

Listen up

Wigginton is still complained about



Editor:

It isn't very often that I write a letter of complaint to anyone. And, I can't remember ever having written one about A&M. I am a very "liberal" Aggie. I'm the kind of Aggie who laughs at Aggie Jokes because not only do I find them amusing, but, I have found that getting upset and displaying resentment only gives other people a low impression of Aggie character. I even tell Aggie Jokes myself.

I hope you took the opportunity to read the recent article about A&M in the newspaper magazine "The Texas Star." When I read it, a tremendous swell of pride welled up in my throat for a few moments. You see, not only am I a liberal Aggie, I am also a very sentimental and emotional one. I take great pride in the many traditional aspects of my school, including the fact that I once wore the Aggie uniform. I understand that all past students of other schools may not share my sentimental attitude about their Alma Mater. That, I think, is their business. It is, I think, unfortunate when anyone ridicules or mocks the traditions of other people or groups.

I do not know Donnie Wigginton. I do not know if he gave much thought to his recent display at the University of Texas football banquet. I can only dis-

miss his action as a thoughtless, immature act by an individual with little or no respect for others. I am less than excited about the prospect of Donnie recruiting and coaching for Texas A&M. He will be representing my school to young men who naturally form meaningful first impressions easily. That also does not excite me! I can only hope that Mr. Wigginton will, in time, learn why Aggies feel the way we do about our school.

I do not expect a reply to this letter. Unless I miss my guess, you, Mr. Wigginton and the school will receive too many letters on this subject to allow you the time to answer them all.

I know A&M is changing. I know that change in some cases is necessary and beneficial. I do not think, however, that the Aggie Spirit has or will change in the near future. I sincerely hope that it doesn't. I hope that in time Donnie will catch some of the "Spirit" and will demonstrate through future action his respect of it.

Al Williams '64

Editor:

It has come to my attention that my letter of Feb. 1 has engendered misunderstanding and indignation among much of the student populace of Texas A&M. Apparently, I need to clarify my position, and my intent in having it

publicized. So, I'll restate what I stated previously in simpler and more succinct terms:

WE OF SAM HOUSTON STATE WELCOME YOU OF TEXAS A&M AT ANY TIME ON OUR CAMPUS. WE ARE HAPPY YOU COME HERE. WE ARE SAD WHEN YOU HAVE TO LEAVE. BUT . . .

. . . weekends are dead here, much as they are in College Station. So I once again use this space to inform (not to try to chase away) those of you who look at each other on Friday and Saturday nights and say, "Hey, why don't we truck on over to Huntsville and find some girls and do something tonight? Yeah, OK!"; you won't find girls hanging from the rafters of Old Main or hiding under the steps of Lowman Student Center. Your chances are not nil, but much slimmer than on Sunday through Thursday nights. I was serious and only trying to be helpful when I wrote the letter. I'm sorry for whatever trouble I caused (I'm

really not such a bad chick . . .), and I hope I've managed to get it straight.

Anne Wilburn

Editor:

We are graduate students at TAMU and follow our university's basketball team with loyalty and enthusiasm. We have become engulfed in the pattern set by the student body. But there is one question we have concerning the loyalty of the university to our nation. Why is it that the national anthem is never played before each home basketball game as at home football games? We notice from listening to road games on radio that this is the practice at other Southwest Conference schools. What is the reason why its not played at TAMU?

Rodney Bushway
Dean Braatz

We are pleased to inform you that as a result of your letter, Col. E. V. Adams, band director, has decided to start playing the national anthem. Thank you for your letter.—Ed.

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India leaving Bangladesh

NEW DELHI (AP) — All Indian troops will be withdrawn from Bangladesh by the end of March under an agreement reached by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Sheik Mujibur Rahman, United News of India reported Monday night.

The agency, in a dispatch from Calcutta quoting reliable sources, said the two leaders felt the purpose for which the troops were sent into the state—when it was still known as East Pakistan—had been fulfilled.

Mrs. Gandhi and Mujib, the Bangladesh prime minister, have held discussions in Calcutta for the past two days.

The prime ministers also felt that keeping Indian troops in Bangladesh any longer would merely "serve as fuel to Pakistani propaganda," the agency added.

India announced on Dec. 4 it had launched a full-scale invasion of East Pakistan to help establish an independent Bangladesh — a goal it achieved with the surrender of about 93,000 Pakistani troops on Dec. 16. Authoritative military sources said that of 150,000 Indian troops deployed in the campaign, only 40,000 remain.

Indian officials have made clear that Indian troops have stayed on in Bangladesh mainly to insure

that an estimated 10 million Bengali refugees who fled to India last year will be resettled in their old villages as they return home.

The Indian government said about two-thirds of the refugees already have returned and the remainder is expected to do so by the end of February.

Withdrawal of Indian troops has been made a precondition of recognition of Bangladesh by some countries.

\$49,000 given economists in NSF grant

A&M economists have received a \$49,000 National Science Foundation grant to support a research project entitled "Interpretation Systems for Empirical Economic Theories."

Directing the study are Drs. Robert L. Basmann, Raymond C. Battalio and John H. Kagel of the Economics Department.

The NSF grant was effective Jan. 1 for a period of 12 months.

Bulletin Board

Tonight
Pre-Vet Society will meet at the Vet College at 8. Club picture will be taken.

A.G.C. will meet at 7:30 in the Architecture auditorium.

Wednesday
Basement Committee will meet in room 3C of the Memorial Student Center at 7. Organizational meeting.

Thursday
San Angelo-West Texas HTC will meet in the Art room of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30. Ag Eco Club will have their picture made in front of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30. Aero Wives Club will meet at Ralph's Pizza at East Gate at 7:30.

Animal Science Wives Club will meet at the Figure Salon at 7. Computer Science Wives Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Kenneth W. Craw, Jr., 1709-B Lawyer Place, College Station at 7:30.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"Somehow you've got to resolve this and decide who cleaned up your room last!"

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