

Resolve to carry out all your resolutions

Champagne and black-eyed peas bring good luck in the new year — and most of us need luck in carrying out our New Year's resolutions. That is, if we make any resolutions to carry out.

If you have trouble conjuring up your own resolutions, try one or more of The Battalion staff's recommended resolutions for the new semester.

— Resolve to be more health-conscious. Cut down on salt, sugar, caffeine, liquor, cigarettes and anything that could cause cancer. They say that when you've got your health, you've got just about everything, but few of us would know.

— Resolve to learn something new. Did you ever want to snow ski, sky dive, bellydance or sculpt? Do it. Imagine what fun you'll have thinking, "If my friends could see me now!"

— Resolve to get to know your family, really get to know them. When was the last time you told your brother or sister or even your parents what you're thinking or feeling or even doing? When was the last time you asked them about their thoughts and feelings? It's amazing how little most of us know about the people closest to us.

— Resolve to rekindle an old friendship. It's really easier to lose friends than to gain them. Think of all the friends you've let drift out of your life in the last two years. Write one a letter or call one on the phone. You'll be surprised at how much you have to catch up on.

— Resolve to find a new friend. Have a cup of coffee together or go for a walk. A new friend could be a new lease on life.

— Resolve to get along with someone you normally don't get along with. For example, motorists might try to get along with pedestrians and vice versa.

— Resolve not to worry about little things. You know which little things tick you off — you tell your friends about them all the time. Make up your mind to be bigger than those little things.

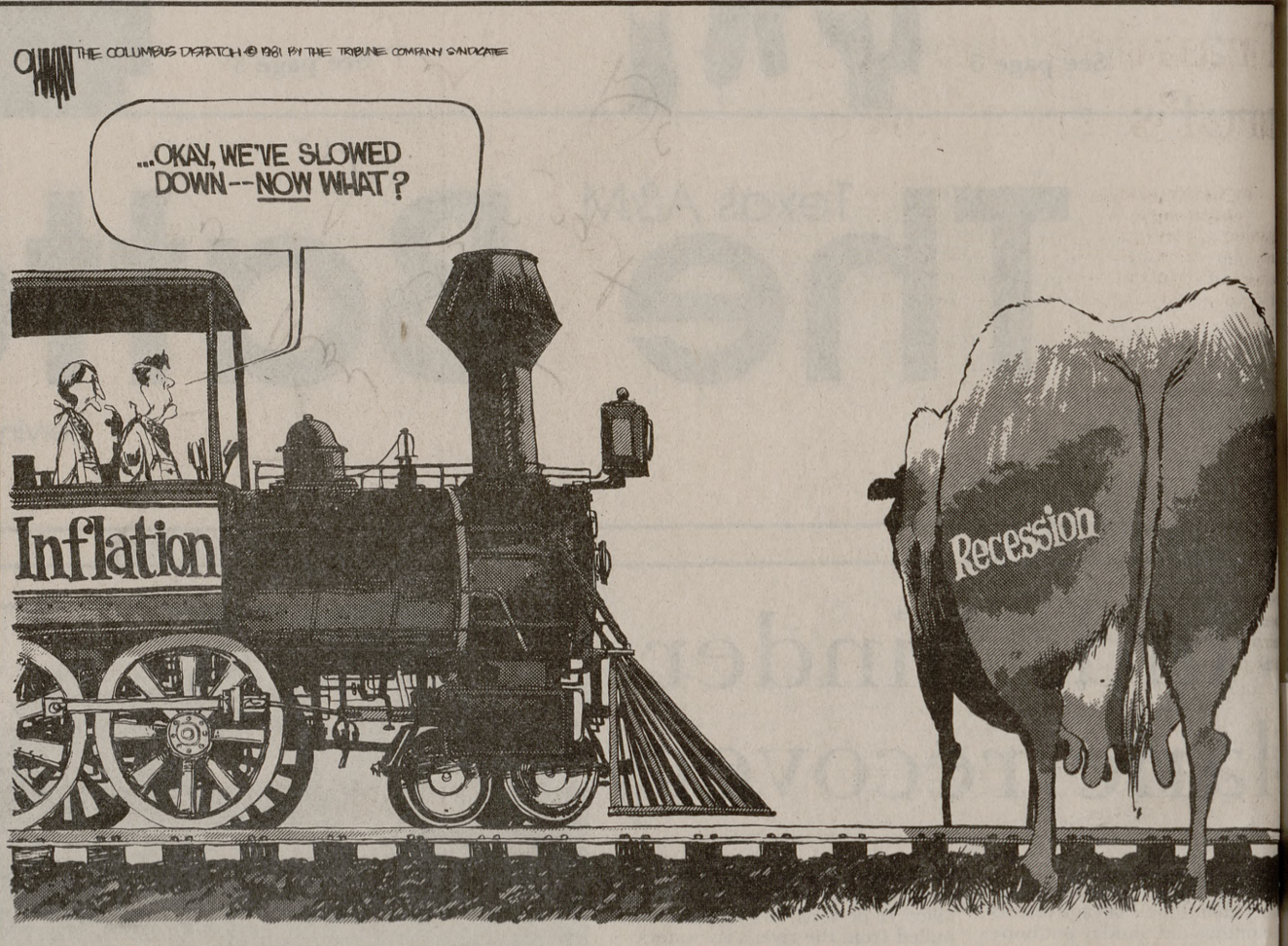
— Resolve to evaluate your goals in life, both immediate and long-term goals. Perhaps you worry about things that aren't really obstacles to your goals at all.

— Resolve to be more optimistic. It may not help in hard times, but it sure can't hurt.

— Resolve to give more of yourself when you think you've given all you can. Consider the last time you felt physically, mentally and emotionally drained — perhaps during finals week? Resolve to push yourself a little more the next time you feel that way.

— Resolve to be more thankful for everything you've got — the little things and the big things. Think of something or someone you've lost. It's true that you often don't know what you've got til it's gone.

— Resolve to carry out at least one resolution through the new year. Won't you be the proud one when 1983 rolls around?



Nobody wants to play when you keep changing the rules

It's good to know some people can't be bought.

Last week, Bum Bright tried to buy a new athletic director for Texas A&M — an offer that he ended up wearing on his face. Once again Bright has made the regents figures of fun at the University's expense.

I don't blame Bright or anyone else for wanting to get the best for Texas A&M — whether it's a University president or an athletic director. But when his recruiting method is to go over President Vandiver's head and behind Tom Wilson's back, it's impossible for him or the University to come off as a class act.

The University already has the reputation of instability under the whim of the Board of Regents. Bright's performance during the Bo Schembechler affair has done nothing to change that.

While everyone, including Tom Wilson, is wondering what will happen with the head coach position, Bright maintains that "It is foolish to think that I (Bright) would be able to answer that."

I believe you, Bum. I also believe Schembechler when he said in an interview that he understood that he was being offered both the position of athletic director and head coach. Bright's response was that Schembech-

ler was offered only the job of athletic director, but as director Schembechler would have complete control over the athletic department. Bright used the cute example that if Schembechler decided to fire the tennis coach and coach tennis, there would be nothing Bright could do about it.

That way, if Schembechler had come and made himself head football coach, the firing of Wilson would have been on Schembechler's shoulders, not Bright's.

Then we could have believed Bright when he said he had nothing to do with it — the same way we believed him when he said he had nothing to do with Marvin Tate's decision to resign.

If Bo Schembechler does have his price, I'd hate to have to pay it. After turning down an offer reported at \$2 million, I tend to believe Schembechler when he said he wanted to stay at the University of Michigan because of ties of friendship and loyalty.

I would have loved to have seen a few high-placed faces when Schembechler announced his decision. Backed by moneyed alumni, Bright put together a package that he thought couldn't lose. And he is not used to losing.

It might be an exaggeration to say that Bright expects the world and the legisla-



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ture to bow before him, but only a one.

Once again, Bright has jumped first into University policy while trying to shift responsibility for his decisions from himself and the board.

He's going to have to learn that can't attract the best until you have the best to offer. This University is going to have to shake its reputation of instability and of having a board chairman who makes the rules as he goes along.

There are channels of response and procedures for selecting an athletic director. We should be allowed to use them — not have to wait for Bum Bright to come down from the mountain to appoint a new AD.

Slouch By Jim Earle

WELCOME HOME, AGGIES!



your turn

Schembechler smart to turn down A&M's offer

Editor:
It's a shame that the Texas A&M University Board of Regents has to have a publicly-committed liar to serve as its chairman. It is a disgrace to the school, all Aggies, and the State of Texas. What's worse, he even *claims* to be an AGGIE.

In December, "Bum" (appropriately termed) Bright was quoted as saying that the decision on a new football coach at A&M was to be the responsibility of a new athletic director (the powers that be having just *forced* out the prior A.D.). Yet, he couldn't even wait until the New Year to actively recruit a new head coach (in the guise of an A.D.-Head Coach combination) and personally offer the position to someone.

Playing word games with semantics and "allowing" the A.D. to "assume" a head coach position at will do not change the obvious intent of Bright's actions. Bo Schembechler of Michigan was even quoted as saying the *outright* offer from Bright was for both A.D. and head football coach.

History repeats itself! It does at A&M, anyway. The reigning royal regents of the Kingdom of Aggeland have struck again. The roll call reads ... Jack Williams ... Emory Bellard ... Jarvis Miller ... Marvin Tate ... and apparently soon Tom Wilson.

This isn't sour grapes because I would have wished Bo Schembechler all the luck in the world. He's a great coach and the Twelfth Man would have backed him. He would have needed *all* the moral support he could muster.

Evidently, he found out what he

would be getting into down here. For himself, his family, and future career, Schembechler did the right thing in turning down the offer. My prayers and best wishes are with him and Tom Wilson both. My *hope* is for the survival of the Spirit of Aggeland.

Dale W. Foster '72
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Editor's note: This letter was accompanied by 14 other signatures.

Help needed overseas

Editor:
I wish to address all the students and faculty members of the Texas A&M University to support our student volunteer program in the Philippines. Our goal is the improvement of the quality of student life in the Philippines.

For 1982, we are going to assist high school students from the poverty-stricken families residing in the different slum districts of Manila. We shall assist them to make themselves physically, emotionally, spiritually and socially fit for university student life, and later on for adult life in our society.

Today we are assisting high school students by providing them "information-education-communication activities" about the disadvantages of teenage marriage, unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, drug addiction and

running away from home among high school students. We organize student forums, meetings, conferences, seminars, trainings, workshops and other youth activities. All are preventive measures rather than curative actions.

I am appealing to all university students and faculty members at Texas A&M University to donate two dollars per person to support our program. Among other things, we need sports equipment, athletic uniforms, training aids, bibles, any item that will assist our young people, directly or indirectly, for positive actions.

American university students are simply lucky to enjoy the various educational and social benefits today. I visited the United States in 1976. I have seen and observed enough. You are lucky for not having been born, reared, schooled and in residence in Southeast Asia amongst poverty, tropical disease, ignorance and regional wars. We need your financial and material support to expand our program.

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