

Listen Up —

Aggie 'Mom' Thanks Ags For Good Year

Editor: I want to congratulate Mrs. Marjorie Ramage, "Aggie Mother of the Year 1973-74," and wish for her all the happiness that has been mine for the past year.

There is really no way to say "thank you" and express my love and appreciation to the hundreds of Aggies that have done so much to make this year so perfect and beautiful.

I can never repay the Corps of Cadets for its kindness since I came to College Station and for the love and care they have given me throughout the year. From Kyle Field and G. Rollie — to Nebraska, LSU, New Orleans to Baylor, SMU, TU and back to College Station, no one has had a better time or more fun than I have. I loved eating in Duncan.

I wish to especially thank Alpha Phi Omega for making possible the trip to Nebraska. Also T/Sgt. Nicholas A. Bukis has given transportation and been my escort on many occasions and my sincere appreciation to him not only for myself but for all he has done for Texas A&M.

To Dr. Jack K. Williams, Col. Thomas R. Parsons, Col. Robert F. Crossland and other Officers in the M.S. Department — to the Association of Former Students, the Student Government — the Athletic Department — coaches and athletes — to my girls, my vets, the faculty, my Aggies since '67 and everyone on this campus that I know and love, please accept the thanks I feel so inadequate in being able to express.

A&M is known for its pride,

its spirit and its love and I thank God for the privilege of being here with my Aggies.

Ruth Hunt

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Editor: I attended the muster ceremony held at G. Rollie White Coliseum last weekend, and while there I observed something that bothered me a great deal.

What I am referring to is the manner in which the Ross Volunteers fired their 21-gun salute. I have attended several musters on this campus and I am convinced that muster should be constructed about one thing only, and that is the roll call for the absent. Speeches are not out of line with this, but muster is definitely not a showcase for the RV's!

In the first place, firing a 21-gun salute inside a building is not only unorthodox, it is un-military. Firing the salute outside of G. Rollie White (as has been done in the past) is perfectly adequate, and I believe much more appropriate.

While I am on the subject, I also want to mention the so-called 21-gun salute that was fired (also inside) at President Johnson's Memorial Service. In this debacle one man fell out, and another cadet (in the appropriate uniform) continued to take pictures, while only 20 guns were fired in salute. I think it is high time the RV's get down to brass tacks and start accomplishing their mission instead of engaging in amateurish productions.

After all, it is the purpose of the RV firing squad to fire 21

guns. Period. Muster should remain a simple, dignified ceremony, and not be allowed to turn into a circus.

Douglas Corey '69

Three corrections to your letter:

- 1. Fidel Rodriguez fired two guns at the same time,
2. The significance of the salute is the three volleys fired, and,
3. The administration suggested the indoor salute to avoid chances of inclement weather.

—Ed.

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Editor: This past Saturday it was my privilege to witness the immeasurable and boundless reaches of Aggie tradition and brotherhood. As I was planning to be away for the weekend and therefore was going to miss Muster at TAMU,

I arranged to go to one with a group of older Ags in Fairfield. I had never been to a Muster before and was not quite sure of what to expect from a group of men who had attended TAMU in the peak of its O! Army days. I found upon arriving that my anxieties were quite uncalled for and had quite a good time relating of the many changed aspect of the campus.

The thing that pleased me most to learn was that these hard notched, old Ags were not daunted by the growth of the non-reg./C.T. ratio or any of the other changes which many a Corps fanatic would have considered adverse, and they support their school with unhesitating vigor and spirit now as they ever did. They were not interested in the physical aspects of the growth of the student body but the mental aspects and as usual were thrilled with the fantastic physical growth of A&M.

To make my point clear, as long as there are Aggies who are grateful to TAMU for its priceless gifts, and as long as there are Aggies who are proud they are Aggies, whether they be civilian, C.T., or coed, then TAMU will always be a leader of schools. Aggie Muster is just one of the many traditions which contribute to this leader of school's uniqueness.

Hank Maddux '76

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Editor: I would like to reply to the letters from Karen Banks and Suzanne Hitt.

Last night I spent many hours in intense apprehension of what would happen to the no-doubt, superior minds of Hitt and Banks as they organize their forces against the overwhelming "stifling" students. I, for one, am very sorry that the students of A&M act to "dilute the people who are searching for some satisfaction of their intellect and aesthetic needs and desires." No doubt the lofty intellects of Banks and Hitt will be needed for the cultural enlightenment of the "safe, conservative, and mechanical" masses.

However, I object to having the stereotyped image of one who doesn't "read books, exchange ideas, or communicate with oth-

ers" placed upon me. As well, I think it unfair to judge coeds as "shallow, giggly girls." Of course, I do doubt that either Banks or Hitt will condescend to noticing my letter. However, I feel that in the interest of equal time it should be noted that there are also a few pseudo-intellectuals on campus.

Ben Downs

Mohamed A. Ibrahim '73

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Editor: Mr. Robert C. Bard's letter, The Battalion 4/24, deserves an answer. He is told that the "refusal" of the Arab states to resettle the Palestinian refugees is the cause of the existence of the refugee problem, a twisted logic. Was he ever told of how the Palestinians were mysteriously transformed into refugees? Does he really believe that the Palestinians want to be resettled and forget about their home? Is he aware of the right of nations to self-determination? Would the Arab states be ethically or morally justified in forcing the Palestinians to be resettled against their will? I am answering him by some

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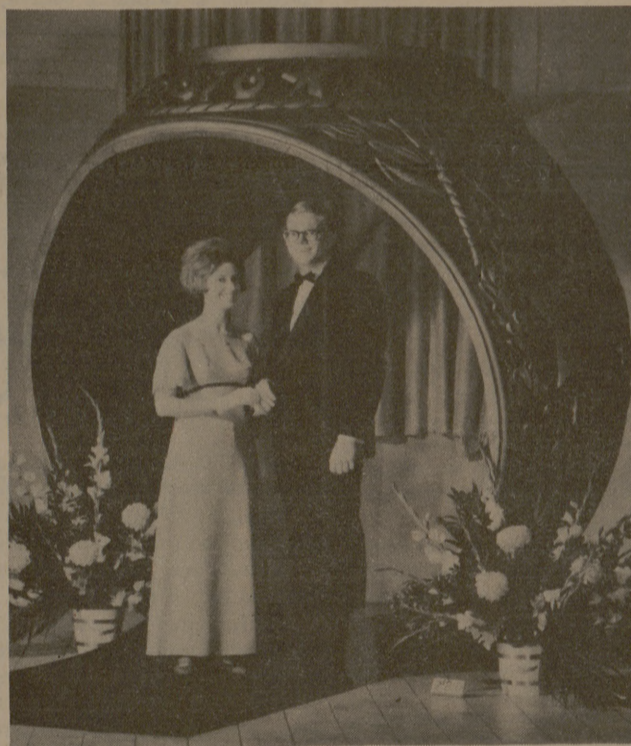
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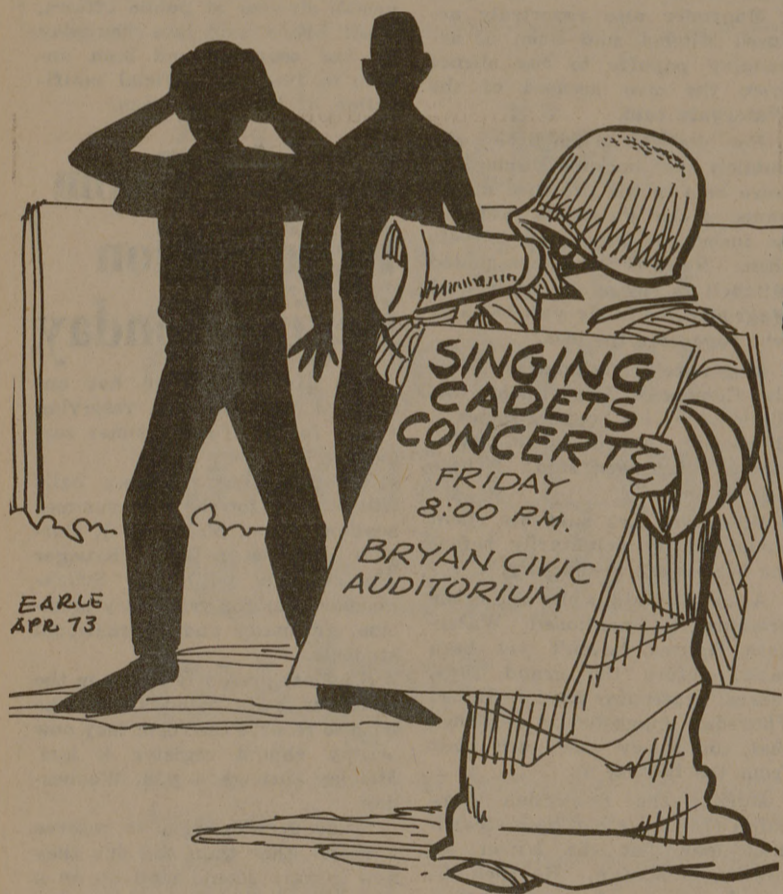
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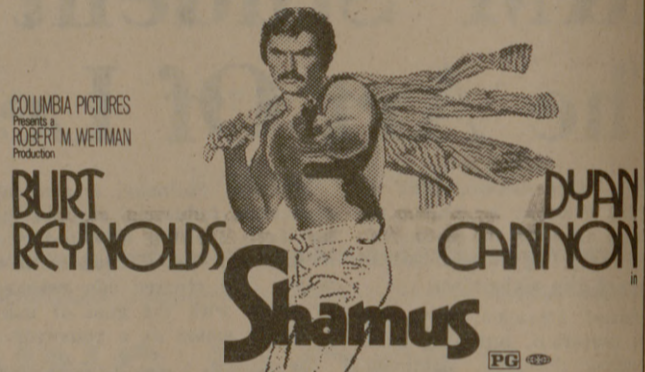


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