

Slouch By Jim Earle



"If I was working during the time I wasted standing in line to cash a check, I wouldn't need to cash a check."

Reader says Fall Fest was really 'Fall Flop'

This is one of probably 50 complaints or attempts to rectify the anger and disgust felt by many who were led on to believe that the "Fall Fest" was something worth the 12-mile drive to Snook. For those of you that were lucky enough to have been somewhere other than the Delta Zeta party, I can say that next year the general consensus should be that "Fall Fest" tickets aren't worth the paper they're printed on.

I have several statements I would like to direct to that individual, committee, organization or beer distributorship (no names mentioned) that would like to take responsibility for the disaster Saturday night. The reason for the uncertainty lies in the fact that while waiting an hour and 15 minutes for a beer and not being able to dance well enough to evade the traffic to and from the stagnant beer lines, I found that I could not find anyone that would take responsibility long enough to tell how to get my money back. When I asked for my money at the gate, the girl meekly turned her head, said "nope" and asked the person next in line for their ticket.

The most evident issue involved the defective valve that stopped the flow of what almost every good Ag goes to a party for: beer. This was a problem that I thought was understandable until I realized that it was

ten o'clock before this problem was alleviated. My understanding of the procedure for throwing a party always involves a close inspection of the beer supply to insure that it flows fast and cold — beforehand. This to me, is the best part.

All things considered, the beer problem was one that could possibly have been prevented, but could not be blamed on the "Fall Fest" coordinators. The foundation of my complaint lies in that no one would even consider a refund for those that never even got close to the beer and did not stay long enough to get one. I could not even get any information on where I could further pursue my grievance at a later date.

I sincerely hope that the money that Delta Zeta received from this fall bash is well spent towards the expansion of their organization. Now that the association is made between the fall flop and Delta Zeta, they and all social-oriented organizations of their type will face even greater difficulty in an environment in which they are already relatively free of influence. I also believe that this incident should only strengthen the policies of TAMU towards these organizations.

Josh Coleman '82

Up against the wall, MX missiles

By DICK WEST
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WASHINGTON — During his recent visit to China, former President Carter apparently set a new speed record for climbing the Great Wall.

Regrettably, nobody had a stopwatch on him, so his exact time for the event was unrecorded. There was, however, near unanimous agreement among Western observers that no other American chief executive, erstwhile or incumbent, had ever mounted the 25-foot-high wall as fast as Carter did.

Regardless of whether the achievement ever appears in the Guinness Book of Records, Carter could hardly have picked a more opportune time to call attention to the wall.

Although you won't find it identified as such in standard reference works, the Great Wall of China was the MX missile system of its day (circa 221 B.C.). So perhaps we can learn something constructive from its history.

The 1,500-mile fortification originally was proposed during the reign of Shih Hwang as a means of warding off the Tartars.

The Tartars of that time were aggressive tribes bent on finding new markets for Tartar steak. China, for its part, resisted the encroachment on grounds that Tartar steak didn't go well with eggrolls.

Ironically, some of the Tartars lived in parts of what is now Russia. And it is the present day Russians we would be trying to ward off with the MX missile system. (History does have a way of repeating itself.)

From blueprints that have been preserved, we can see the original idea was to build a 45-foot tower every 200 yards or so along the wall. The specifications called for as many as 25,000 towers and China obviously didn't have enough soldiers to man them all.

If, however, troops were shuttled back and forth among the towers, the Tartars could never be sure which ones were occupied.

Darn clever, eh?

But do not suppose for a minute that Hwang's plan to build a wall along the northern borders of China went down with all of the people.

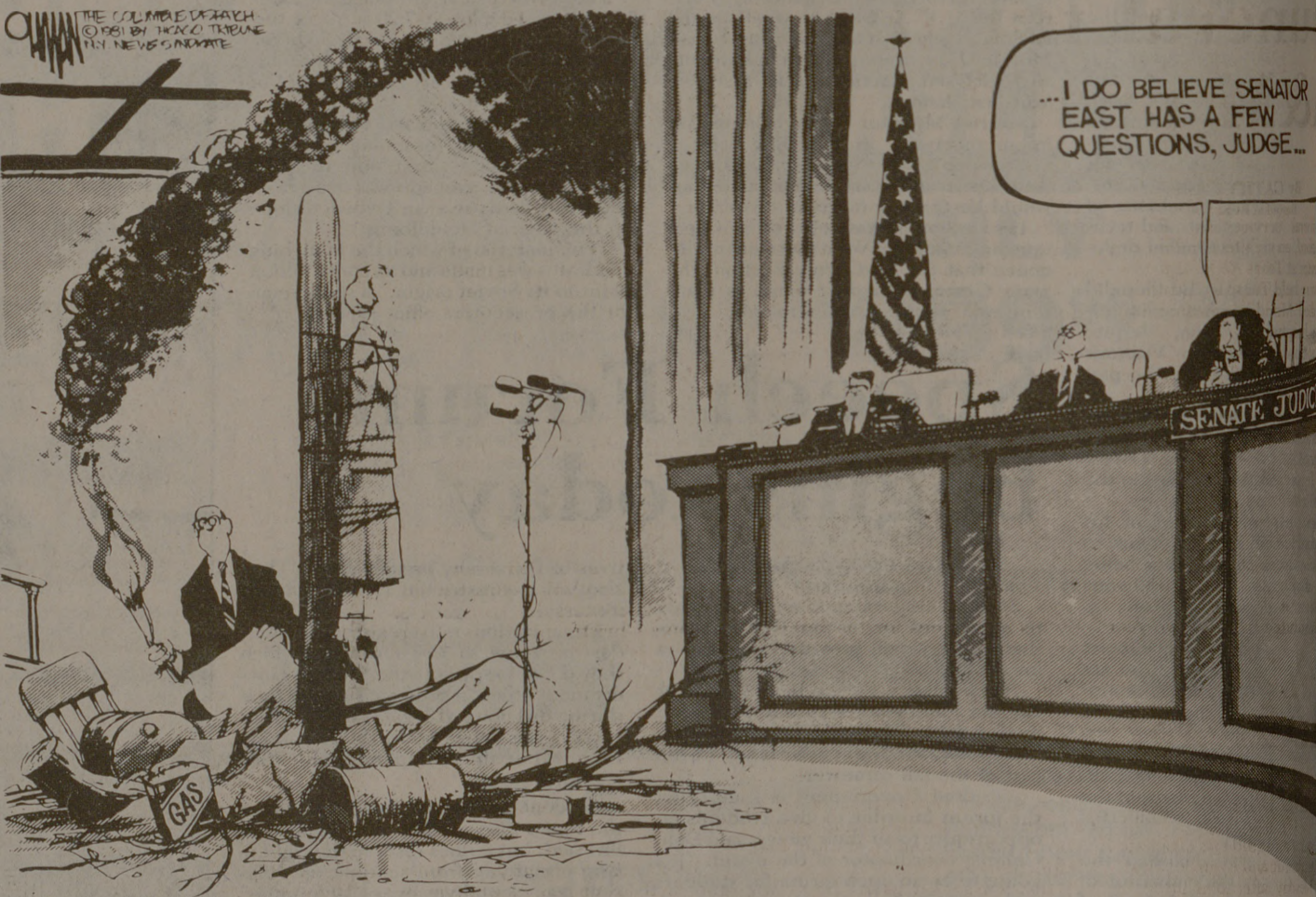
Despite its defensive capabilities, the Chinese who lived in the neighborhood weren't too thrilled about having a high wall in their back yards.

Moreover, the high construction made it extremely likely that couldn't build the wall and still have a budget. Brick and stone didn't come in the 3rd century B.C., as you may imagine.

A number of alternative plans were considered. One called for building the wall along the shoreline, thus turning the sea into a seawall. But in the end, the wall from the relics that survive, the Wall was built inland.

Was the protection it provided worth the money? Well, consider this:

To this very day you seldom find steak on the menu in Chinese restaurants.



It's your turn

Defacing property is inexcusable

Editor:

We would like to call to the attention of the students at Texas A&M University the destructive writing which is being done on various buildings around campus, the latest example being the graffiti on the A&A building which reads: "Disarm vs. Armageddon"

Such irresponsible destruction of school property is:

1. Not in keeping with the true Ag spirit that this University embodies and,
2. Is uncalled for and very immature on the part(s) of the writer(s).

There are other avenues to voice such opinions, i.e. The Battalion, various political forums on campus and other media. Spraypainting buildings is inexcusable.

We would like to encourage students to report such vandalism to help stop these activities.

Kathy Wendell '82
Susan Bass '82

removed to protect them so I couldn't see two feet in front of me. So, "streaking" from the scene was out of the question. Thus, to elicit that the quadding was overly zealous, "unrestrained," and "sick exhibitionism," is unfounded and totally unfair to McInnis, and me.

I accepted it (as if I had a choice) as a tradition, and Good Bull. If you were so offended, why did you watch? If ANYONE should complain, shouldn't it be me? To those people who were offended Wednesday night, I honestly apologize. To those more numerous people insulted by Friday's half-factual, narrow interpretation of the facts, I am also truly sorry. But after all, what is a quadding in its purest form? A tea party? No, it's a tradition. Perhaps a bit extraordinary (?), but any tradition worth having, is worth earning! Gig 'Em!

E.B.

ble, the constructive action would have been to take the matter up with the parties directly or with members of the student film committee working the problem would have alleviated the problem allowed all concerned to enjoy the more. It would also have avoided the broad swipe at a target that has done deserve criticism.

Aggie audiences have been routinely repeatedly praised by speakers and members of all styles and varieties for their enthusiasm. We should be quite thankful these audiences remain the same, and this year but hopefully all the same come.

R.S. Hill

Sorority says thanks

Editor:

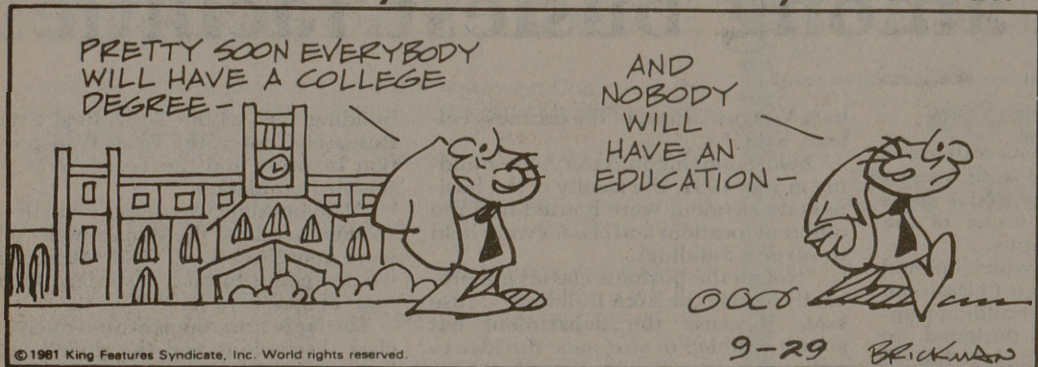
The sisters of Delta Zeta Sorority thank everyone who attended our third Fall Fest on Saturday, September 11. We take this opportunity to apologize for the inconvenience caused by the malfunctioning of the beer equipment. This was due to circumstances beyond our control. We offer our thanks to the beer company for their expedience in remedying this problem. We appreciate the patience of the attendees. This was one of the most successful Fall Fests ever and we will be donating a large sum of money to the County Rehabilitation Center. We look forward to next year's Fall Fest and continuing endeavour to benefit our community. Thank you again for your support.

Kelly Volmer

Editor's note: This letter was signed and dated by the signatures of 76 Delta Zeta Chapter members.

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