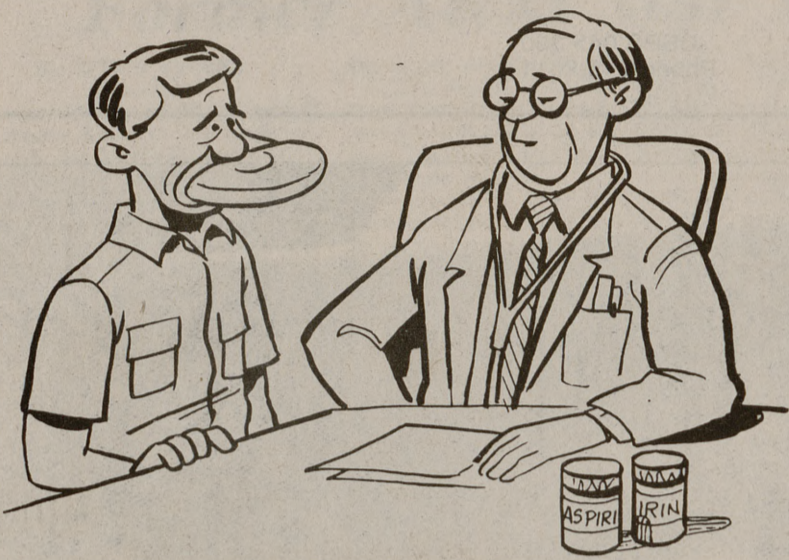


SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Before we consider the problem at hand, could I suggest that you look for some other recreation to replace the Frisbee?"

OPINION

Arkansas crowd is a riot

On the Friday before last week's Aggie-Arkansas basketball game, the Texas A&M University Athletic Council adopted a resolution commending the Aggie basketball team and its coaches for their excellent performance this season.

The resolution also commended the A&M student body for its "exemplary behavior" at basketball games.

By now, of course, everyone's heard about the horror show put on at Fayetteville last week. Fans threw snuff cans, paper cups, chunks of ice and other garbage at the Aggies before, during and after the game.

That kind of behavior never goes on here. It never happens at Texas, either. There have been some similar incidents at at Texas Tech and Baylor and a few rare occurrences at Rice, SMU, TCU and Houston.

The only place in the conference where this type of juvenile behavior occurs — and is apparently condoned — is Arkansas.

Year after year, Arkansas turns out good football teams, powerhouse basketball teams and the most obnoxious fans in the world.

Despite the near-riot conditions in Fayetteville, the University of Arkansas administration appears unwilling to correct this dangerous situation.

Anyone who thinks that Latin America has a monopoly on rioting sports fans is mistaken. The situation in the Hills of Arkansas is getting pretty bad.

The Arkansas fans — the "Twelfth Hoodlum" of the Hills — should be corralled for their own safety and the safety of everyone else.

the small society

by Brickman



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Kennedy's campaign is like a bridge over troubled waters

By SCOTT SHERMAN
Battalion Staff

Quote of the month: "If he (President Carter) will not debate me, he should withdraw from the campaign." — Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

Okay, boys and girls, it's time to open up your 1980 presidential politics primers to page 43 and the chapter entitled "How to Succeed in Politics and Be Really Trying."

See Teddy.
See Teddy Run.
Why is Teddy running?
Teddy wants to be president.
Why does Teddy want to be president?
Mom always liked Jack best.

See Teddy say in October "I am not a candidate."
Even he is right occasionally.
See Teddy say he will run.

What changed Teddy's mind?
Joan said Teddy could run.
Mom said Teddy could run.

So much for the alcoholic and geriatric vote.

See Teddy's popularity go up in the polls.
See Teddy open his mouth.
See Teddy's popularity go down in the polls.

See the Iranians take Americans hostage.
See Teddy say the Iranians are right, the Shah is bad.
See the Iranians go "Yea, Teddy".
Isn't it too bad Iranians can't vote?

Oh, no, Teddy is going down in the polls.
Down, down, down.
See Teddy run in Iowa.
Run, Teddy, run.
See Teddy tell Jimmy to come out and debate him.

See Jimmy stay in the White House.
Jimmy ain't no fool.

See Jimmy beat Teddy 2-to-1 in Iowa.
See Teddy say he has to win in New England.

Must, must, must.
What's that, Mr. Gallup?
Teddy is behind in New England.
See Teddy say he only needs a "good showing" in New England.
Hedge, Teddy, hedge.

See Teddy say Jimmy should debate or drop out.
Why is Teddy telling Jimmy what to do?
Teddy wants to tell everyone what to do.
Teddy thinks that's being a president.

See Jimmy beat Teddy in Maine.
See Teddy say Jimmy didn't beat him enough.
Teddy says Maine is a victory for him.

Teddy can't count.

Teddy says he and Jerry got votes as Jimmy.

Who's Jerry?
Jerry is a space cadet.
Jerry is governor of California.
What is California?
California is a land of space.
Why is Teddy using Jerry Jimmy?
Teddy uses anybody.
Ask Joan if she's not comatose.

Teddy celebrates coming in second.
Teddy says Jimmy is fumbling away.
Teddy says Jimmy should come fight.

Someone tell Teddy Jimmy is in. Can Teddy win in Massachusetts?
He'll drive off that bridge whether it to it.

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LETTERS

Memorials do exist in the mind

Editor:

Congratulations to George Gagnon, who again proves that even in an institution of higher education such as A&M, ignorance does exist. I'm referring to Mr. Gagnon's letter of Feb. 14, which stated the classes of '78, '79, and '80 gave "useless gifts," and that a memorial to the brave Aggies of Korea and Viet Nam would have been more appropriate.

I'll concede the fact that as of now we have no physical remembrance of the Aggies lost in Korea and Viet Nam. The memorial does exist though, in the hearts and minds of countless Aggies who lost friends and relatives in those two conflicts. And which memorial is really more important?

I'm curious as to whether Mr. Gagnon knows how a class gift is chosen. It is a

decision made by the members of that particular class council. Of course, membership is open to all students of the class. It didn't take much checking to find out that George Gagnon's name completely unfamiliar with the ACTIVE members of the Class of '80 council. Not surprising!

As far as my class ('79) gift being useless or foolish — well, George, perhaps you don't understand exactly what a \$25,000 President's Endowed Scholarship does. Briefly — it enables a special someone to become an Aggie who otherwise would not have that chance because of financial reasons. I don't see how anyone but a t.u. grad could call that useless or foolish.

In conclusion, I don't have to see a chunk of bronze to remember those Aggies who gave their lives in Viet Nam and Korea. To me that is foolish. And you can bet that I'll

be at Aggie Muster again this year which remembers all Aggies that have passed on. Will you, George?

Rick Adams '79

Memorial needed

Editor:

It has come to our attention that there are certain individuals among us who feel that those who have given their lives for our country need not be recognized. Is apathy an overwhelming characteristic among us? Is it so bad to recognize the many men who followed the orders of our country and consequently died? Perhaps the Korean and Vietnamese conflicts were not justifiable, but does that lessen the personal sacrifice of these gallant men? True, these conflicts

were not declared wars, but does that out their deaths? Yes, it is easy to denounce their contributions. Why is it hard to realize when an American gives his life, whether it is in defense of an embassy, countering an offensive on the 39th parallel, or patrolling the DMZ, that done what our country has asked, and serves to be recognized?

A memorial for Ags who have lost lives in the Korean and Vietnamese conflicts would satisfy the need of recognition for a few brave Aggies. Obviously, a memorial can not be accomplished over time but if we make an effort it can be accomplished in the future. Let's have this of our future goals.

Charles C. Smith
Chesley Adams

THOTZ



By Doug Graham