

Listen up

Challenge issued to W-1

Editor:
Concerning Lt. Holzmann's remarks about W-1 in the Nov. 8 Batt: I never heard anything so preposterous in my life.
The main point of dispute is the statement that "Girls do everything the men do." What a joke! I doubt very strongly if her darlings could do their class number of pushups, or run a Bloody Cross, or anything else that I did along with countless others as a fish in 1972-73. I also

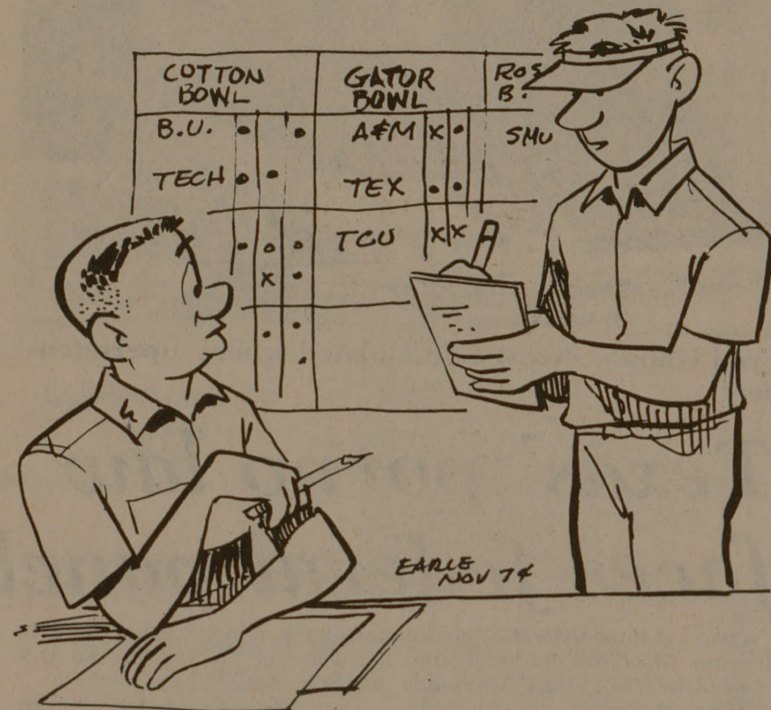
doubt if one of them could take the mental and psychological duress that male fish undergo twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Five minutes with a sharp sophomore would send half of W-1 running home, crying to momma.
I don't know where the figures come from ("20 per cent of the men do not understand why women are in the corps"), but everyone I've talked to understands the legal complications that would have ac-

panied the exclusion of women. A law suit would kill the Corps as we know it now, so W-1 was the lesser of two evils. However, most men in the Corps are opposed to the concept of a women's detachment, as are many civilians and Maggies.
The unit lacks discipline, unity, and esprit de corps, which are essential factors in the development of any military organization. I will continue to oppose W-1 until I see some signs that the Waggies can do what the fish in my company can do.
Okay, girls, you heard it. Now get it all together and quad me! Then we'll talk.

A&M and its traditions and memorials stand for America and its history, as we do, so let's stand for A&M and its traditions and memorials.
Colleen Moore

Slouch

Jim Earle



"There's one other possibility that might occur. That is that both A&M and Texas would be invited to the Gator Bowl, in which case, each would play one half of the game against the host team!"

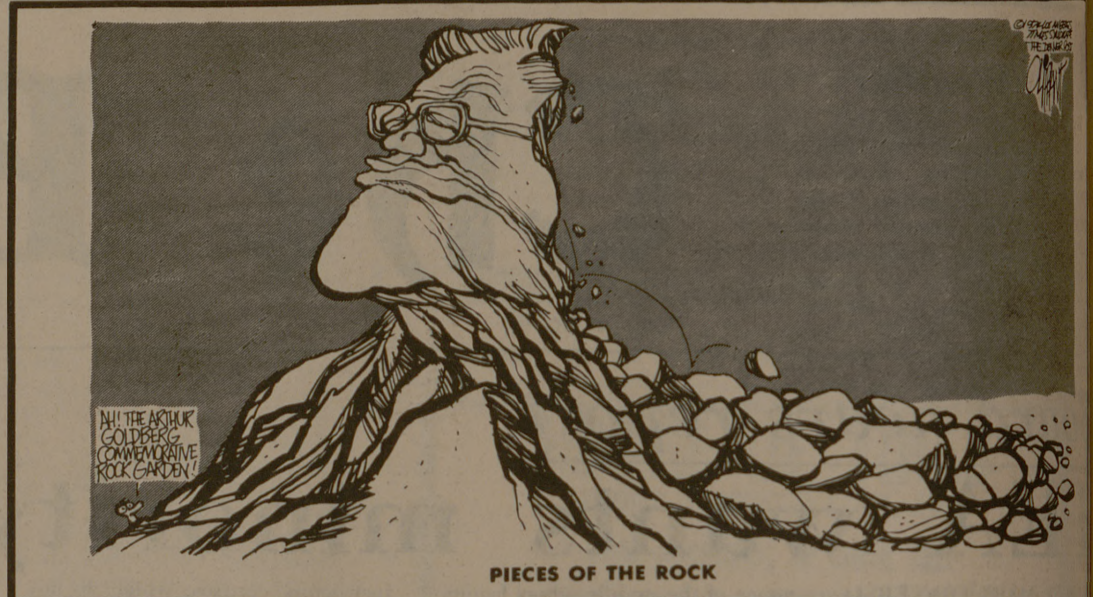
John J. Vanore '76

Show respect

Editor:
In response to all that disagree with respect to the purpose of memorials and "hats off."
A grave is a memorial. How would you like it if someone walked or urinated on your mother or father's grave? Would that show respect? Hell no! Would you care? God, I hope so!
Well, there are some that care about the memorials and many have relatives associated with the memorials at TAMU. Why not show respect? It doesn't hurt and may in fact help understanding and appreciating traditions here.
I was stopped and asked not to walk on the memorial ground near the Corps area. I was ignorant that it was a memorial and was appreciative that I had been told.
Most memorials at A&M are in honor of those who have died for our country, in order to save it and us. Because of their protection, we are free to pursue an education. Let us be thankful and show respect.

Vanity shown
Editor:
In response to Eddie Mee's letter concerning the hats-off policy in the MSC, I have a few criticisms to make.
A tradition does not justify itself. Taking your hat off in the MSC merely a gross disrespect for those who died in war. Respect does not issue out of time-honored and many traditions, rather its source is from the heart and mind. There should be no need for signs, customs, or coercion by senior c.t.s. If one is moved to respect, then he should have the freedom to show it in a way most meaningful to himself. A prescribed custom persists for its own sake.
Following tradition for the sake of tradition often reduces it to a meaningless habit. This is obvious in Mee's letter by his alienation from the basis of the hats-off policy. His primary concern was to preserve a tradition and feel pride in A&M. Contrarily, the hats-off policy is not based in tradition but, rather, respect. There is no reflection of this in Mee's letter.
Tradition does not justify itself, and it does not stand for uniqueness. It must have depth. Otherwise, it is vanity.
Richard Galloway

With these letters the Battalion will discontinue letters on the hats off policy of the MSC. The topic has been covered and any further comment would be duplication.—Ed.



PIECES OF THE ROCK

MSC costs

Editor:
Well, you finally printed something about the MSC that was really useful: how much the thing cost. Hats off to you (not to offend those who wish to command respect).
As full time students we shell out to almost no end, to fees, funds, services and all sorts of assorted crap. It's about time we found out where some of the bread from our money tree goes.
Suggestions, especially in your line of work, are easy to come by, but here's one from an amateur. How about printing an article on a regular basis explaining how much the "improvements" on campus are costing us, both in the short and long run. A little info on exactly where the leaves go and why, might help us to understand our university and maybe see the "big picture" a lot better.
I personally have always wondered how many there are in the "ADMINISTRATION", who they are and how much they get paid to

do their job on us. More specifically, Uncle Fred Dollar (known as Chuckles to those of us in the know). Just who are the Assistants to and the Associate Directors of Student Services.
Who knows, maybe you'll plant the seed that'll grow the family tree of the "ADMINISTRATION". And maybe a few leaves will get pulled from it.
John H. Fincannon '75

The amounts of salaries of all university staff and faculty members are available upon request at the Reserved Reading Room in the library.—Ed.

RAs backed

Editor:
I am writing this after reading Susan Whitaker's letter (Gestapo RAs, Nov. 7) so that I will take some action and not let this pass.
I have for some time considered the function of both RAs and dorm judicial boards to be misinterpreted by many. RAs are employees of the university. It is not a job that is easy to get.
To insure that there is some kind

of order, rules are set down. The rules were not made arbitrarily by the RAs. They were written by dorm councils and approved by residents. Every resident is formed of these rules at the beginning of each semester and as adults are expected to follow them. If there are violations of the regulations the girl may be sent down the J Board. The J Board is appointed by the dorm council (the residents elect). In my experience with the J Board I have never known any girl who violated a rule to be slashed, strangled, or anything else. On the contrary, the J Board function is not only to interpret the rules, but to help the girls live with them.
J Boards, like the regulations were not created to deprive persons of their rights but to help others from infringing upon them. However, if you don't feel the privileges of dorm life are a fair change for the responsibilities that are approximately 1,500 girls waiting for on-campus housing.
Mary Ellen Mar...
Sherril...
and the four other members of...
Keathley Hall J Bo...

Prisoner asks students for support

The Battalion often receives correspondence which does not directly concern students but which the editor feels students may find interesting and enlightening.
Following is a letter from an inmate at a Federal Correctional Institution in San Pedro, Calif. along with a letter from the warden. The inmate's letter and the warden's

letter were enclosed in an official envelope from the United States Department of Justice.
We have learned that a prisoner has a better chance of being granted parole if he shows that he has made an effort to establish contact with the "outside world."
—Ed.

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Jack H. Wise
Warden

Editor:
Hi, I'm a federal prisoner. Have been for four years. Am a nice guy. Will see parole board early next month.
My request: brief notes of moral support.
Merry Christmas.
John J. Desmond
Box 7, Terminal Island
San Pedro, California 90731

Your Man at Batt

By WILL ANDERSON

Charles Hethcoat's complaint in Listen up that he had been overcharged in Peniston Cafeteria (High bananas, Nov. 13) has no clear answer.
When the Director of Food Services, Col. Fred Dollar, read your letter, he began his own investigation. He said that since all food on campus really comes from the same kitchen, prices are the same at all cafeterias. The 35 cents you paid for the banana at Peniston is the correct price.
No one in the Krueger-Dunn Dining area could explain the low price of the first piece of fruit you bought and Col. Dollar assumes it was just another mistake.
Spectators of the Rice game may have noticed the bare fiberglass seats are still unpainted.
The Nov. 6 Batt reported hopes of having the seats coated before the Rice game because the fiberglass splinters caused irritation to spectators.
Wallace C. Groff, athletic business manager, said the project was tied up in contracting. It is planned to have the seats ready for next year's season, he said.

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HOW CAN I HELP BUT LIKE IT? JUST THINK! MY OWN SPECIAL SKATING DRESS! WOW!

MAYBE IT'LL LOOK BETTER AFTER I GET THE SEQUINS SEWED ON, SIR.

MARCIE! THIS IS THE WORST SKATING DRESS I'VE EVER SEEN!

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HOW CAN I SKATE IN A DRESS LIKE THIS? I'LL BE THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE WHOLE COMPETITION!!

IF YOU WILL RECALL, SIR, I TOLD YOU I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO SEW...

I THINK I'M GOING TO CRY... I CAN FEEL THE TEARS FORMING IN MY STOMACH!