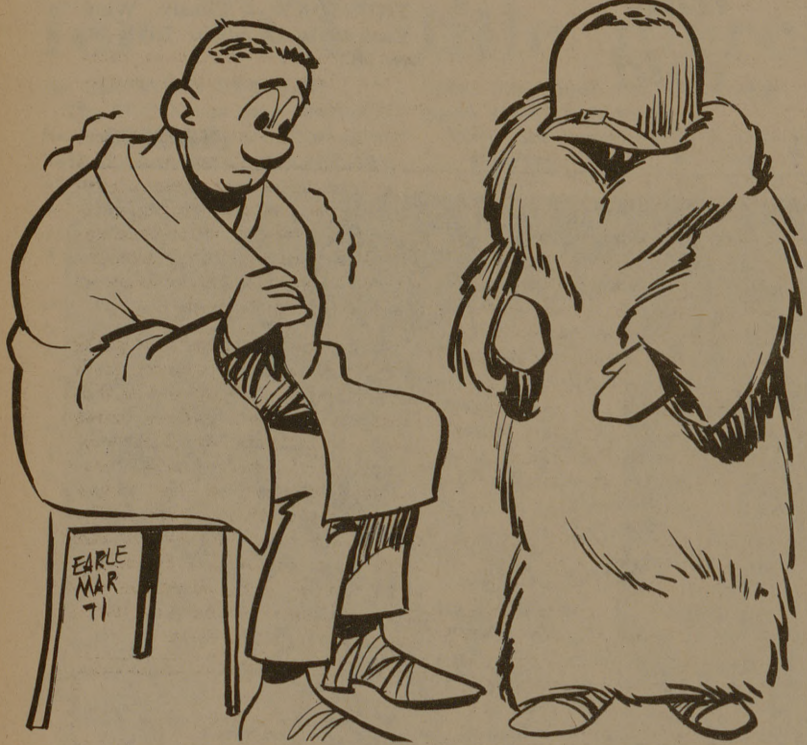


CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Texas is th' only place where you can wear a swim suit under a fur coat and need both of them in th' same day!"

Listen up  
 Fans ask change

Editor:  
 This letter is not intended to insult any group of students at Texas A&M. Rather it is an attempt to rectify a bad situation that has been propagated by certain outdated traditions at the university.

Having been a fan of Texas A&M since 1954, I have on numerous occasions heard the phrase "poor Aggies" at losing athletic events. This type of thing only reflects bad sportsmanship on the part of our opponents, whoever they might be at the time. I have heard this said at Austin, Dallas, and Houston within the past five years.

On Feb. 23, the University of Texas basketball team was our guest here at A&M. Of course, while on the court they were our mortal enemies. Before and after the game it was our responsibility to extend the hand of friendship to them.

Nevertheless, as usual, the UT players and students were insulted the whole time. What is worse, some of the insults were organized by our cheerleaders. The repeated use of the yell "beat the hell out of TU", especially after Texas had pretty clearly lost the game, only made Texas A&M look bad. The necessity to use profanity in order to complete yells merely shows a lack of vocabulary on the part of those leaders, the other students, and of Texas A&M itself.

I personally cringe each time another student body chants "poor Aggies," and for years it has enraged me. For the Aggies to reply in kind also angers me, since at least we should be able to refrain from such idiocy.

As an Aggie for the past seventeen years, I feel it my personal responsibility to do all that I can to further the cause of my school. I now challenge every individual Aggie (student, teacher, or fan) to either justify publicly such bad sportsmanship, or do his best to change the situation.

Specifically, I challenge our predecessors at A&M — the military — and in particular, the yell leaders. These individuals lead us in demeaning not only our op-

ponents, but (mainly) Texas A&M University. Is this what we want for A&M?

Tim Stanfield '72  
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Editor:  
 Texas A&M has long been known for the way the student body supports its athletic teams — louder and longer than any other school in the conference. Unfortunately, some Aggies apparently think that booing the opposing basketball team, its players and coach, when it is introduced and yelling when the players are attempting a free shot is "supporting" the Aggie team.

Such disgusting, unsportsmanlike conduct does much more to hurt the school than it does to help the team. Yelling for the team is great! Booing the opponent is acting like a bunch of crude, rude, uneducated boors!

Yell leaders, why don't you stop this before it gets worse?  
 B. R. Elsberry '64

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Bill would protect reporters, sources

AUSTIN (AP) — The public has a vested interest in preserving the secrecy of a news reporter's confidential sources, the House Judiciary Committee was told Tuesday.

"A newsman becomes, in effect, the eyes and ears of the public," said Rep. Dave Allred of Wichita Falls, a reporter for the Wichita Falls Times and Record-News.

"And it definitely hinders a newsman's activities if the source feels he is likely to be something other than unbiased. The source is liable to close up on him," Allred said.

The committee held a hearing on Allred's bill protecting newsmen from being forced to testify at trials or government hearings concerning their sources of information.

Allred's bill also prohibits courts, the legislature or administrative agencies from forcing newsmen to produce unpublished photos or written notes.

The bill was referred routinely after a one-hour hearing to a subcommittee of Reps. Ace Pickens, Odessa, chairman; Tom Moore, Waco; and Bob Hendricks, McKinney.

James Crowther, vice president and general counsel of the Houston Post Co., representing the Texas Daily Newspaper Association, said the bill "does not seem to adequately reconcile" the constitutional right to a free press with that of compulsory testimony by witnesses.

He suggested an amendment saying a trial judge or one who impanels a grand jury may compel a reporter to disclose a source "if there exists a compelling need for such testimony and if in his opinion the same is necessary to a proper administration of justice."

Otherwise, Crowther said, "it would put newsmen outside the law, and that is not right."

Dr. Norris Davis, chairman of the University of Texas at Austin's journalism department, said he felt Crowther's proposed

amendment was "still somewhat of a threat to a newsman."

"If news sources think I am going to be an arm of the grand jury, I am not going to get any information from them," Davis said.

Texas law now permits a judge to jail a reporter for contempt if he refuses the judge's command to identify a news source, Davis said. However, he added, he knows of only three cases where a newsman has been jailed.

Jack Douglas, managing editor of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, represented the 91 newspapers of the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors Association (APME).

"We are not trying to set our-

selves up as priests . . . We are simply trying to get a situation where we can tell our sources, 'if you will tell us what is happening, we will not reveal whom we talked with,'" Douglas said.

Richard Seaman, managing editor of the Austin American-Statesman, said newsmen's interest in the bill went beyond the ability to get exclusive, by-lined stories.

"Newsmen have the same interest in good government, good legislation that you do . . . We are not by-line happy . . . 'A by-line and a dime will get you a cup of coffee' is a common reporters' saying," Seaman said.

He said reporters should be free from subpoenas to appear

before grand juries. "His sources would be nervous and very fearful if a reporter disappeared into a grand jury room," Seaman said.

Allred told the committee there was some question about a provision that the bill would not apply to radio or television sta-

tions that did not preserve tapes or scripts of their broadcasts for at least a year. He said he would "be glad to work with a subcommittee on this."

"Any politician who has ever talked off the record with a newspaper will appreciate this bill," Allred said.

New elder of Kansas church also a senior in high school

LIBERAL, Kan. (AP) — At 18, Kae Stoddard is an elder — an elder in the First United Presbyterian church of Liberal.

"I think they wanted more ideas from the youth of the congregation and felt youth should have a say in the activities of the church," the 5-foot-4 brunette high school senior said in telling of her election.

The teen-age elder, who wears wire-rimmed glasses, said she had no specific proposals to offer at this time — "I just hope that I can be of some help to the church."

The Rev. William S. Sebring, minister of the church, said that although "teen-age elder" sounds like a contradiction, elders are chosen on the basis of commitment, responsibility and mature judgment.

He said other young persons have been elected elders in churches across the country and described it as a growing trend in his denomination.

"Young people deserve to play a major role in the decision-making processes in the church," he said.

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