

Fish object to 'protect-the-campusitis' story

Editor:
As freshmen at A&M, we have no knowledge of how guarding was carried out in the past. However, having been involved in guarding this year, more or less in the capacity of observers, we wish to object to some of the statements made in Wednesday's "Protect-the-campusitis" article.

The people with C.B.s, working in conjunction with the K.K.s, are not protecting the campus to preserve their "884 -a-semester building love," nor are they out because they love the sight of blood, nor are they out for a super-great-fun-time. We are proud of this campus, we would prefer not to have Sully or the Systems Building graced with a rainbow of paints, nor do we want Reveille III dug up and dragged through town behind someone's car. As for the violence,

the C.B.ers are well aware that there are many people from other universities staying with friends at A&M who want only to cheer on their team and see our campus. No one is hassled unless they are acting suspiciously, at which time they are asked for their I.D.s or the K.K.s are notified. We would be happy to fork out our I.D.s to anyone attempting to protect the campus, and cannot understand how any Aggie could resent being asked for his I.D. if it will in any way help save our campus from being vandalized. If anyone really thinks that guarding the campus is a recreational pastime, go out and ask if anybody with a C.B. needs a shotgun, i.e. someone to ride with them and keep them awake, and see how you feel at four a.m.-the fifth night in a row on an aggregate of nine hours sleep.

We feel that everybody who practically killed themselves with "protect-the-campusitis" did a great job. They're a dedicated, hard working group of 100%ers, and they deserve a vote of thanks, not the kick they received in the form of a somewhat hostile article.

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Tradition

Editor:
I am just a sophomore here at Texas A&M, but I've been here long enough to see a lot of changes brought to A&M and the corps of cadets in particular, most of which seem to have brought nothing but disgrace to this university. We talk about how that school across the

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Friday afternoon for the first time in 9 years the Aggies beat t.u.; and what happens to Aggie Tradition? It is set aside for "higher learning" and classes are scheduled for Monday, whether we win or get out-scored. Most Aggies I talked to were pretty burned when they found out classes were to be held and cried, "It's 'tradition' to have Monday off."

I must admit that's pretty poor, Ags; but here is one that tops that.

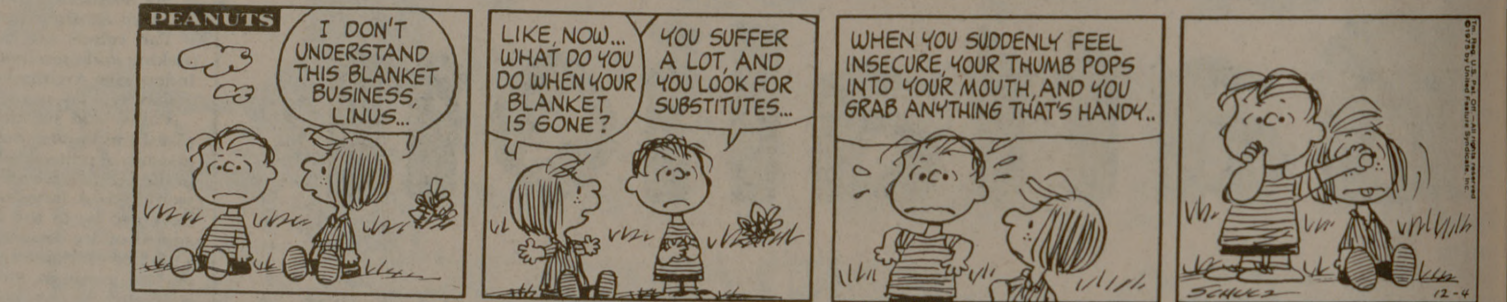
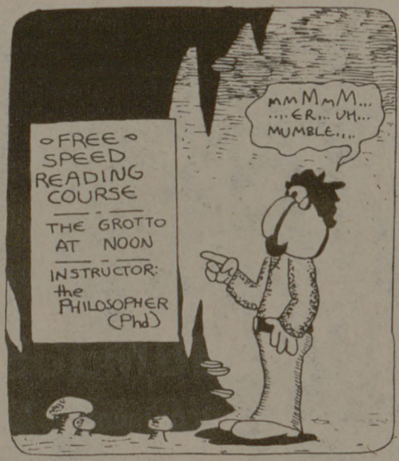
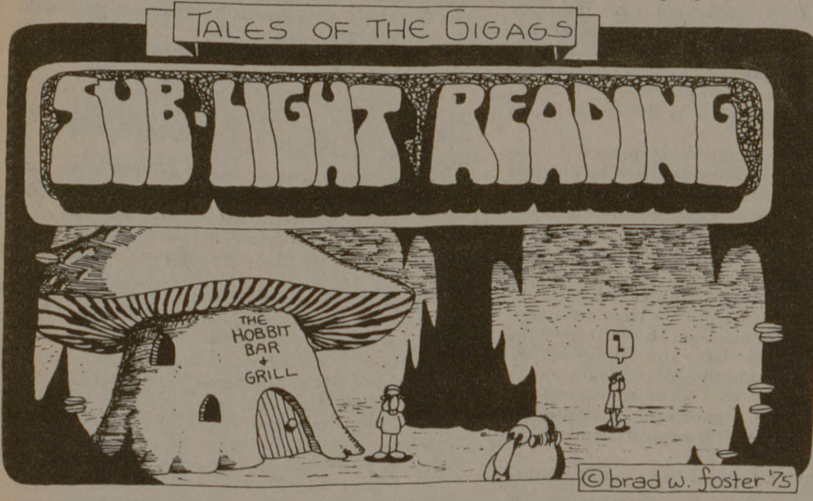
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What I'm trying to say, Aggie, don't gripe because one tradition that benefits you personally is being taken from you and in the same breath you gripe another Aggie of his rights and tradition. To hell with all that talk of A&M No. 1 in number, let's get A&M back on the track and number one in spirit, pride and tradition.

Tuesday night Silver Taps was held for a fellow Aggie. (Did you even know it?) Twenty thousand out of 25,000 students (80 per cent) attended the t.u. game, but only about 1,000 students (4 per cent) attended the Silver Taps Ceremony. This was pretty poor, but what made it worse was the majority of the dorms off the Quad didn't even have the decency to turn off their lights (including Christmas lights) or at least make an

attempt to cover them.

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