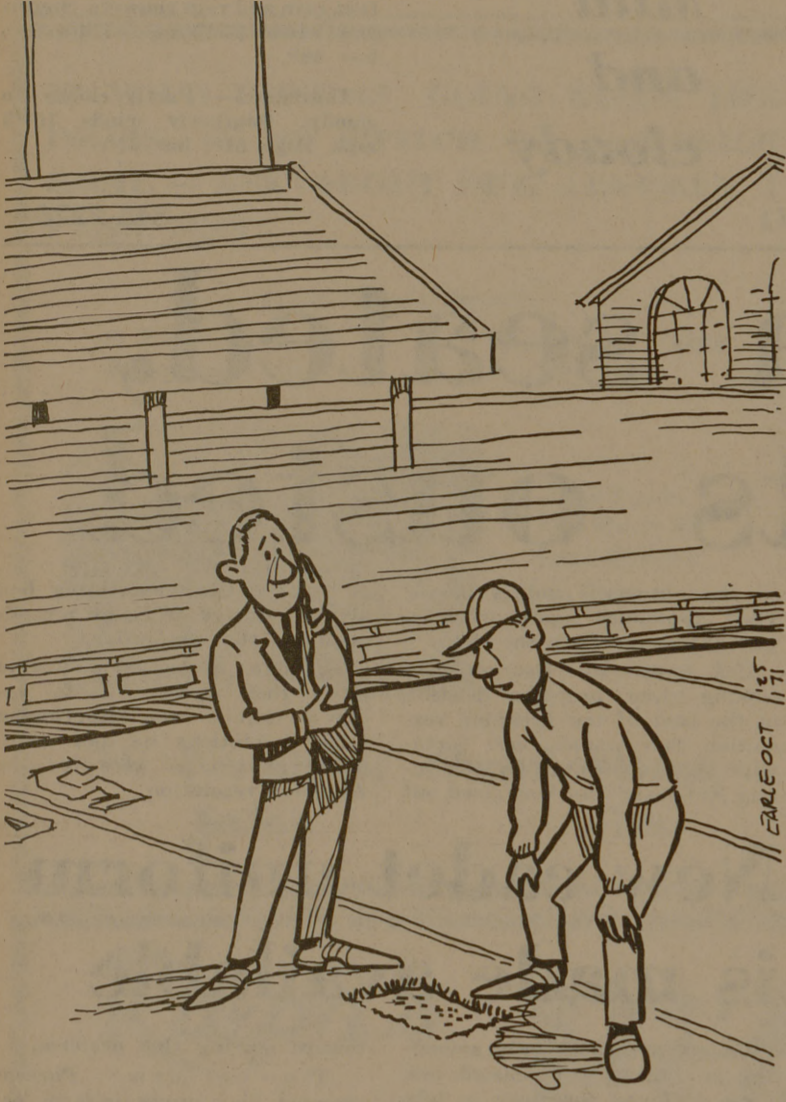


Aggies didn't give enough



"The only clue I have concerning this missing piece of Astroturf is that this is where th' ball was placed for the winning field goal! Do you think that a souvenir hunter might have...."

About 'Uncle Gene'

There have been rumors galore around campus and the state these past few weeks about whether or not Gene Stallings is soon to depart this university.

We cannot stop the conjecture being made by everyone from the experts to the uninformed, but we feel that there are some things in regard to who coaches the football team that should be said.

We, as observers and interpreters of the happenings on this campus, would be the last to deny that Gene Stallings will probably not be head football coach next year. Going by the signs, and there are many, it would seem that this is "Uncle Gene's" last year here.

Even though it has been denied, or the knowledge of his leaving denied, by the powers that be on this campus, we feel almost certain his passing is imminent. But this is not what bothers us.

What does bother us is the rash of ridiculous rumors that has marred this campus lately. What bothers us is the disrespect that Gene Stallings and the football team have had to bear, along with the heavy, heavy load of having a losing year.

What bothers us is that many Aggies have taken what is one of the most embarrassing and anguishing moments of any man's life, when he is accused of being a failure, and converted it into a joke, a thing to delight and please the crowd.

It must be a terrible thing to go through. It must be hard on his life, his family, his friends, and those who just respect him. But most of all, it must be a terrible burden upon him and the A&M football team.

One cannot expect a team to give 100 per cent every time on the field when they know that they are playing for their coach's job. One cannot expect a coach to function at 100 per cent efficiency when he must feel to be the object of ridicule. In a way, it may be said that we will not have a better team until they, the players and the coaches, are relieved of their burden.

But beyond the actual fact of winning or losing, there is the moral obligation that we, the students, owe to any team or coach. A student may regard Stallings, or even football, in a contemptuous manner. If that is the case, more power to him; it is his privilege. But we cannot see that it is a student's privilege to ridicule a man who has given his all for this university. We cannot see how it is a privilege to ridicule a team who has worked for a victory as hard as they have.

The passing of Gene Stallings will affect this university very little. Another losing football schedule will affect this university very little. But, if Stallings must leave and the team must lose, then let them do it in peace, not in ridicule.

Campus Chest nominations are due for SMU game

Nomination forms for Miss Campus Chest will become available Tuesday and are due Wednesday, Nov. 3.

Announcement of the Miss Campus Chest selection will be made at a Campus Chest Drive dance following the Nov. 6 A&M-SMU football game.

Awards from the drive residence hall and Cadet Corps unit campaigns also will be made at the

8 p.m. dance in Duncan Hall. Music for the dance will be provided by "The Chaynes." Milton Nielson, drive chairman of Alpha Phi Omega, said nomination forms for Miss Campus Chest may be obtained by the Student Program Office in the Memorial Student Center. Nominations should also be turned in there. He said the dormitory drive will start Monday.

Editor:

The Fall Aggie Blood Drive has ended with a new record of 801 pints set. I would like to thank the 1100 Aggies who either gave or attempted to give to make the drive such a success and to apologize to the 20 people we had to turn away for lack of facilities at the time that they came.

The civilians made a great showing. My dorm, Puryear, had the highest percentage with four per cent participating and will receive an award proclaiming their excellence. The Corps also did well, with 100 per cent of the White Band participating and will receive equal recognition.

As long as I'm patting people on the back, I believe the Student Senate deserves much credit for allowing Alpha Phi Omega to use their name as a co-sponsor. It really made us feel important.

With all this complimenting, there must be a little condemnation of the participants. These people, while giving the impression of being "good guys" are really very selfish. They only thought of themselves, their families, and fellow Ags. I hope this fact will help ease the consciences of those who found an excuse not to donate.

It seems I have finally found out who the two percenters are. They are the only ones at Texas A&M who give a damn.

Michael D. Ballew

Editor:

Reading "Listen up" of Oct. 5, I was reminded of something that really bothers me. At the football game Saturday I didn't notice a single civilian student, other than myself, salute the flag during the national anthem. Putting your right hand over your heart is the way a civilian salutes the flag. Remember when you said the pledge of allegiance in grade school, Ags? You put your hand over your heart. Right?

I would like to hear everyone sing the "Star Spangled Banner" as the band plays. "Texas, Our Texas" and the "Spirit of Aggieland" make it but not our national anthem. I suggest we have a couple of the S.Q.'s in the press-box at the Baylor game to lead the stands and see if we can't start another "new" tradition at A&M.

Come on, Ags, next time you see the flag being raised or lowered take time out to stop and salute it, if you're really an American you'll feel a little bigger and better.

Keith Hazlewood '74

Editor:

I would like to raise a new issue in the "ticket controversy" surrounding A&M football games.

This past weekend, I invited my relatives up from San Antonio to watch the A&M-Baylor game. This group included my two-year-old nephew. When I went to purchase tickets for the

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game, the teller said I had to buy an additional \$6 ticket for the two-year-old.

I thought he was joking and became more astonished as he insisted that any additional person, regardless of age, had to pay \$6. Now my experience at virtually any sporting event, movie, or other leisure time activity is that standard ticket rates start from some minimum age level (usually between six and twelve years old). When I explained to the teller that the child would sit with me and not take up an additional seat in the stadium, I got a congenial "Sorry About That" kind of reply.

It seems to me that the current ticket policy on rates is not particularly conducive to good alumni relations. Six dollars isn't much money but it certainly seems ridiculous and extreme to demand regular rates for young children. Possibly, editor, you might initiate an effort to change this policy.

E. A. Copp Graduate Student

Each ticket states that a ticket is required for every person attending.—Ed.

Editor:

The Corps of Cadets may become a campus minority; you may add: "Like the fetus of an animal... an arm here, a sensor there, an internal organ somewhere;" but this new A&M fetus may be developing a cancerous arm, an unstable internal organ that may well make A&M a mediocre university like so many others. The A&M we know stands strong because of the Corps of Cadets. Who besides the Corps of Cadets attend yell practice; who besides the Corps is faithful in spirit to

the bitter end during football games; who besides the Corps demands neat appearance in students; who besides the Corps demands respect for faculty members; and who besides the Corps demands a greater respect for A&M?

"Ideas that range from those of the weatherman... to the bomb-them-all people..." may make a university exciting but too much excitement does not make for rational decisions.

A&M remains now a school of integrity and hope because it is "A past-oriented school." Perhaps the Corps of Cadets and the traditions of the past will become "Only a minor part of campus life," but with the loss of past traditions, will we also have barefoot, dirty, long-haired, and fouth-mouthed students talking above their professors? It has happened in other universities. Let A&M be very careful not to "throw out the window" traditions that should be kept and followed by all, while accepting some changes, as coeds and any civilians who care to follow the Corps in Aggie spirit and enthusiasm!

Mrs. Bill Chambers Rochester, Texas

Scoggins to represent Berry College alumni

Dr. James R. Scoggins, professor of meteorology at A&M, has been elected a class representative of the Berry College and Berry Academy Alumni Council.

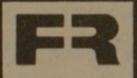
He was awarded a bachelor's degree in math and physics from Berry College, Mount Berry, Ga., in 1952. Dr. Scoggins also has B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in meteorology from Pennsylvania State.

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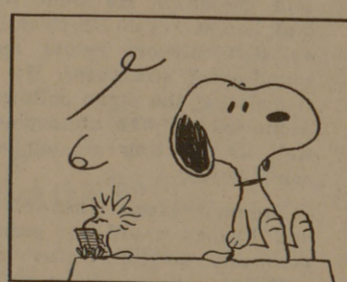


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