

Listen Up —

# The Issue Begins: Yell Leaders — Pro And Con

**Editor:**  
Cindy McLain writes that the idea of female yell leaders abhors her. I suspect she meant that she abhors the idea, but, anyway, her point is well taken. I, too, am disgusted by the thought of having a bunch of girls leading "Farmers Fight."

As a matter of fact, I am amazed that rational thinking people of any sex would want to utter such tripe. The A&M yells severely diminish the possibility of gaining respect from the other conference members for a team that already bears the burden of living down a nickname like the "Aggies."

Until all those ludicrous K-Y-L-E F-I-E-L-D-type things are scrapped, the chance of fielding any type of respectable yell team seems remote.

But to return to Miss McLain's original point—the co-ed opposition to female yell leaders. It's to be expected, I suppose. However, the type of exploitation and chauvinism that her attitude represents is disappearing in most

parts of the civilized world due to the equality-of-the-sexes movement. One would think that the female students, who are already thriving in their predominantly male environment, would not be so quick to begrudge us males a few chicks in short skirts to stand alongside those handsome fellas in Mr. Clean suits.

Perhaps they're merely afraid that the corps would be embarrassed at not being able to find any candidates agile enough to do back flips or strong enough to hoist 115 lbs. into the air after a touchdown. Out of this whole ridiculous yell-leader-cheerleader controversy only one thing seems certain: A&M would have to do a considerable amount of housecleaning before it would merit Hank Paine's suggested tag of "The University of Texas at College Station."

**Burt Cummings**  
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**Editor:**  
Female yell leaders is one of the best ideas I've heard of in quite a while. One of A&M's old-

est traditions of an all male university was broken some time ago. Let's face it, the girls are here to stay and they deserve an active part.

I realize that the freshman throwing the yell leaders in the fish pond after a win is another tradition. Well what is wrong with a female yell leader taking a little dip in the pond too? After all U.S. girls are quite good swimmers as evidenced by the '72 Olympics.

As far as visualizing five girls and five boys dressed in maroon and white uniforms leading any yell it would be okay with me. I would love to see five girls in short dresses leading yells, it would probably inspire me to yell louder!

Women students have come to A&M, and for that I am thankful. I love many of our old traditions, but I am open minded enough to want to see some new ones. We have some great looking chicks going to this university and it is time to shed the all male

appearance of yell leaders.

**Jerome Urbanosky '75**  
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**Editor:**  
We, as eight Maggies, are tired of being asked "Why did you come to A&M?". The question is sinister enough, but the look in the eyes of the questioner is something else.

We came to A&M because it is something special. No other school could have the total support of its student body to carry out the functions that A&M does. Imagine TU trying to hold Silver Taps. It would more than likely turn into something less than a riot.

The traditions of A&M are what makes this school unique. One such tradition is male yell leaders. We feel the word "male" should not even be omitted from the list of qualifications. There will always be those girls who would like to run for yell leader.

Who knows, in a couple of years they might even win. And what would follow such an innovation in the traditions of A&M? Women in the band, or, God for-

bid, a girls' Drill Team.

We are thankful that we are students of A&M now. Once changes such as these begin they are hard to stop and A&M becomes just another college like all other colleges across the nation.

**Elizabeth Allison Alice Holmes**  
**Becky Beardsley Brenda Lake**  
**Denise Drury Terry Naugle**  
**Kathy Graham Carolyn Shoaf**  
CLASS OF '76  
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**Editor:**

I've never been more upset after reading a paper than I am tonight after reading THE BATTALION. I am referring to the articles about considering female yell leaders for A&M.

I've always considered A&M to be different than any other school in the nation. It is built on tradition, the tradition of former students who now are more loyal to their school than any I have ever heard of. The money they send here, the love of the school, and their respect for anyone who has ever graduated from here is unequalled anywhere.

I've witnessed this since I was a kid because my father graduated in 1950. I believe we owe these former students something. I believe we have a duty we can be proud of: to carry on the traditions of these great former students.

I came to A&M because it was different than any other school. If you don't want a school that is proudly different, why not attend T.U.?

**L. G. Raun, Jr. '76**  
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**Editor:**  
Last Friday night I was privileged to attend the Town Hall concert given by 'Bread' and England Dan and John Coley. Note that there were two groups for this performance, as there usually are. Few members of the audience seemed to know.

I and others I have talked to since am quite embarrassed and somewhat perturbed at the display of crudeness and rudeness that most of the audience showed to England Dan and John Coley not to mention those members of the audience who wanted to hear

these performers.

Anyway, throughout their tire performance there was stant loud talking and walking around in the aisles. And towards the end of their performance some people would start to applaud every time music lowered in intensity. I wonder or not the song was a question, too, whether at the of their part of the show audience was clapping just cause it meant 'Bread' would next or because they enjoyed first group.

If groups continue to receive this sort of treatment, I'm afraid that word will get around. Booking agencies, managers, the groups themselves that audiences are not the best. It may get hard to find people that will be willing to perform here.

So come on Aggies, give and show a little respect to groups as well as to the audience. We have all come for the show and some of us want to hear it. **Pete Davis**

## Student Request For Sale Of Beer, Wine On UT-Austin Campus Is Felled By Regents

AUSTIN, (AP) — University of Texas Regents have turned down in effect, a request by students to permit the sale of beer and wine on the UT-Austin campus.

Regent Frank Ikard of Wichita Falls moved to support the student union's board of directors in their efforts to work out legal complications with the City of Austin and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

But the motion was tabled 5-3.

Voting for it, and thus against the sale of beer and wine on campus were Jenkins Garrett of Fort Worth, Dr. Joe T. Nelson of Weatherford, Dan Williams of Dallas, A. G. McNeese of Houston and chairman John Peace of San Antonio.

Voting against the motion and in favor of working out the legal difficulties were Ikard, Frank C. Erwin Jr. of Austin and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson of Stonewall.

Legal hurdles to campus sales of alcoholic beverages were an Austin city ordinance prohibiting the sale of beer, wine and liquor within 300 feet of a church or school and an ABC rule that liquor licenses must be in the name of private persons or businesses.

The student union is a non-profit corporation.

Erwin said allowing a business to run a concession on campus would be a dangerous precedent for the regents to set, but was in favor of trying to solve the legal problems.

Steve Van, a former student union president, said funds from the sale of beer and wine would help upgrade union services.

"Students are spending the money anyway," said Van. "What I'm saying is I want the union to keep the money and use it to increase services."

Garrett said selling liquor on campus would ultimately put UT in the "police business."

"It's not a moral issue to me. We're getting into the beer business and that has all the problems of being in the beer business. It's being administered by an educational institution does not minimize the problems," Garrett said.

Van said he hoped the matter would come before the regents again when the legal questions are answered.

Peace said, however, the vote "clearly indicates the majority of the Board of Regents is against the University going into the beer or wine business or to permit a beer or wine operation on the University campus."

### CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"If only we could have made the big push during th' first 2 minutes instead of th' last 2 minutes . . ."

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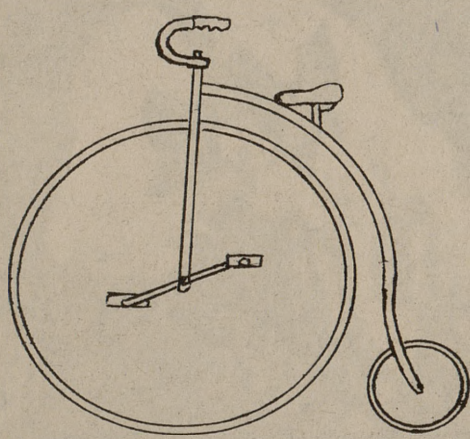
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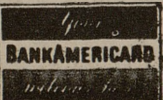
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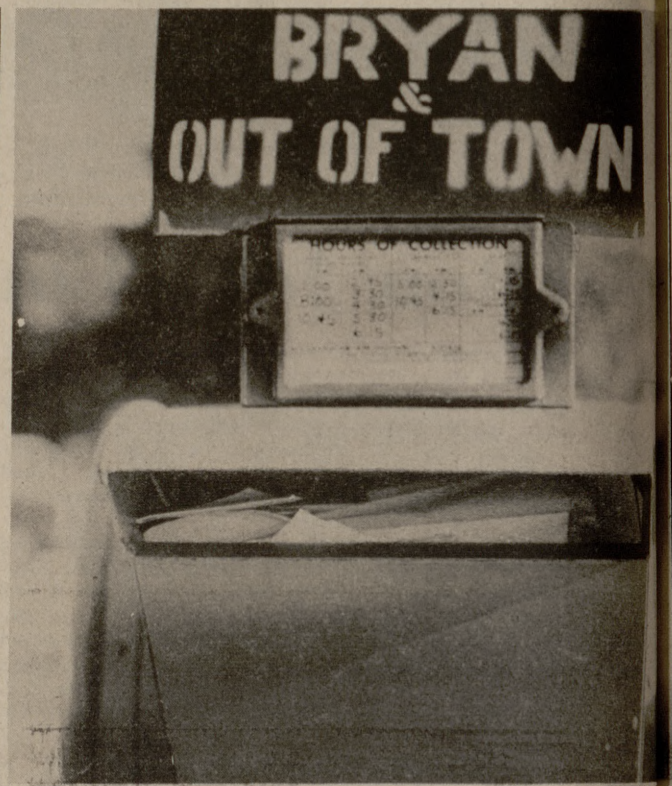
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