

Listen up

Winning season noted

Editor: Ever since I got back from Austin I have heard nothing but gripes about the 1974 Fightin' Texas Aggie football team. We just finished our best season in 18 years. How soon people forget.
Granted, the game Friday was a disappointment but it wasn't T.U. that "slapped" the Cotton Bowl out

of the Aggies' hands (Aggie tires of waiting; Listen up, Dec. 5); it was SMU.
A victory over the Mustangs would have given the Aggies the Cotton Bowl two weeks before they went to Austin, but that's all behind us now. What's not behind us is the credit Coach Bellard, his staff and players should be getting for having

one hell of a football season.
Finally, for Steven Gilbert, the writer of "Aggie tires of waiting," and anyone else for that matter, if you are tired of supporting the Aggies, please quit.
I would hate to have you sit through any more disappointing 8-3 seasons.

And to the crooks who stole guns you better thank God you didn't walk out of the building with a loaded .357 Magnum in the glove compartment that you didn't get Trent Latham.

Your Man at Batt
By WILL ANDERSON

The answer to Alan Brown's and Mike Cogwin's question (see Listen up) was provided by Dr. John J. Koldus, vice president for student services.

When a state university begins and ends its terms is approximately determined by the state legislature, Koldus said. The university is also told its number of holidays and complete jurisdiction on their distribution.

TAMU uses all the days off it is allowed by the legislature, he said. They are approved by the Board of Directors. It is generally preferred to have as many of the days off as possible for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's and Spring Break.

Koldus noted that a state university has no required number of days that it must be in session, so any missed class days do not have to be made up.

Thus, Labor Day is just another school day whether a day off is given for bonfire or not.

This answer is for John Welch (see Listen up) and any other left-handed students on this campus.

The explanation for the shortage of desks for left-handed students was given by Wesley Donaldson, director of purchasing and stores.

"To the best of my memory, the percentage of left-handed students is typically around 5 percent," he said. Left-handed desks were suggested once during a renovation, he said, but the consensus was that their installation would cause more problems than it would solve.

"Just because 5 percent of the students are left-handed, it doesn't mean that every class would be 5 percent left-handed," Donaldson said.

He said right-handed students would often be forced to sit in left handed desks. By the time a left-handed student gets to college, chances are he has adjusted to right-handed desks. A right-hander, however, would be faced with a new problem with no time allowed to get used to it.

Dr. Charles E. McCandless, director of academic planning and services, said attaining left-handed desks does not present a problem.

"I can't believe they wouldn't be provided if there was a need demonstrated for them," he said.

Dr. McCandless said he thought a request for desks should go to Donaldson's office and that Gen. Alvin R. Lueddecke, executive vice president of plants and grounds, would have to endorse the request.

Stolen guns

Editor: Yesterday afternoon (Dec. 5) between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., I had two guns stolen out of the cab of my pickup. One was a .300 Weatherby Magnum Rifle and the other a Remington 1100-12 gauge shotgun.
My truck was parked at the side of the Petroleum Engineering Building just up the street from Zachry Engineering Center. The truck is a white '71 GMC with a small camper on back. The camper has a black boat rack on top. The truck has Alaska license plates.

If anyone happened to be walking by at that time and saw anything that looked like someone taking the guns I would appreciate it if you would let me know. I can be reached at 845-2241 during the week days and 693-3573 in the evenings and on weekends.

Lefties stand

Editor: Why, in all of A&M, especially the new features like the Harrison Center are there no left-handed desks? Such things do exist.

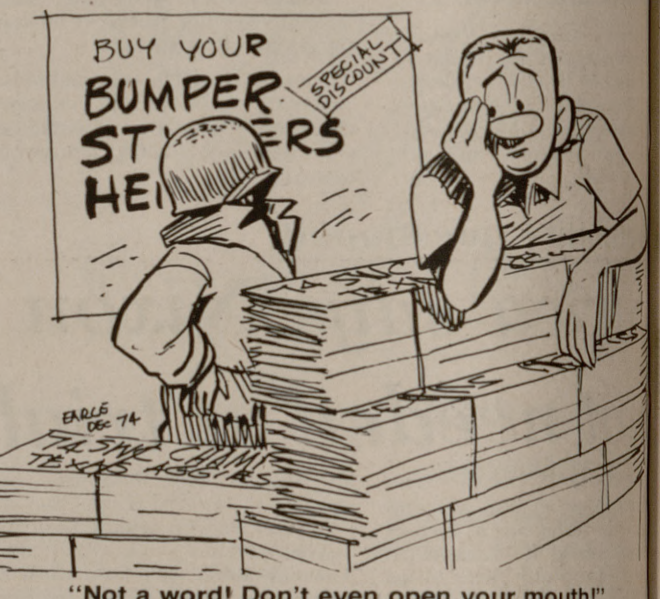
In the colleges where I have been, they are usually placed on the left side next to the aisle on one side so as not to bother the right-handed students.

I have English in the Academic building and it is impossible to get a 500 word theme at those desks.
John Welch

Old adage

Editor: In reply to Douglas E. Gery's problem of trying to figure out whether or not our school is the best (Traditions plague A&M; Listen up, Dec. 3), I would just like to remind him of an old adage:
"Highway 6 Runs Both Ways"
Wayne C. O...

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Jim Earle

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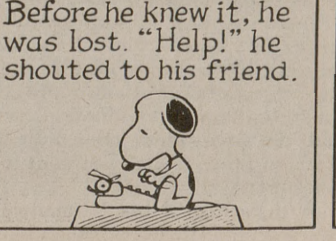
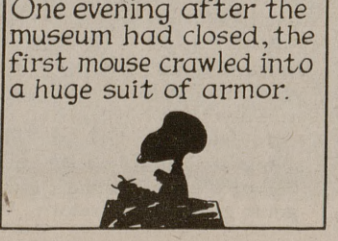
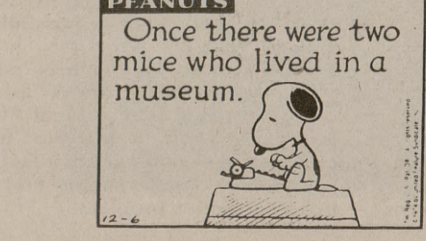
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