

Slouch By Jim Earle



"I've never understood before why he liked to study in the library!"

Cheers for some, jeers for others

Being an average person with a moderate degree of sanity, I am subject to contrasting feelings of joy and disgust with day-to-day events and the people responsible for them. That is, some things thrill me and some things tick me off.

Thus, I present my current list of parties receiving my cheers and jeers.

Each cheer comprises a flood of smiles, applause, shouts of joy and happy feelings. Each jeer, on the other hand, comprises sighs of dismay, assorted snarls and mild blasphemy.

First of all, three cheers to the MSC Town Hall Committee for a fantastic concert Friday night. And three cheers to the Commodores themselves who must have burned off 10 pounds each on that stage.

However, three jeers go to each of the vendors who peddled glowing ropes and whistles in the coliseum prior to and during the concert. Three more jeers to each person who bought one, and an extra three jeers to those who felt obligated to swing the ropes and blow the whistles throughout the performance.

For a while I wondered if I'd come to the circus instead of the concert. I always did think whistles were obnoxious.

Three cheers to the yell leaders who have told clean stories at midnight yell practice



Jane Brust

for two out of two nights! Congratulations, I knew you could do it! Those three cheers also credit the yell leaders with their success in passing back yells to the crowd despite foggy pea-soup weather conditions.

Three jeers to Cindy Green, Miss Texas A&M University, for wearing a fire engine red dress to assist in the pre-game coin toss. I saw Green enter the stadium, and her dress was really pretty. In fact, it would have been flattering in almost any color — but not RED for pre-game activities before the Aggies face the University of Houston!

Three needless-to-mention-but-I'll-say-it-anyway cheers go to the Texas Aggie football team for their defeat of the University of Houston Cougars. I love to see the Aggies beat anybody, but especially the Cougars.

Three cheers also go to each member of

the Texas Aggie Band for yet another standing halftime performance. (needs twirlers?)

Another three cheers to the yell leaders and each member of the Class of '82 managed to form the halftime booth in minimal chaos. From my seat on the yard line, second deck, it looked like I did a darn good job!

Three cheers to everyone who worked the Bonfire Benefit Barbecue, one of the best campus-wide activities we've ever had. Three cheers plus a bonus cheer to Zachry for his support of Texas A&M's annual Bonfire. Another three cheers to Farmer's Market for serving the best cue plates in Texas.

Last, but not least, three BIG jeers to the elves who have been toying with the A&M's power source. I never used to be afraid of the dark, but this is ridiculous. Three cheers to the people who now have sense enough to carry flashlights and candles with them everywhere they go.

I almost left out another three BIG jeers for the weather wizards' gift of such sticky mugginess. Whatever happened to those crystal clear, sunny, invigorating days of October when the mercury fell in the 60s and humidity took a vacation? Those were the good ol' days.

Reporter's coverage of Liddy 'shallow'

Regarding the reporting of G. Gordon Liddy's speech last Monday: your reporter did a surface coverage of the substance of the talk, but failed to report upon its tone. As a result, your coverage of Liddy's talk failed to give an accurate description of the man, his views, and his artfulness. Last Monday evening, after going to great lengths to denounce the "world of illusion" in which this country lives, Liddy proceeded to perform a masterful illusion himself. Instead of thoughtful opinions based on fact, Liddy resorted to ridicule and mockery to oppose positions and people. He belittled and ridiculed the Carter administration and its consequences. He then slandered Judge Sirica by attacking the man's intellect. All this was done in an entertaining and amusing manner. The few supporting facts Liddy did offer his audience were often distorted. The figure he quoted for the Soviet military strength is an example. Liddy's figure was correct. What he neglected to mention was the proportion of the Soviet military which constitutes an unskilled work force whose members are non-combatants, have never been trained to handle weapons, and don't even speak the national language of the Soviet Union. I agree with Liddy's assessment of the poor status of our own military — but not because of his commentary. His distortions tend to discredit his conclusions.

This brings up Liddy's philosophy — which could be summed up as "might

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makes right and the ends justify the means." Sadly, this philosophy may be the only viable policy in international politics. However, Liddy's evident self-satisfaction with his own illegal deeds made it clear that he makes no distinction between internal law and international policies. Nor does Liddy seem to distinguish the difference between collective might or power (which our government is predicated on and which is the force behind our law) and personal, individual power. In referring to a law with which he disagreed, Liddy stated "it's not my law." However, Liddy did appear to endorse blind obedience to men of power in several of his anecdotes. His dedication to authoritarian power was subliminally present throughout his talk.

I will not elaborate on Liddy's attempts to perpetuate a James Bond 007 image of himself.

I hope the majority of the people present that night realized that they were being entertained — not informed — and saw through Liddy. Your reporter evidently did not.

Richard Percy

the small society

by Brickman



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Vulgarity not needed to show spirit

Editor:

I am writing to express my agreement with the opinion of Rick Wyly and Mike Williams in their letter to the editor Wednesday, Oct. 7. I cannot stand the "choice" vocabulary of what unfortunately appears to be a majority of the students. It seems that vulgarity is a requirement to be a mature, well-rounded college student. Foul language cannot possibly exhibit our pride and intelligence, and the integrity of Texas A&M.

Unfortunately, this act of Aggie "spirit" is not limited to yell practice. The various hall yells contain an assortment of obscenities; a four-line yell may have up to five truly "spirit-yielding" words. Many of the dorms' spirit banners — including my own — are also marred with language and insinuations along the same line. In fact, several dorms have already been banned from making a banner for a week because of their graphic nature; they were so "inspiring" that their

effect could last for more than one week.

Maybe I just don't understand the situation. Could someone please tell me what purpose all the vulgarity serves? If it were justified, I wouldn't have bothered writing. All it shows is that we can cuss better than a few of the other universities. What's wrong with "Gig 'em Aggies"? or "Farmer's Fight"? I'd rather "saw varsity's horns off" anytime!

Larry Halbert

Americans unite!

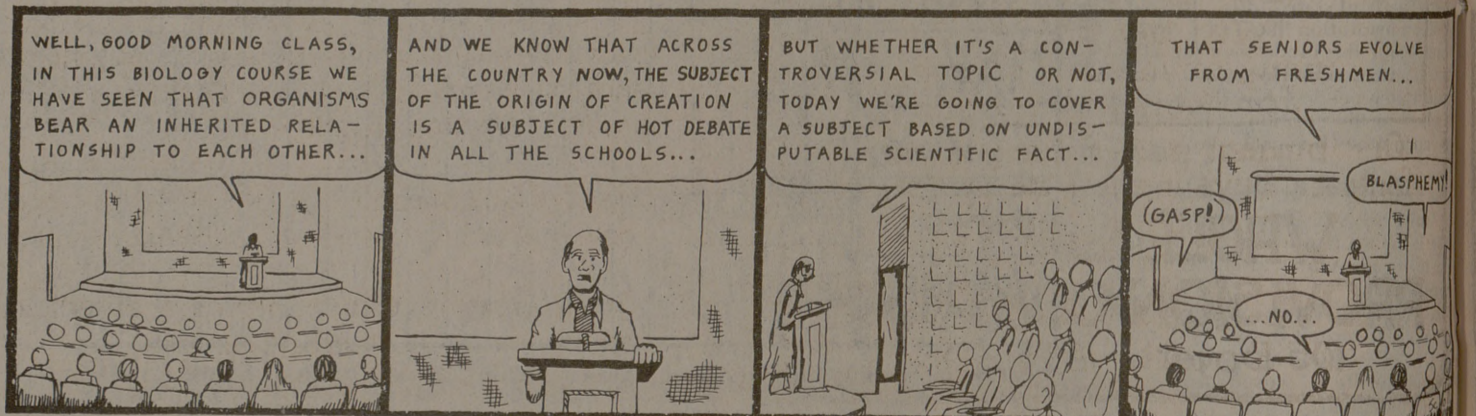
Editor:

America needs more upstanding, patriotic citizens like Jennifer Afflerbach! Her correct and proper response to G. Gordon Liddy's thrilling speech warms the blood of

any patriotic American, unlike your socialist critique, Ms. Copeland. It perhaps you are not too far gone on the path to communism in moral decay. In fact, I'm writing to you and Miss Afflerbach, and any red-blooded American Aggie, to offer my membership in a new organization recently founded on the Texas A&M campus. It's called "Aggie Youth for a Moral America." Our motto is "Blood and Honor." We intend to put back the moral fiber in the American spine and to eradicate those elements which would try to tear down American greatness. University officials permitting, we will have mass-rallies in Kyle Field (not conflicting with Yell Practice, of course). As a first approximation to identifying the un-Americans among us, we advocate the registration of all those without season football tickets (preliminary to a Final Solution, of course).

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