



"No, it's not a new campus unit, it's my laundry mark!"

## Rice vulgarity

In the fall of 1947, Jimmy K. B. Nelson, co-editor of *The Battalion*, developed the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Committee. Each year, presentation of a trophy to the outstanding school in the league is made at the Cotton Bowl.

Nelson explained the basis for awarding the trophy in a story in *The Battalion* in the spring of 1948:

"The trophy will be given as recognition for the conference school whose student body and athletic teams display the best sportsmanship in connection with intercollegiate athletic contests and their associated activities."

The committee meets twice a year to vote for the trophy, once in the spring and once at the Cotton Bowl. The results are tabulated together to determine the winner.

The 1971 conclave in Dallas made an unforgivable error in bestowing this award on Rice University.

Aggie fans who travelled to Houston Tuesday night for the A&M-Rice basketball game were treated to a display of crudeness, immaturity and vulgarity unequalled anywhere in the conference.

The Owl student body was indiscriminant in their abuse—they spread their vocal filth evenly among the referees, Texas A&M, and Aggie coaches and players. There were no qualms regarding choice of language or objects of the insults.

What was more appalling than the verbal diarrhea itself was the fact that the Rice cheerleaders made no attempt to stop their followers. In several cases, the cheerleaders led the assault.

It is shameful that a school with such an academic reputation disgraces its excellent record in this way. It is shameful that a school which conducts itself in this way is a member of the Southwest Conference.

It is even more shameful that the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship League chose Rice as the recipient for the 1971 trophy. This action makes a mockery of what was intended to be an honorable incentive.

Rice's poor self-control is not restricted to Autry Court. This fall's football game was filled with the same antics. When the Owl student body showed up for the basketball game in G. Rollie White Coliseum last winter, they didn't leave their bad manners at home.

In Tuesday night's display of vulgarity, only sympathy can be had for Rice University. Their athletes, coaches and alumni deserve better. So does the Southwest Conference and the Sportsmanship Committee.

John Curylo

## Bulletin Board

**Tonight**  
 Cepheid Variable Club will meet in the Physics Building at 7:30.

Panhandle HTC will meet in room 201 of the Physics Building at 7:30.

Sophomore Class Council meets in room 146 of the Physics Building at 7:30.

Chemical Engineering Wives will hold a meeting at the home of Mrs. Leo Durbin, 3711 Sweetbriar, Bryan, at 7:30 p.m.

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## Listen up

# Sharp puts down Rice students

Editor:

This letter is being sent to the Student Body Presidents' of the Southwest Conference, their school newspaper editors, and the chairman of the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Committee. My intention is simply to call to your attention the conduct of our Conference Sportsmanship trophy recipients this year, Rice University, in a recent basketball game with Texas A&M.

I feel that the conduct displayed by many Rice students including their cheerleaders, was far from a good example of what I consider mature college students to be, much less sportsmanship trophy recipients. The level of immaturity displayed by these students was disgraceful not only to their University, but far more important, it was a disgrace to our Conference.

I will not attempt to describe their actions, for by doing so would only degrade myself. However, I am hoping that in future years, a closer consideration be given during the selection process of the recipients of this trophy. If this is not done, I feel we should remove this award from our Conference, since it presently appears to be little more than a farce.

Your consideration of this let-

ter, and your observance of the actions of the Student Body of Rice University is requested.

John Sharp, President  
 Student Senate  
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Editor:

Recently my husband and I went to the Bryan Municipal Animal Shelter in prospect of finding a canine pet.

Not only was this building difficult to locate, but its appearance was appalling. Not more than the size of a large tool shed, we found it difficult to believe that animals were within its walls. The nauseous smell proved us wrong. As we walked to the rear side of this so-called building, we came upon a most unusual sight. Piled on top of one another were three puppies. Their bodies lay lifeless and limp. We didn't approach them any closer than necessary to find that their little bodies (not newborn, either) had been uncared for, if not abused. One of the bodies was so undernourished that its skeletal system revealed itself more than that of a homeless scavenger dog.

I find it hard to believe that all three puppies, undoubtedly from the same litter, died of natural causes by coincidence. Nevertheless, what decent, hu-

mane person would have disposed of them in such a manner?

Why, may I ask, does the City of Bryan have an Animal Shelter if for no other reason than to prove its incapability for the care of and proper disposing of the city's homeless animals?

Mrs. Cynthia von Ross  
 A good question. We shall look into it.—Ed.  
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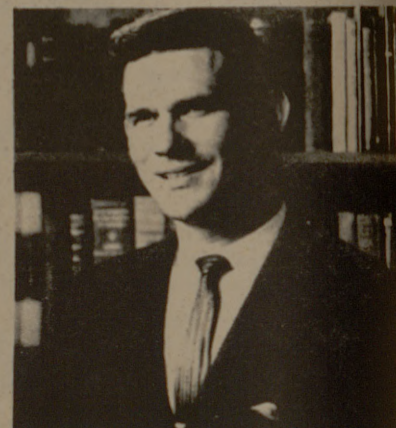
Editor:

What do I have to do to get off campus? I'll be a junior next fall and after two years in the dorm I need the change. Since I'm not getting married and I'm not sick, I've been told my chances of getting off are nil. It seems with several dorms as victims of the destruction derby and with the increasing influx of freshmen, that juniors should be released. Will the University change its policy soon?

Robert Trenton '74

No—Ed.

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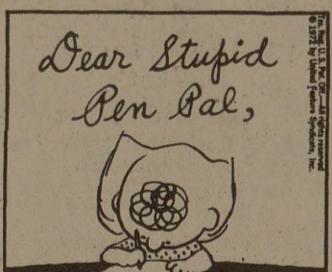
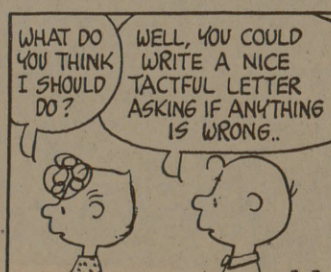
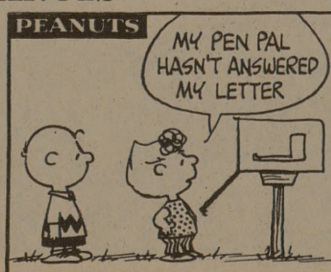
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