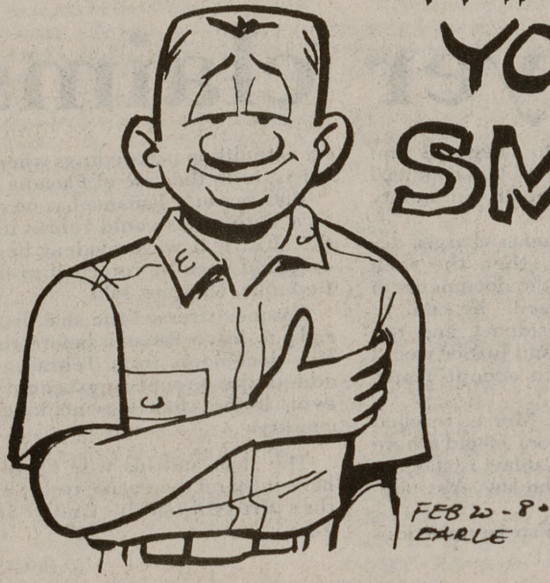


# SLOUCH by Jim Earle

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# OPINION

## Listen up Ags, if you can

Yesterday, I was walking across campus, going to my favorite restaurant in Northgate, when I noticed I couldn't hear what the person next to me was saying.

The reason for this apparent lapse in hearing was not medical; someone in a nearby dormitory was testing their stereo by playing the theme from "Alien" at full volume.

Ah, I said to myself (I was the only person who could've heard it, anyway), it must be spring again. This is the time for young love, sunshine, blossoming flowers and Aggies playing their stereos so loud they violate SALT I.

Whenever the weather gets nice — like yesterday — I can walk by any of the men's dorms on the north side and hear the blaring music. If you look closely, you'll be even able to spot a pair of Toyota-sized speakers up against the window. And, of course, there are the guys sitting in front of the dorm "checking out" the passers-by.

I've got nothing against good weather, sitting around or listening to music. It just seems as though there's something strange about playing a record so loud that it can drown out the Aggie Band.

It would appear as though these people are starving for attention.

If it is attention that these guys want, a better idea would be to sit around nonchalantly on the steps in front of the dorm wearing neon signs that say "Don't notice us."

the small society by Brickman



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# Begin's move to colonize the West Bank is drawing criticism

By RICHARD C. GROSS

United Press International  
Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government has taken an ominous step toward authorizing Jewish settlement in the big towns of the occupied West Bank.

Spurred by radicals who have held Begin hostage to his proclamations defining the West Bank as "liberated Israeli territory," the government unanimously decided Jews have the right in principle to settle in Hebron or anywhere else in the region.

It was the kind of step the Gush Emunim settlers have been waiting for. They have been permitted to live only on the outskirts of the big towns or in rural areas in the nearly 13 years since Israel captured the region from Jordan.

Gush Emunim (Bloc of the Faithful) wants more. It has been demanding what amounts to Israeli annexation of the West Bank to ensure the legality of Jewish settlement of the Delaware-sized region.

The United States expressed concern about the unprecedented move to populate Hebron with Jews and described the implications of the decision as "serious and far-reaching." Egypt expressed "condemna-

tion and surprise."

Both nations are Israel's partners in negotiations aimed at setting up self-government for the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. Begin already is hinting the slow-moving talks may go beyond their May 26 deadline, which would come as no surprise.

Palestinian autonomy is the second show of the 1978 Camp David peace accords, of which the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty was the main feature. Negotiations about autonomy and threats to move Jews into Hebron, Nablus and other towns do not seem to jibe.

Former Foreign Minister Abba Eban recently condemned Begin's Likud-ruled government for its "frenzied idea" of Jewish settlement in the towns. That it arose at all, he wrote, "shows how close we have come... to the loss of intellectual and moral equilibrium."

Eban seemed to sum up the issue when he wrote: "The crisis in the Likud's position lies in the gap between the policy that it supports and the document that its leader has signed. The policy is to block any possibil-

ity of an Arab national destiny in any part of the West Bank and Gaza. But the document contains an intrinsic dynamism driving towards an Arab destiny."

The policy of Eban's Labor party is not to permit settlement in populated areas of the West Bank. Labor adhered to that during its control of the government until May 1977.

Jews have not lived in Hebron since the 1929 riots, when nearly 70 Jews were killed in one of the bloodiest Arab-Jewish confrontations in the turbulent 26 years of British rule in Palestine.

Jewish radicals have tried to return to Hebron. The wife of Rabbi Moshe Levinger, the lanky spiritual leader of Gush Emunim, and their six children moved as squatters into a former Jewish clinic in the town and have resisted efforts to evict them.

Begin recently was asked whether his government intended to let the squatters remain in the former hospital. His reply, "It's not a hospital, it's a private house."

Begin's government always has defended the right of Jews to live wherever they want in the West Bank, though its

latest decision left open the question of when and where settlement in the areas might start.

The government's "in principle" position followed agitation by religious extremists because of the gunshot killing in the Yehoshua Sloma, 23, an immigrant from Denmark who lived in the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba adjacent to the town.

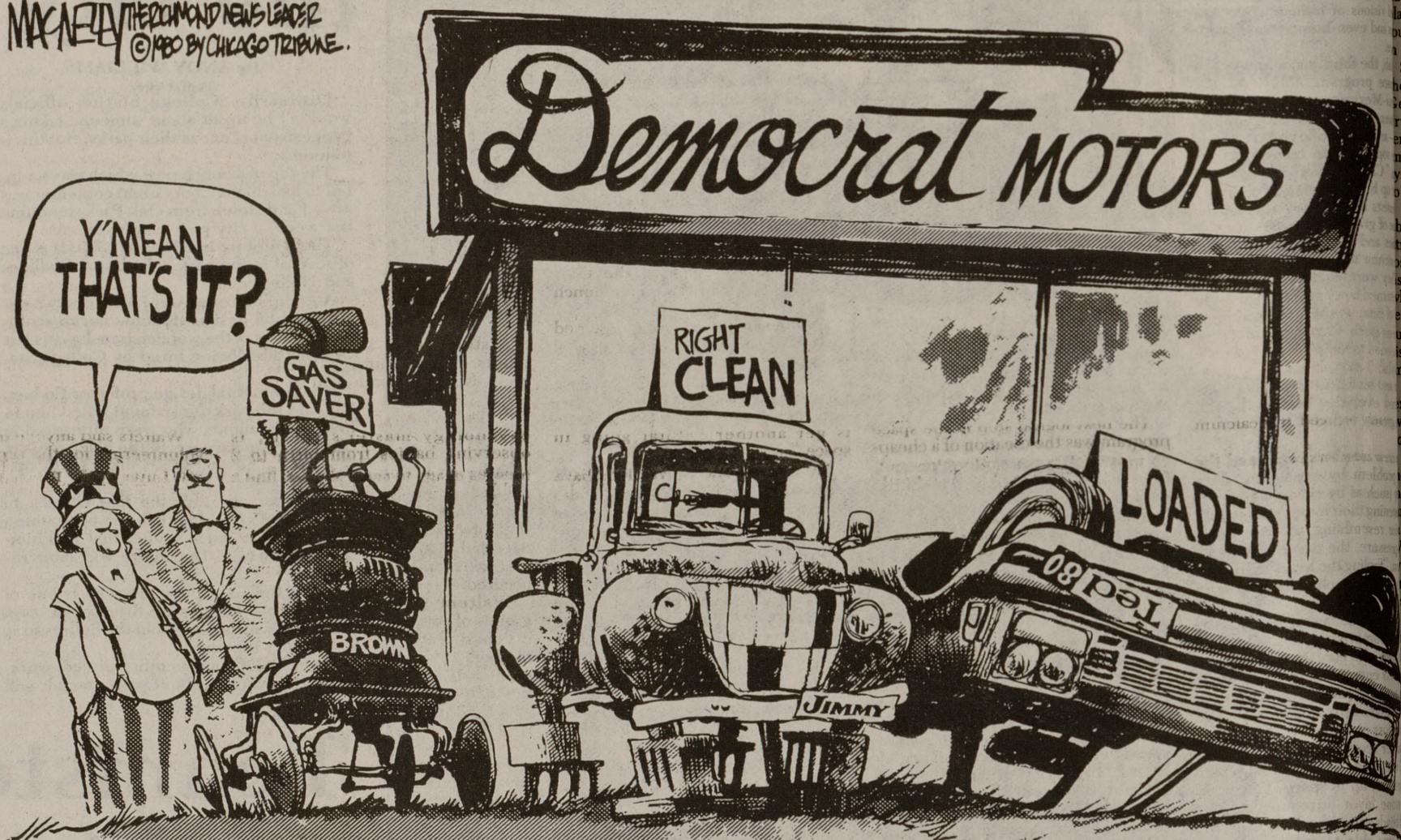
A memorial plaque was affixed near where Sloma was shot, and a youth a martyr.

The military clamped a curfew on Kiryat Arba immediately after the shooting to aid the search for the killer. The search was not found.

Military authorities permitted Kiryat Arba free access to Hebron the 11 days of curfew.

Religious Jewish children escorted their teachers ran through the streets searching for clues in a "Bible assure hunt" game. Arab children, the 70,000 residents who were forced to stay indoors most of each day, watched them with envy.

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# LETTERS Arkansas calls Aggies bad sports

**Editor:**  
Your coach, Shelby Metcalf, is a cry baby — plain and simple. If you watched the replay of the last few seconds of the game, then you know three things: (1) U.S. Reed was set, (2) the ball had left David Goff's hands when he charged into Reed, and (3) the foul occurred before time expired. The foul on U.S. that tied the game was a bad call, but then Ladson's shot at the end of the first half had not left his hands when the buzzer sounded (so these things have a way of evening out).

The crowd at Barnhill Arena was very emotional, and I am not trying to excuse the actions of certain fans. However, if anyone needs a lesson in courtesy and sportsmanship, it is your team (in particular, David Britton, Rudy Woods, and Rynn Wright). They deliberately taunted our

players and antagonized the crowd.

What is most galling is that Shelby Metcalf is considering filing a complaint concerning the crowd with the SWC. If anyone should file a complaint, it is the photographer who was shoved by Rynn Wright for trying to take a crying Metcalf's picture. In addition, if an Arkansas football player had not intervened, I believe that Rudy Woods would have tried to assault one of our fans. Woods showed class earlier by flipping off the crowd as he went to the dressing room at halftime and at the end of the game. If your players insist on acting like children, then don't you think that's the way they should be treated.

Eddie Sutton said it best, "a game lasts 40 minutes and you don't stop officiating it after 39 minutes and 59 and a half seconds."

Don Eldred

## Memorial is in Quad

**Editor:**  
I couldn't help but be amused by the ongoing debate over a Vietnam and Korean War monument.

Although much could be said over the usefulness (or uselessness) of class gifts (i.e. "Planned for the Future"), a wonderful monument to Aggies who gave their lives in Korea and Vietnam already exists and has for over ten years. It's called the Memorial Meditation Garden and is located at the south end of the Quad, in front of Duncan Dining Hall.

Dedicated on Nov. 8, 1969 by Congressman Olin E. Teague, the inscription was read into the Congressional Record of the 91st Congress. To quote Teague:

"It is a beautiful place, a quiet and inspir-

ing place — a tribute to our dead living memorial to the spirit of Texas which has made such a distinguished continuing contribution to the preservation of our nation, and to the tenance of the liberty of its citizens.

And, for Gorge Gagnon, Rick Charles Smith, Chesley Adams and uninformed Ags, the inscription reads:

"Greater love hath no man than this: a man may lay down his life for his friends. This memorial is dedicated to A&M men who gave their lives in defense of our country since WW II.

"Here is enshrined in spirit and devotion tribute to their valor and devotion to our country."

The garden was a gift of the Corps Cadets classes of 1969-73.

Frank Earl  
David Rabe

# THOTZ



By Doug Graham