

Listen Up—

# Ags Complain About Everything—Food, Football, Letters, Etc.

**Editor:**  
This fall I began my eighth college semester. Since I entered A&M I have read the Battalion with interest, although I must say that at times it hasn't been all that interesting. It's not your fault, but you see, since you are the present editor, I am going to attack you. Logical isn't it?

Well doesn't it stand to reason that if the laundry is attacked every year, and Wally Groff and the football team are attacked each season, and people stab at the Quack Shack, and CT's march on non-regs, and Sbis is blamed for the CSC and the Student Senate not doing anything, and ballots are cast against the Election Committee every year, that I should attack you simply because everybody attacked Hayden Whitsett last year? Isn't that just super logical?

Guess what? This year we produced a new issue. DOWN WITH BIKE REGISTRATION. UP WITH BIKE REGISTRATION. And on top of that we have DOWN WITH SHUTTLE BUS. UP WITH SHUTTLE BUS. Well Mike, here goes: You, you . . . you, ah, you . . . well, you EDITOR!! YOU EDITOR!!

I suppose that attack on you should start the ball rolling. You'll get a dozen letters tomorrow saying the same thing—everybody cutting each other, and pretty soon you'll have to write an editorial about it.

Can I ask a question? Has it solved anything? I honestly don't know, and I'm just asking. I've read about A&M's problems for quite sometime now, and I've even written a few letters to the Batt griping like everybody else—for after all, doesn't everyone like to read their name in print? Such a yearly recurrence of the same ole' gripes indicates to me

## Texas Rangers

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requiring a minimum basic standard for peace officers was passed three years ago and law officers must now have at least 140 hours of basic training.

The salary of a Ranger, said Speir, is \$845 a month. He compared this with the \$15 a month the first Rangers in 1835 received.

Director of the DPS four years, Col. Speir has been in continuous service with the department since 1941, except for service in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

Speir is a native of Gilmer and a graduate and Outstanding Alumnus of East Texas State University. He is a past-president of the Texas Police Association and immediate past-president of the Austin Rotary Club.

that the problems are not being solved. I'm actually glad to see so many people are willing to write to the Batt, and I think that type of student involvement is healthy, but gee wiz, we ain't not gettin' no solutions!!

Now I realize change doesn't occur over night, but I do feel that A&M would realize some constructive change if students would keep writing letters (tons of letters), yet also get out and do something about the problem themselves. Don't go through the CSC or Senate, but write letters directly to the person or persons responsible for the infringements of which you are complaining. Start some petitions, draft some proposals, print handbills, organize and peaceably attack the things that bug you, but man, letters to the Batt aren't always all that effective.

Douglas W. Kirk  
★ ★ ★

**Editor:**  
Over the past month I have noticed a serious lacking here at Aggieland. It seems to me that this lacking is one of a peculiar absence of Aggies.

The "Twelfth Man" seems to have all but disappeared in the Classes of '75 and '76, and embarrassingly enough, it has even disappeared from portions of the classes of '74 and '73. I realize the lack of a winning football team has caused this, but even before we began to be outscored, the "Twelfth Man" just didn't seem to be there.

This however, is not the main complaint which I have to present in this letter. Tuesday night when I went to "Silver Taps," I could hardly believe I was at A&M.

Guys walking with their dates to "the final tribute given an Aggie . . ." talking and giggling the whole way. So called "Aggies" went to this "final tribute . . ." in jeans and T-shirts. "Aggies" were lined up along the walkway where the Ross Volunteers enter, so that they won't miss any aspect of the "show."

To top all this off, when I turned to leave, I saw an "Aggie" holding up a cassette recorder, recording the entire "performance." Is this how an Aggie behaves another Aggie who has passed away? Is this the best we can offer a departed Aggie—A side show which everyone comes to watch at 10:30 some evening?

To me "Silver Taps" is the essence of Aggieland, one of the symbols of the unifying "SPIRIT OF AGGIELAND" that we possess as Aggies. Once this disappears, the "Aggie" at A&M will be forgotten and TAMU will just be another university—not significant, not special, just one in the crowd. These symptoms of a dying Spirit are evident; the ques-

tion is, "Can we save it or is it already too late?"

Mel Richmond '74  
Mark Fittle '74  
★ ★ ★

**Editor:**  
It is natural for everyone to put the blame on the quarterback when a team loses. After a brilliant high school career and a fine freshman season, Lex James has never tasted success on the varsity in three years.

In those years he has taken ridicule and insults from the fans after every losing effort. Saturday night all I heard were shouts and insults directed at James. James has excellent talent but has never had a chance to use it due to very poor blocking in the line. Even the best quarterback in football couldn't get the Aggies anywhere with the way the blocking has been.

Considering the injuries he has received in the past three years, James should be commended for the courage he's displayed just by lining up behind the line. Lex James and the whole team have a lot to prove in the next few weeks on way to the Cotton Bowl and show the students, alumni, and the fans just what they are really made of and what kind of team they can be.

Joe Hatcher, '76  
★ ★ ★

**Editor:**  
Have you noticed how there are no photographs in the 1972 Aggieland of people happily eating in Sbis dining hall? It's apparently not one of those fondly remembered experiences one would wish to see in the yearbook in the years to come.

The quality of the food is, to be blunt, consistently poor. I do not wish to dwell upon that subject, because I have just returned from evening meal and I don't want to antagonize that which my stomach is attempting to digest.

I do want to make public some interesting experiences and observations:

In the past month I have lost some thirty pounds. True, I do not regret the loss, as I was formerly fat and now I am merely plump; however I have not gone on any conscious diet. It sort of just happened. The weight loss began my first week here, as a matter of fact, and continues.

The pint bottle of Pepto-Bismol my roommate picked up a few weeks ago is nearly gone. We'll need more, and perhaps the food people should take the funds it doesn't spend on the breakfasts I miss and reimburse us for what we spend on the Pepto-Bismol. Or maybe convert one of the colored water dispensers into a Pepto-Bismol dispenser, for I'm sure that we aren't the only sufferers

to survive in this manner.

Or try this experiment: Before you fill your nice clean bowl with salad, run your fingers along the bottom of the dish. Chances are you won't feel a completely smooth, plastic surface. True, the material the bowls are made of are soft enough to be scratched by forks, but take a closer look; chances are some of those "im-

## Nixon To Win

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Barcelona; Mike Jackson, Monaco II & Monaco I; Tommy Potthoff and Bry Loyd, all other off-campus areas, and Sharp—846-8237.

On-campus chairmen are Bonney Jean Mann, Krueger-Dunn; C. H. Long, Corps area; Jim Delony, Corps area; and Dave Su Ajda, civilian area.

Canvassing should be done by the end of the week and literature should be distributed by the middle of next week.

"We urge all students to vote and whoever they're working for, whether it's Nixon or McGovern, to get involved because it's for the good of the country as well as themselves," Sharp said.

When asked why he supported Nixon, Sharp answered: "I'm supporting him because I think he more adequately represents the beliefs and attitudes of this country, rather than his opponent."

"Although you can never have an ideal candidate, President Nixon has shown this nation much progress in many areas, including the ones outlined above.

"I have not seen sound or reasonable programs offered by his opponent. Instead I have seen policy fluctuations and negative rhetoric against the present administration and even against segments of his own party."

perfections" will turn out to be specks of food. Sterilized by the super hot water of the dishwashing machines, but they are specks of old food, just the same. Comfy nests for airborne bacteria to settle into.

I don't think the food service will change much because of this one letter. That's a pity. I feel that I shall just have to endure it till the time I move off campus and can poison myself by myself, to my own satisfaction.

Harry M. Itzkowitz  
★ ★ ★

**Editor:**  
Bill Thompson's recent letter concerning the bicycle vs pedestrian hassle is obviously the result of biased thinking. According to him, any mishap involving a bicycle and a pedestrian is totally the fault of the bicyclist. This is not true. Pedestrians are also responsible for the traffic problems on the sidewalks and malls. We have been involved in a bicycle-pedestrian accident in which the pedestrian was at fault. He apologized and there were no hurt feelings.

Furthermore, Bill Thompson's "solution" indicates he did not give the "bicycle problem" serious thought. How can he possibly conclude that only unregistered bicycles present a problem? Clearly, he has no way of supporting this statement.

We could go on all day tearing

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ing his "logic" apart, since there is very little logic to his thinking. It's this type of attitude that rarely produces any "practical solution" to any problem where.

Kathy Jo Hall

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