

Listen Up

Concert tickets?
Ol' Rev...

Editor:
I am a lover of music, and Blood Sweat and Tears has always held a dear spot in my heart. It's too bad, really, that myself and hundreds of other poor saps won't get to go to the concert unless we lay out four bucks for reserved seat tickets.

It's also really unfortunate that so many thousands of other lucky jerks will get to see the concert free. What's more, it is really sad that the reason that I don't get to go like those other students is because all the tickets were given out before I could get one.

It's damned unfortunate that I couldn't get over to the programs office sooner because of my academic schedule that allows absolutely no free time the first three days in any given week.

May I suggest that in the future they pass out a given number of tickets each day so that dudes like me will have an equal chance of fighting for a ticket to the concert?
Lee Thomas

Endzone seats

Editor:
When I saw my football tickets today, my worries were over about the new ticket distribution system. Now that I'm a senior, I finally get to sit in the endzone again, just like my freshman year. After two years of suffering through 10, 20 and even 25 yard line tickets, my faith was confirmed in the Aggie system. I don't know whether to thank the Student Senate, the Athletic Department, or the helpful lady at the window for my good fortune of being able to set in the endzone during my senior year, so thanks to everyone.
Russell Hamley

Editor:
I am a fifth year senior this semester and it feels really good to be "back home." The ceremonies and memorial yell practice have just been completed for Reveille III and I daresay that each student who attended could not call such an activity a "morbid spectacle!" Since Reveille III became the school mascot, A&M has seen many changes occur. One who has observed more changes than any of us, Reveille III will now rest near the archway into Kyle Field.

The Aggie mascot has done as much as any one tradition here at A&M to unite the student body. She signifies the qualities that each Aggie should strive for during his life. Let us treat our mascot with a little more respect from now on and let her be a reminder to us to show a little more respect and friendliness to our fellow students.
Steven D. Roper

SLOUCH By JIM EARLE



"What I miss about home games is not getting to leave early!"

'Gold rush' no rush at all

Associated Press
It was as if a great gong were struck and gave off no sound, or some fireworks were lofted into the sky and no bursting kaleidoscope showered down.

The "great gold rush of 1975" turned out to be a creep, said an important gold dealer. There was no rush, no eagerness to own the precious metal that in bullion form had been banned to Americans for 41 years.

Associated Press Business Analysis

Rescinding of that ban last Dec. 31 was accompanied by great excitement and expectations of a rush to gold dealers. Many had expected people even would draw money from savings accounts to buy gold. Hucksters forecast big price rises.

The peak price, around \$190 an ounce, was reached just about the time the public was permitted to buy bullion, which is the metal in its rather plain, unfabricated, bar or wafer forms. The price this week was around \$150. Some boom! What killed the gold boom?

Herbert Coine and Irwin Shiske, vice presidents of J. Aron & Co., an old-line merchant banking firm which puts industrial and commercial buyers and sellers together — they are more or less disinterested observers of retail markets — gives this assessment:

There was a lack of tradition of gold ownership in the United States. Americans apparently are unlike Europeans, who tend to place great faith in the ability of gold to retain its value during inflation or collapse.

But even before the lifting on the ban on bullion, Americans were permitted to own certain gold coins. Many smart people already had satisfied their longing for gold by purchasing these coins. They didn't have to wait until Dec. 31.

Thirdly, the price of gold kept rising, and Americans are wary of buying items on the rise. Sometimes they might conclude that prices, though high, might continue rising. This time they didn't think so. They were correct.

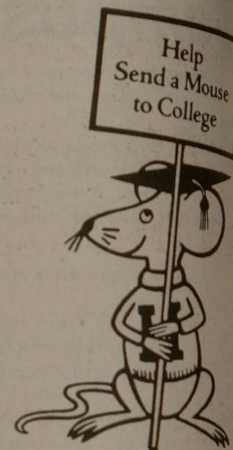
Finally, there were too many "anxiety elements" to owning gold. "There was a carnival atmosphere, a feeling that flamboyant operators would bilk the public." There was a fear of financially weak dealers going bankrupt.

There were fears also that bars of alloys would be plated to look like gold, and there were fears that some dealers would make extraordinary profits.

Finally, they said, Americans became aware of the difficulties and

costs in returning gold bars to market. They realized that gold wasn't always negotiable. They eventually realized they would have to pay \$25 to \$50 an ounce to obtain an assay prior to sale.

"The media did a great service to the public in pointing out the drawbacks, by pointing out that gold bars were not a panacea that prices go down and up."



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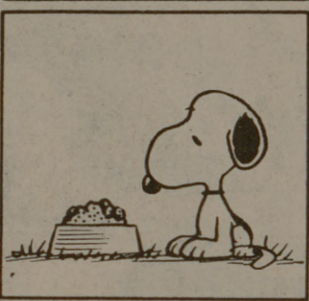
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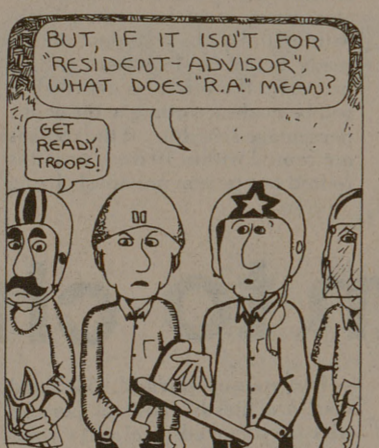
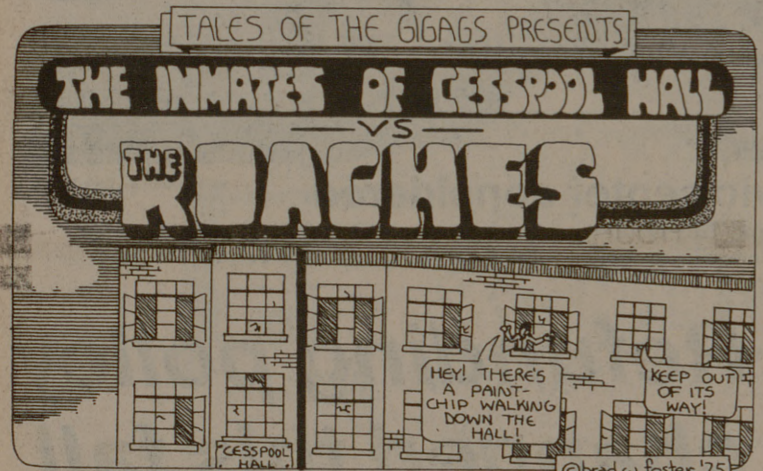
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