

# Defending 'The Camp' and The Review

Editor:

In reply to a letter written by a Mr. Nesbitt, Thursday, Feb. 24, where he "challenged" me to arise from my "state of ignorance" and admit my "lack of authority" to speak on Texas A&M, I wish to have my say.

Mr. Nesbitt, sir, I may be just a freshman, and just a woman, but I am just as much of an Aggie as you are, and I have been here three times as long as you have. You see, I was born and raised in this realm of Texas A&M University, and involuntarily, I have been exposed to a lot of the perspectives of it.

That article I wrote in the last Review was in reality a very bland thing. I purposely tiptoed around. In answer to the implied accusations, I did challenge the Corps. But I also challenged everyone else. The whole purpose of the story was to make everyone who attends this place at least stop and think about the situation. You see, sir, I have even one advantage over you, I came to Texas A&M with full knowledge of what was here. And I came anyway, because I wanted to. I didn't come to A&M with a flowering Handbook tucked under my arm, dreaming of a chance for a "Mrs. degree", either.

I wrote "The Camp" as a light satirical piece on those of us who attend this place. I really tried to make you see that words don't mean a damn. If you cannot kid

and take a little kidding in good nature without attacking back and taking everything said as a personal cut to yourself and your way of life, I wonder about your purpose here. Personally, I know enough Bryan boys to keep from sitting home on weekends, but many people here don't. They are the ones I wanted to motivate to get off their apathy, because "having nothing to do" is just as common to the "khaki playsuit" as with the "civilians". Debi Blackmon '75

Editor: Surely you jest! "Most Texas politicians are or were lawyers." Indeed! Sir, I submit that you should check your facts before making such rash and uninformed statements. To think that our beloved legislators once knew the law! Sir, I must defend the reputations of the gentlemen in question (heretofore spotless). It is obvious even to the most unenlightened that the men in Austin have little or no experience in legal matters. One need merely observe them in action (if he can).

Certainly one should not attempt to besmirch the name of these worthy gentlemen. In their doubtless well-meaning ignorance they have become the pawns of the industrial-military middle-class conspiracy. No person with an ounce of charity or kindness in their heart could truly hold to the idea that these men of good

will could be but misled souls; they have merely been betrayed by those who took advantage of their sweet child-like innocence. I hope that I have managed to clear up any misconceptions caused by your ill-advised statement.

Stephen Goble  
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Editor: The publication of this letter in The Battalion depends entirely upon the editor. Those of you who read my letter to The Battalion on 18 February, 1972 will note the numerous grammatical and typographical errors so graciously pointed out to me by your fine editor. I compliment him on his alertness and thank him for all the time that he spent in reviewing my letter. The very fact that he spent so much effort on my behalf makes it evident to me that he is not trying to incite dissension here at A&M. (NOTE: I have enrolled in a "remedial

spelling course".)

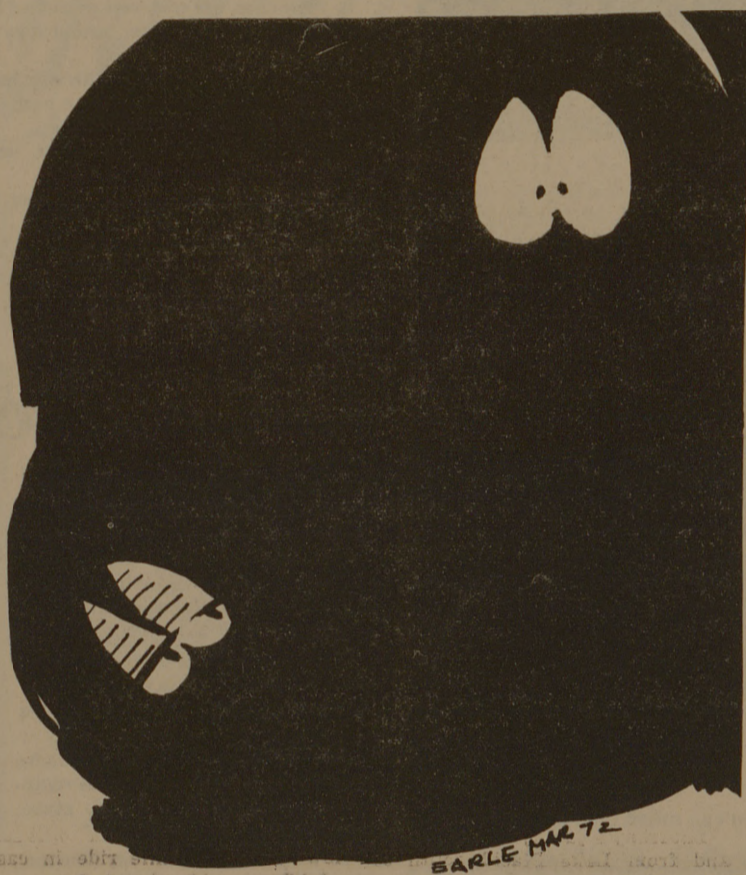
In a conversation with the editor on Monday, 21 February, 1972 several facts were related to me concerning our "student" newspaper. (Readers please note that I do not quote as I am not capable of remembering word for word what was said; however, I was not the only one present at the time.)

The following facts were pointed out to me:

1. The editor is a crusader for the right (Both CT and Non-Reg).
2. The opinions of the editor are the opinions of The Battalion.
3. No sweetheart photographs, except the Aggie Sweetheart, will be published in The Battalion while he is editor.
4. The Battalion only "exists to make a profit, which helps pay for the AggieLand". ("A non-profit, self-supporting educational enterprise"?)

## CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"Remind me in the morning to look for that last rattle-snake that I left somewhere in th' room!"

...John R. Moffitt

## Naval Club formed, first at a university

A charter giving U. S. Navy authorization to formation of the Golden Wings and Anchor Club was presented Wednesday evening to the organization.

Navy Capt. C. C. Dudley, commander of Houston area Navy recruiting, made the charter presentation at ceremonies in the library conference room. It was accepted by President Demp Dobson and member Charles Chandler.

Members of the club are students in the Naval Aviation Reserve Officer Candidate Program and the Naval Reserve Officer Program. It was organized pri-

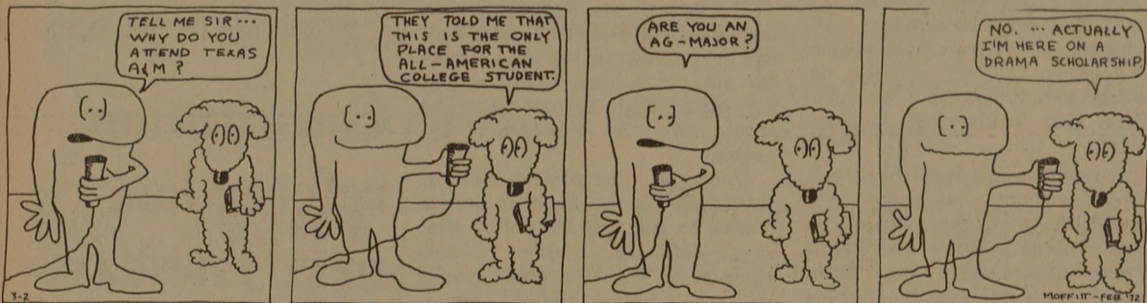
marily through efforts of Chandler to give students a picture of what the Navy is, through films and speakers.

The Navy will install an NROTC program next fall.

The club currently contains 20 members, according to Lt. Robert L. Garrett, USNR. He co-sponsors the group with Lt. Cmdr. Garland E. Bayliss, member of the History Department faculty.

Garrett said the club is the first of its kind on a college or university campus and as such has received considerable interest from the Navy. He is a teacher at Bryan High School.

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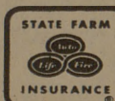
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where she spent some of the finest years of her life.

I THINK THIS IS GOING TO NEED A LITTLE EDITING...

By Charles M. Schulz