

The 'real' Aggies

If you have been paying attention to the Listen Up column the past few weeks you have seen a plethora of letters dealing with traditions and who keeps them.

The subject isn't new. It comes up every year with great predictability—just like final exams and about as pleasant. All of a sudden the Corps has the civilian personality down better than any sociologist could hope for and the same is true for civilians and the Corps personality. Unfortunately, neither is right.

The hang-up comes from something that would cause any logic prof, or any rational thinking being, to go into convulsions. It's called drawing a general conclusion from a particular fact or, as has been said before, very poor logic.

There is no way an accurate description of the actions of a group of people ranging in size from 2,000 to 12,000 can be reached by working from a particular happening or from the actions of a few. Some fanatics might think this is possible, but then, those are the fanatics.

A beautiful, if it can be called that, example of this is the lead letter in Listen Up today. So was the letter from Jim Zeman that started this whole thing. So were most of the others.

The problem with the vision of these letter writers is that it is selective. They only see the cadet screaming at the sweet young thing or the non-reg walking across the grass at the Memorial Student Center. They only see the bad, never the good or the just plain average.

It is these average types that make up about 70 per cent of the campus. Whether Corps or civilian they generally straggle off to yell practice, football games and beer busts, though not with equal vigor.

They supply the volume to "Spirit" and the gas to finals week. Alike, they fling curses at the rain and add to the K.K.'s parking ticket fund.

The only big difference between the Corps and civilians is that in the Corps attendance is mandatory, but over in the non-reg territory nobody hassles you if you don't want to attend. Which is the way that seems to work best.

So all you rabid letter writers take a look around you next time you walk across campus or go to a game. You'll see bad, that we have no doubt, but if you don't see the rest, you have no right to call yourself an Aggie. For if you don't see the main, the real, typical Aggies, you're part of the extremist 30 per cent, and don't deserve the name.

Listen up

Putting down the civilians

Editor:

Pertaining to "Listen Up" of Thursday, Sept. 23, and Sid Bednar's letter to the Editor.

The civilian student does not know how to conduct himself. An example is clapping during the "Ballad of the Green Beret," and yelling at Corps freshmen coming back from yell practice because they would not whipout, and finding enjoyment in it.

I understand all this jive about the civilians being just as much Aggies as the Corps, although I admit I'm not too happy about it. But when the civilian starts infringing upon the rights of Corps, by yelling at Corps fish, as it was done by not just a couple but many civilians, that is going just a little too far. And clapping really shows a lot of respect.

And by the way Editor, an Aggie takes his hat off when he enters Kyle Field. But if you insist on keeping yours on, kindly sit with the opposition.

Yes, civilian, you're an Aggie now, but still and always second behind the Corps.

Mark Richardson '74

Just what is wrong with clapping during the "Ballad of the Green Beret" I cannot see. I admit the band plays it every chance

it gets but I don't quite think that elevates it to the level of "Spirit."

You do have a valid point about the yelling at fish. No one should yell at anyone for not doing what he himself won't do.

But by the way, Richardson, removing hats in Kyle Field is not required. If you care to check THE BATTALION Nov. 13, 1969 (which may be a little before your time, Old Army '74) you'll find that I do know what I'm talking about, unlike some people.

And as for your last statement about the Corps first, civilians

Bulletin Board

Tonight

American Society of Mechanical Engineers will meet in room 146 of the Physics building at 7:30.

Agricultural Economics Club will meet in room 112 of the Plant Sciences building at 7:30.

Junior class will meet in the Architecture conference room at 8. All representatives attend.

AIEE will meet to hear Dr. Wortham speak in room 207 of the Engineering Building at 7:30.

Baytown Hometown Club will meet in room 304 of the Physics building at 7:45 for an organizational meeting.

second, pull your head out and face reality. You are part of a minority, and a small one at that.

Just how you can believe that 12,000 people should follow the boys in khaki playsuits (no offense intended to the Corps members who are there to become competent officers, not put down civilians) for no other reason except that you're there, is beyond me, and most other civilians.—Ed.

Editor:

In Tuesday (Sept. 21) Listen Up there was a letter about the name Maggies for the co-eds.

In 1962 the legislature debated the name change for Texas A&M and went on record that the letters A&M would have no meaning.

At that time I wrote to both the Battalion and the Bryan Eagle suggesting the name Maggie for the girls so that the letters A&M would be meaningful.

The Aggies and Maggies should be proud that they are the ones who are significant to Texas A&M.

GIG 'EM MAGGIES
Bill Smith '34

Tell that to a militant coed.—Ed.

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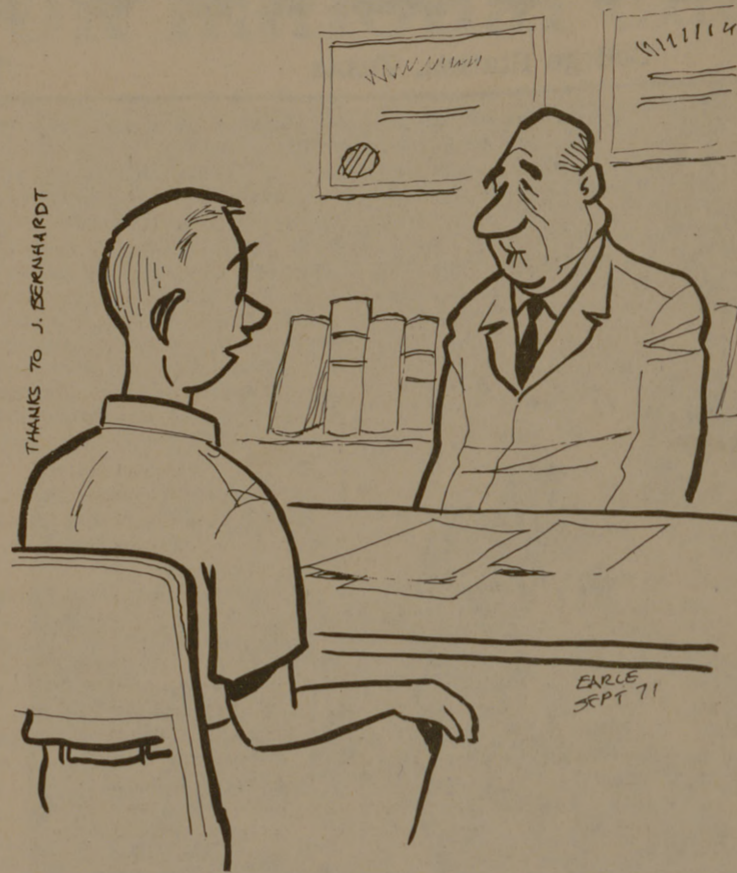
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