



"It's good to be able to go back to kissing our dates after we score instead of after first downs!"

## The letters policy

This year has been one of the most active ever for our Listen up column. Though we have tried all year long to run all the letters there are some we haven't run because they are duplicates of others, because they are libelous, or because they make accusations that we are unable to verify.

But because we have begun to receive so many letters, we are going to have to start limiting the number we run. First to go will be all the campaign letters for elections, next those that say the same things other letters have, and next, those that we really don't understand.

We will still attempt to run all the letters, but we may have to begin editing out portions of a letter that are not highly important. We will only do this as a last ditch effort.

We sincerely hope that this policy will not keep the students from writing. We are not trying to censor letters, or put forward only our opinions. We are only trying to present a better cross section of those letters we receive.

## Register to vote

If there is one thing Aggies can do, it's gripe. They gripe about food, football (though not lately), lack of girls, and about anything else of the utmost importance.

Another thing they gripe about, and who doesn't, is the government. Not just one part of it in particular, but the whole thing. Ironically enough, while they can't change anything about the lack of girls, while the football team seems able to change itself, and almost everybody is resigned to the food, Aggies can do something to change the government. They can vote.

To help students to vote, the Student Senate is conducting a voter registration drive. They are actively registering people in the dormitories and have set up booths in the Memorial Student Center, the Academic Building, and the Library. Next week, the Student Senate will have booths outside the preregistration office in the YMCA.

The registration applies to all national and state elections. Students may register here in Brazos County or in their home counties. Out of state students may register in Texas if they have established a year of residency.

There are very few ways students can logically avoid registering. It speaks well of our "rubber stamp" Student Senate that they are making the effort to help Aggies. It doesn't speak well that with all this work, the Senate has only registered to roughly 40 to 50 percent of the dorm capacities and 1,500 in the booths.

So quit yer bitchin'. Get out and register. You have a say in what's going on. Use it.

## Bulletin Board

**Tonight**  
 Ag Economics Club meets at 7:30 in the Plant Sciences building, room 112.

**Bio-Medical Science Association**  
 meets at 7:30 in room 210 of the Veterinary Medicine Science Building.

**TSEA** will meet at 7:30 in Nagle Hall, room 113.

**Mechanized Agriculture Club**  
 will meet in the Farm Power Laboratories at 7:30.

**SCOPE** will meet in room 3-B of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30.

**Scuba Club** will meet at 301 Bolton at 8.

**University Women** will meet at

7:30 in the Social room of the Memorial Student Center to organize for Bonfire.

**Marketing Society** will meet in the Memorial Student Center, room 2-A, at 7:30.

**Wednesday**  
**Alpha Phi Omega** will meet in their office in the Memorial Student Center at 8 for an officers meeting.

**Wheelmen** will meet in room 2-D of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30.

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes** will meet in the Lettermen's Lounge at 9.

**Rio Grande Valley Hometown Club** will meet in room 3-D of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30.

## Listen up

# Sticking up for the Corps

Editor:

I would like to direct my remarks to Mr. Klein concerning his letter in the Wednesday Battalion:

I believe you have made an unjust generalization about the Corps of Cadets based on the destructive actions of a few individuals, who may or may not be CT's. I am proud to wear the uniform of the Aggie Corps, and believe the Corps has a distinctly positive function on this campus, but I am not fooled into believing that the Corps is perfect—no body of people as large as the Corps can possibly be.

No segment of the A&M campus is without fault—Corps, civilian; male, female. Judging one of these segments by the actions of a few represents the narrow mindedness which prevents A&M's future growth and unity.

Yes, times are changing. The school is growing. Hopefully, much is to be learned in this growth. Growing pains cause resentment, but eventually a stronger, united A&M. This resentment must be observed and learned from, but not condoned!

As far as girls on campus; female Aggies, Maggies, call them what you will, I can't condemn or laud them as a group, either only as individuals. All CT's do not hate Maggies... one senior in my outfit is marrying a Maggie this Christmas, as is a junior.

In short, Mr. Klein, CT's are not narrow-minded, blood-thirsty, sign burning barbarians as you portrayed them. We are a group of intensely proud individuals—proud of Aggieland, proud of the Corps, of our traditions, our past, and contrary to popular belief, looking with expectant pride to A&M's future. Not a future of blind continuation of useless tradition, but a future of improvement, vitality, dynamic thinking, and self evaluation. Most of all, Mr. Klein, we are looking to a future of Service—service to our nation, to the University, and to each individual on this campus.

I don't know who burned those signs, it may have been CT's, it could have been non-regs. Regardless, be fair in your accusations—don't blame everyone in any group for the shortcomings of a few.

Alex Dade '72

Editor:

For the past week I have worked on the Student Senate's Voter Registration Drive. This work has been both highly satisfying and deeply saddening.

I have been pleasantly surprised to find a vast majority of us students who have not been permitted to vote before is very excited about the possibilities of having a voice in our government.

However, I have found it sad that a fraction of the older people to whom this voice has long been extended is reluctant or refusing to register to vote. Two examples: One man laughed that he was too old to vote. (I confess I had to agree. Anyone with that attitude IS too old to vote.) One woman said she would not know who to vote for anyway, so she was just going to leave that decision up to us young people. I told her that for her sake I hoped we make the right decision!

It astounds me to find people in the United States who actually hold views such as these I have mentioned, but I have. My only hope is that the new 18-to-21-year-olds make the choices wisely because I have found older people who could not care less.

Bill Kemp '74

Editor:

Re to Mrs. R. D. Hupp's letter: I'm left with no choice but to doubt Mrs. Hupp's sincerity when she stated that "when I read the reply of Jeffrey A. Secrest, I could also see his side of the controversy." How can you make such a statement, Mrs. Hupp, yet with the same breath state that you "felt like standing up and cheering" at Mrs. Chamber's obviously bigoted and closed-mind-

edly letter.

Your letter seems to be full of the same unfounded, closed-minded generalities. You say that you are suspicious of "hippie types, for the reason that they are tear-downers." I'd like to inform you, Mrs. Hupp, that there are a lot of us long-haired, unshod, "hippie" types at A&M, but I've yet to see one that has been involved in any "tear-down" activity around the campus. There seems to have been some "tear-down" activity in the Corps area, though. It seems that some of the coeds' campaign signs were torn down recently. The only radicals on this campus are not the long-hairs, but the members of the fanatic John Birch Society. Believe me, you'd be surprised to find out who some of the members are. But, if you read The American Opinion, you might not be surprised at all.

You say that you are aware that all the traditions that comprise the heritage of A&M have derived from the military establishment. Ignorance is bliss. Are you aware of the many more so-called Corps "traditions" that, far from being military-like or gentlemanly, range from fool-hearty, immature childishness to the utterly obscene. Word around here is that the Corps institutionalized crudity. No, Mrs. Hupp, I don't think the Corps is so immaculate in its integrity.

Don't get me wrong, Mrs. Hupp. I'm not anti-military. As a matter of fact, I am presently in the U.S. Naval Reserve and I plan to serve at least six years active duty after I graduate. Yet, my purpose at A&M is to achieve a good education while remaining an individual true to my own convictions instead of following

blindly like sheep—not knowing nor asking why. I believe that following imperfect, uncertain traditions, in order to avoid erring in my own judgement, is but to exchange a lesser evil for a greater one.

Yes, Mrs. Hupp, my hair will remain long during my stay at A&M. I don't think I need to establish an image because the image of the "civilian" Aggie has long been established. That image still remains one that competes favorably with that of the "cadet." No, I don't think it is such a hard act to follow; civilians have been doing it all the time.

"Tradition, thou art for suckling children, thou art the enlivening milk for babes, but no meat for men is in thee." — Stephen Crane.

Juan José Gallegos '73

Editor:

In last Thursday's Battalion a letter from Mrs. R. D. Hupp appeared in which she stated that the older generation was suspicious of the long-haired, general "hippie" types for the reason that they are tear-downers.

I believe that her statement was about as general as saying, "All Greeks roller skate on their left foot."

I know that in the past A&M was 100 per cent corps and prided in the fact that there were no sleazy Non-Regs on campus.

Well, times are changing at this university. Students no longer want to go into the corps and put up with all that bull they get fed as freshmen. After all what is a college? Is it a place to go and raise hell or is it a chance to further your education? Sure, heritage and pride are great to have and to remember. But I

didn't spend my six hundred and fifty dollars just so I could call myself an Aggie twenty years from now. I came to A&M to get an education, not to be labeled as a tear downer!

J. B. Santos '75

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**PEANUTS** MY BLANKET! YOU HAD IT MADE INTO A SPORT COAT!!

**PEANUTS** I PREFER TO THINK OF IT AS ONE OF THE NEW DOUBLE-KNITS..

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