

# Opinion/Commentary/Letters

## Destroying banner is good bull?

**Editor:**  
I told my father, Class of '52, about the stealing of the Fraternity sign Saturday, and he thought it was great! It reminded him of the old Army tradition, that *SOME* of us still keep, of stealing outfit and dorm banners that are not properly protected by their freshmen and upperclassmen. The only reason that there were more of "us" than "them" is because they probably had all left the stadium before another old Ag tradition — post-game yell practice, and the ones who show the spirit are not the few that hang up signs, but the many who stay and yell for the Aggies — WIN or LOSE!

If Mr. Venner would ever go to anything besides the games, he would see, who the real "pseudo-Aggies" are — and it's not the certain non-reg dorm who goes to every Tuesday, Thursday, midnight yell practice and tries to carry on the Old Army Traditions (speaking of the week-day yell practices — I've never seen these supposedly spirited fraternity brothers at one in three years and I probably never will). Aggie Spirit is not expressed by a sign with big Greek letters and a small "Gig 'em Aggies" at the bottom, it's shown by a continuous support of the team and the school at any and every university event.

So rah, rah and hang your sign high in Kyle Field, and go to Greek night at the Sports Club. The people who know know who has the Spirit of Aggieland; and they don't have Greek letters on blue and gold shirts!

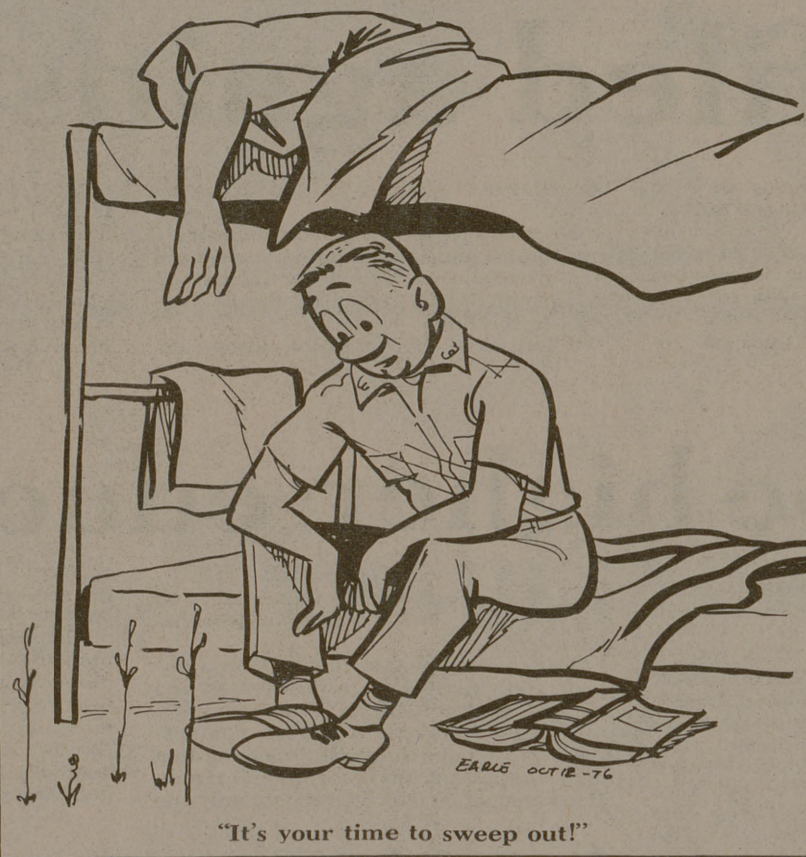
Phillip Robinson, '78

I pulled to a stop Sunday afternoon and I noticed three coeds walking across the grass at the MSC. This understandably disturbed me as I hold the memorial in reverence. I tried to be polite as I asked one if she knew the meaning of the memorial. She replied flippantly that she did and furthermore that she didn't have to listen to anything I said. This caught me off guard, but I managed to be polite once more and ask them if they would not walk on the grass again. She replied for me to make her not to, and a period of mutual rudeness followed.

Here I must admit that I lost my temper and I conducted myself in a manner unbecoming a gentleman and an Aggie. If I in any way reflect poorly on Texas A&M I apologize. Also, I must say that I was wrong to lose my temper and conduct myself improperly. There is no excuse for ignorance, including my own. I apologize for the "harassment," but it was quite mutual, and it wouldn't have mattered if it was a platoon of marines, I still would have asked them to get off the grass. Ms. Becker, this apology is for the way I acted after I lost my temper, but for asking you to stay off the grass, there will be no apology. Please bear in mind that there are two sides to every story.

C.B.H. '77

Slouch by Jim Earle



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**Student offers partial apology**  
**Editor:**  
In the interest of fairness I feel that I must respond to a letter directed at myself in *The Battalion*, Tuesday, Oct. 12. I was the party in question Ms. Becker wrote about and feel that I must clarify some situations. First of all, the incident at the MSC was not as one-sided as it would appear in Ms. Becker's letter, as I shall explain.

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