

Listen up

# Quad details not racist or bigoted

Editor:

I would like to reply to the letter by Ciro J. Nava printed March 24. Mr. Nava appears to believe that the harassment during a quad detail is "... a celebration of bigotry, hate and racism." I have never seen a quad detail which was anything other than good natured fun for all parties involved. A member of the Corps may be quaded for any reason; birthday, after receiving an award, revenge for a previous event, 72 days before Final Review for all of the class of '72, or why not all Mexicans (Mexican-Americans) on San Jacinto Day? In any event, the cadet is not quaded because he is disliked. I feel sure that no Corps member gives much thought to the Texas War for Independence while quading a "Mexican." Who cares if the war was racial or territorial or who fought for Sam Houston? I feel that a cadet who is never quaded is disliked and I don't believe that any quad detail is

"... a celebration of bigotry, hate and racism."  
Raymond Loomis '71  
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Editor:

There seems to me to be three strong reasons brought out in your reply to the Tessies in Thursday's (Mar 23) Batt, for the silencing of editorial comment in the Listen up column.

The first is quite obvious to any halfway neutral observer. It was your plain and overt rudeness to the point of cruelty. The letter very plainly showed shock on behalf of the Tessies that the Senate voted to include only A&M coeds as applicants for Aggie Sweetheart. Evidently the Public Relations committee has retired, when people so closely involved in an issue must use the Batt, which admittedly must present a neutral account, as their only source of information. Instead of making up for this information gap with a diplomatic and informative reply, hence showing

some trace of knowledge about human nature and journalistic responsibility, you reply with cute metaphorical phrases with cutting overtones. It can only hurt everyone involved, unfortunately, in the long run, including yourself.

The second was one of your infamous double cuts. "The only reason the sweetheart was transferred away this year is because the senate didn't have the intelligence to vote that way in the previous years..." This really tells the girls who asked for reasons a hell of a lot. Surely the reason was due to the greater number of single women on campus this year, the first year to be a significant fraction of TWU's enrollment. It's tolerable to be cute with our own student's letters, but look at the impression you have left them with our student government. In addition, by expressing your opinion here, you have left them with an ad hominum remark that is a lack of compassion and feeling for others and is of course very fallacious in both content and intent.

The third is that you show yourself to be unqualified in knowledge to represent by correspondence our University. The "old song" which is soon to be your alma mater of sorts, does not begin with "We are the Aggies." One can only visualize the editor of the school newspaper in the stands at a football game humming the verse to the school song while the rest of the student body sings, until we get to the chorus, where he can join in because the words are easier.

It seems that this is the proper time to break social relations with TWU. It is too bad that this necessity should occur with hard feelings after the many years of social fellowship between the two schools, simply because of a lack of diplomacy by student leadership and an iconoclastic drive to be cute by our student editor.

Randy Durham

Sorry about the bit about the song, my mistake. But one thing, Listen up is not supposed to be "neutral," and it isn't.—Ed.

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Editor:

I am Jim Cox, political science major running for Place 6 in the A&M Consolidated School Election April 1. I need the support of all people who believe youth should be represented on school boards. I need a campaign manager in each dorm. Call 846-5942 to volunteer.

About 2000 students are eligible to vote. They can help elect me by voting absentee at the Superintendent's Office, corner of Jersey and Anderson, until March 28. Some people say Aggies shouldn't vote in this election. I disagree. Who knows the needs of education better than a student who spent a dozen years in public school not long ago?

Some say Aggies shouldn't vote because they pay no taxes. Every Aggie supports this community economically. Ever notice the tax on a meal? a book? Ever pay rent? utilities? Ever get a slip under your windshield wiper?

Some people say things about me, too: I'm too young, too inexperienced. I disagree. My youth is an asset because it would give the Board direct access to the thoughts and feelings of students.

And I have exactly the experience the Board needs, the experience of youth... of knowing, feeling, and understanding things the other six members of the Board are cut off from by age. Being 18 in 1952 or 1932 does not qualify to understand the problems of youth in 1972.

I may be better prepared to be a Board Member than older

men with longer views. How many of them have crisscrossed 48 states and Canada, traveled thousands of miles in Latin countries, gone to Boys State in Washington, attended Fish Camp? I have.

My experience is up-to-date. I graduated from Consolidated last year. Elect me this year.

Jim Cox

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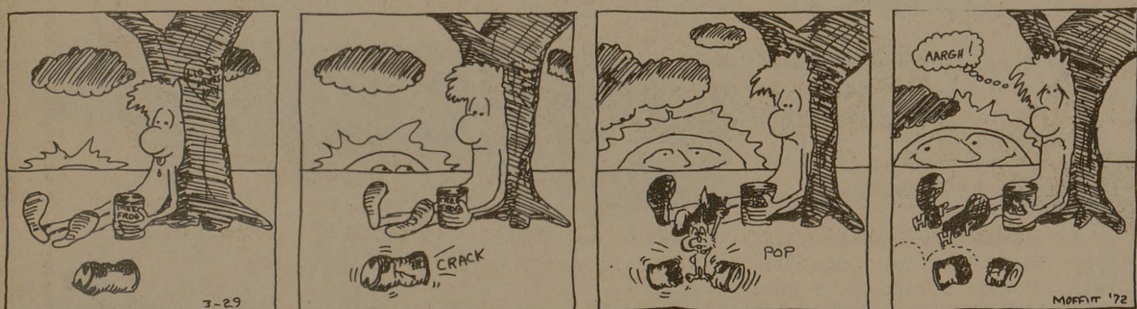
"Frankly, I couldn't think of a thing to say!"

### Goodbye!

If anyone is around to read this blurb, the Batt staff extends best wishes for a good Easter Holiday. We recommend that you sleep, shave at least for church, don't drink too much, and get back here in one piece. We don't like to have Silver Taps right after Easter.

## AARGH!

...John R. Moffitt



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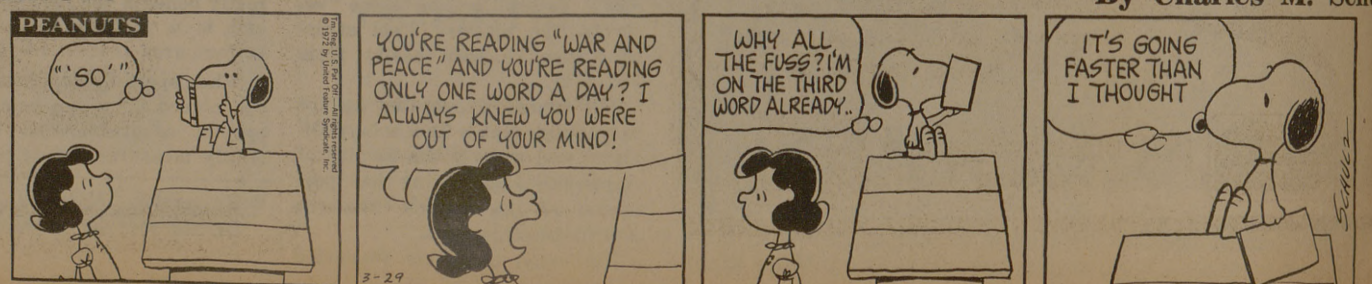
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