

Student objects to 'roach clip' advertisement

Editor: Since when did The Battalion, a school publication many of us Aggies are proud of, decide to allow such drug abuse-inclined advertising as the advertisement by the High Products Co. in the Dec. 10 edition on page 8?

This ad displayed a Gold Fingers® 24 karat gold electroplated clip. Just about anyone, including The Battalion staff, would recognize this as being a "roach clip" which is used when smoking marijuana. I feel as though the advertising department could round up a little more respectable advertising than this.

Remember that though many people do abuse drugs and smoke marijuana, both practices are illegal and thus should not be encouraged by such publications.

John Hickox

Goals wrong

Editor: I was absolutely shocked by the letter from Mark Lloyd which appeared in the Dec. 4 Battalion. It also confirmed my growing suspicions about the goals of many Aggies. Mr. Lloyd was angered by the fact that A&M tradition had been "set aside for higher learning" by scheduling classes on Dec. 1.

I too would have enjoyed an extra day of celebration and relaxation, but after all, isn't this an "institution of higher learning"? I enrolled in A&M with the mistaken impression that people came here primarily to pursue a particular field of study. Certainly this is true of the majority, but many are more concerned with developing skills in drinking, shouting, and various other types of time-wasting activities.

Undoubtedly there must be enjoyable diversions in every student's life, but when these pursuits are considered more important than the greatest tradition, namely learning, it is time, not to re-evaluate "spirit, pride and tradition" but rather to re-evaluate goals of education.

Judy Wyatt

Critic slammed

Editor: This letter is addressed to at least one narrow-minded critic who reviewed the Linda Ronstadt concert in the Dec. 2 Battalion. I, along with

everyone I have talked to, thoroughly enjoyed the concert and was well pleased with the performance of one of the most talented young vocalists around.

As a musician, I can understand the lack of "rapport" shown by Ms. Ronstadt. It is hard enough to get up in front of people and display your talents without worrying about carrying on a conversation. If you don't believe me, try it some time. Mr. Vanore obviously doesn't understand this and shows that his favorite musician is not Linda.

As for sitting on the U.T., not t.u., side at the game, Oklahoma City is a long way from here. I'd like to know where Mr. Vanore sat at the game. I'd be willing to bet that he sat wherever he was able to get tickets.

I can now understand why so many musicians cancel. They have lost out before they ever get there.

Glenn Hoffmann

Former fan

Editor: My heart goes out to Emory Bellard and the great defensive football team assembled at A&M this season, as well as the many loyal fans who suffered each time the offense took the field; for they, like last year, were the true Aggie jokes. I have been a former student for several months, and am now a former A&M football fan. This letter closes now to allow more room for those who will expound upon the great season just completed. Yes, in less than a month, Next Year Will Be Here!

Hurst S. Barbee

News biased

Editor: This note refers to your Wednesday, Dec. 3, page one title of "Student Volunteers to Distribute Prof Evaluation Forms." The article was evidently written or edited by a staff writer obviously biased against the possible expense of professor evaluations.

Phrases such as "program has already cost", "If The Battalion will not print", and "far too late to be used by students" are biased when added to news.

If these are not biased, it is a prime example of sloppy reporting or editing. If it was not editing, why was it printed without the name of the writer?

As an opinion on the use of a minute percentage of student service fees for this project, I feel certain that I will benefit from it. When I choose my professors for next fall, they will be of the quality I desire and not because the computer happened to regurgitate a workable schedule on its own.

Stan Stanfield

'Crybabies'

Editor: There comes a time when real Aggies get fed up with the crybaby attitude of some, as pictured in your Battalion column of Wednesday, Dec. 10.

I realize that there are a lot of Aggie supporters who have backed the Aggies longer than I. But, then there are damn few of them. I have backed the Aggies since the days of Joel Hunt, and before. There have been years when I died a little on almost any given Saturday. And there have been times when I felt 10 feet tall because of Aggie victories. Every time that an Aggie team goes on the field I feel proud, and regardless of the outcome of the game in question I still am proud of the Aggies and am not ashamed of it.

But these 2 percenters who brag of being an Aggie backer for 15 years, and in the next breath say they are switching their support elsewhere — they make me gag. And there is only one thing I can say to them: To hell with you — the Aggies are better off with your kind in someone else's backyard.

And the same goes for those who listen to that crap relating to "last year's here" and/or "Sky High."

There is a hell of a lot more I could say about the 2 percenters and fair weather fans before my craw would be empty. But let me switch to the positive side — and although the biggest part of it will be wasted on the cry-babies, here are just a few of the things which should be said:

In Emory Bellard and the staff he has assembled A&M, has one of the best coaching staffs in the country. For the first time in 25 years the Aggies have put together back-to-back winning seasons. And 10-1 seasons don't come easy. I can recall, in the not too distant past when the victories of three or four seasons would have to be combined to equal the sum of 10. Hopefully, Bellard's

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Bunch will fashion more of those 10-1 or 11-0 seasons. But if they don't it won't dim my regard and respect of entire Aggie coaching staff.

I'll have to admit that a three-way tie for the conference championship falls a little short of an undisputed

championship, but in these days of high-powered offense it is an accomplishment which all true Aggies can take pride.

For the past four years I have had more thrills given me by the Aggies of the Class of '76 than I can recollect in any other comparable span of time. There have been heartaches too, but overriding those have been the performance of the first group

that Coach Bellard recruited. There is no way I, or anyone else watching or listening to the game, could experience the agony of defeat or the joy of victory that was shared by the players on the field. But in my own small way I reflected every emotion that they had in all the game they participated in during these past four years. And I hasten to add that I'll continue to reflect the emotions of

future Aggie teams. I have no idea how you will dispose of this letter. You may use all or part of it for your paper if you wish. But there is one thing I wish you would do. I would like for you to give the original or a copy of it to Coach Bellard, his staff and the 1975-76 incoming Texas Aggies. Gig 'em, Aggies. Eugene Bryan



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