaker and reviewing officer.

"It will indeed be interesting to see if this 'demonstration' will pass as unnoticed as those in the past.

"If it does, it will not alter the ideas and beliefs of the participants. They do not thrive on publicity and their faith and sincerity will remain constant in even the most difficult of situations.

"Nonetheless, it would be refreshing if such an event were to be in the spotlight for once..."

## Services for Lt. Johnson

Funeral services for 2nd Lt. Robert Henry (Bob) Johnson, a 1969 A&M graduate killed in action in South Vietnam May 12, were conducted Friday in the College Station First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Dr. Malcom Bane and the Rev. David Rowland officiated at the services. Burial with full military honors followed in the College Station City Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of Hillier Funeral Home, Bryan.

Lt. Johnson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sandra Free Johnson of College Station; one son, Robert Henry Johnson Jr., at home; two brothers, John H. Johnson Jr. of Houston and Mark H. Johnson of Paris; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reep of Paris, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Redburn of Bagato.

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