

# Con artist is one tough cookie

I got ripped-off by a Girl Scout. Actually she was a wolf in a Girl Scout beanie.

This is the time of year when people pay exorbitant prices for those delicious cookies sold by the kids whose creed says, "On my honor, I will try to do my duty to God and my country, to help other people at all times and obey the Girl Scout laws."

Two girls from this area have developed a variation on that theme. They will take your order for cookies and they will take your money, but they won't bring you any cookies.

I didn't know I was a victim of this cookie scam until I read about another person who lives near me who had been taken in.

I recognized the MO right away. Two girls who appeared to be around 12 years old came to my house to see if I wanted to order cookies. They told me I



had to pay in advance, no checks were accepted and that the cookies would be delivered the first week of February. Not being one to be easily taken in, I got one of the girls' name, address and phone number. They were phoney. I ordered a case of the chocolate mint cookies.

What can I say? I didn't know *real* Girl Scouts will not take money until they deliver the cookies. I didn't know *real*

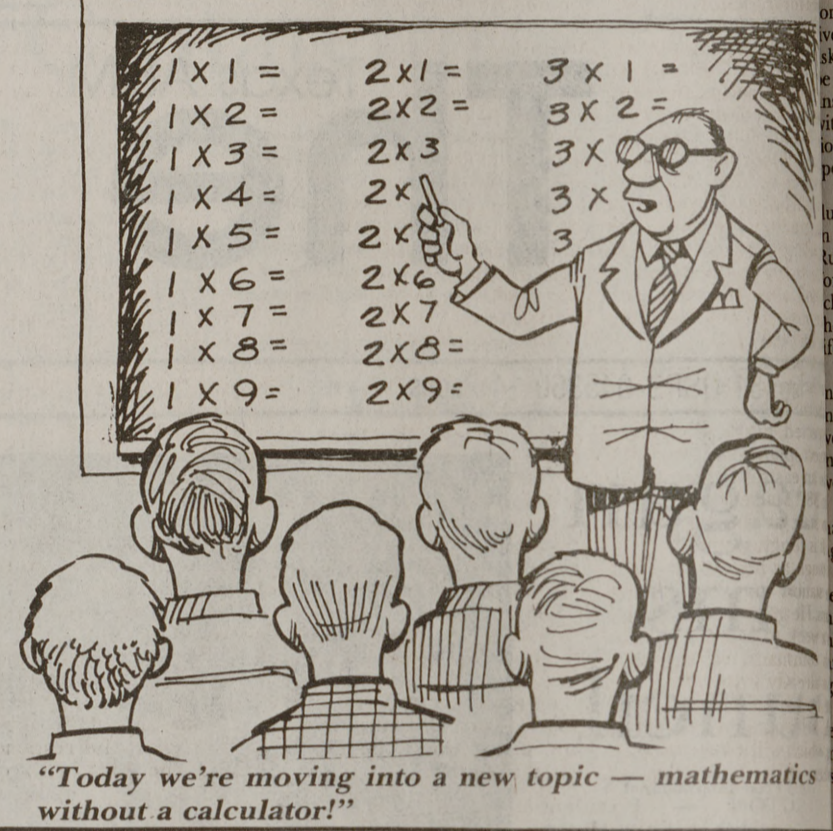
Scouts enter the order on an official order form bearing a large color picture of all the varieties of cookies and the words "great cookies for a great cause." I know now.

Sunday was the last day to order cookies. If you suspect you have been taken in by the Great Cookie Caper, I suggest you notify the local police and Rita Arnold, Girl Scout field executive. Maybe they can track down these up-and-coming con artists. Not only are they slurring the name of a good organization, they are in training for bigger, post-puberty crimes.

Not only did I lose \$20 in this deal, I lost a lot of my illusions. I can see cookie sales from now on. Girl Scouts will have to present their kiddie-car driver's license and two credit cards before you can order cookies from them.

But I guess that's the way the Girl Scout cookie crumbles.

# Slouch By Jim Earle



# Reader's Forum: Focus should be on Sherrill

**Editor:**

First of all, I would like to share that I too think that the situation concerning the firing of Tom Wilson was handled in a manner most unbecoming of our University.

However, I feel that what is done is done and nothing we can say or do will change the fact that we have a new head football coach and athletic director.

My question is this: Why can't the student body, former students and everyone else realize what we have acquired? Why must everyone dwell on the facts about Coach Wilson's termination instead of the fact that we have hired one of the finest coaches in college football? Jackie Sherrill can bring back the winning tradition that Emory Bellard brought us before he was foolishly forced to resign.

Since I came to this University in 1979, there have been numerous articles, every football season, written about the superb job Texas A&M has done in recruiting some of the most talented and sought-after high school players in the country, and yet we cannot help these players reach their potential. To me that shows a severe lack of knowledge and capability of the head coach. No one knows how many of our players in the last three years have had the potential to be professionals, only to have their dreams dashed away by a very marginal program.

Jackie Sherrill has both the capability and the name to make our team one of the best in the country, assuring our players of the national exposure they so richly deserve. It's time to put Tom Wilson

aside, wish him well, and start behind our new coach with all the enthusiasm and pride and support he needs to be a winner in the Cotton Bowl. Coach Sherrill is a winner, his statistics prove it. He knows how to win, and he wants to believe he will help this University be a winner in every aspect of its endeavors by adding a champion team to our other winners, in sports as well as academics.

Finally, I would like to ask our editor why she attends the University if the only shred of credibility we have left is our President Vandiver's statement in her editorial Wednesday's Battalion. I wasn't Miss Copeland, that you were forced to attend our school, however you are not, I suggest you find a school with more credibility. I don't think there is a school with more credibility on this earth!

Also, in regard to that editorial would like to say that I do not care about firing Wilson or cares less about body not liking him. He is a winner so are we! The firing of Tom Wilson is the first step back to a winning program. I firmly believe that the name Wilson never be mentioned again when we humiliate us such as Baylor, Arkansas and usually Houston. I suggest that Miss Editor-in-Chief, do a little study on the subject of football so that might be able to put forth a reasonable intelligent opinion in the future!



# Letter: What's happened to ethics?

**Editor:**

I never thought I would see the day when I was outraged enough to send a letter to The Battalion. Although I've come close a number of times, this is the straw that broke the camel's back. The first time I even imagined sending a letter was when Coach Bellard was railroaded out of his position, but I admit, the manner in which our acclaimed Board of Regents has treated Coach Wilson tops even that.

This whole incident had been a colossal embarrassment which has hit not only the students' pride, but the University's reputation (which has been in ill need of repair for the last few months, anyway). A Houston sportscaster made a good point when he asked what happened to the old values of honesty and integrity which should be instilled in us. What about ethics? Is it ethical to have a state supported school pay \$3 million for a football coach?

Through this whole escapade I have found only one man whose actions I envy, those of President Vandiver. He is the only one who seems willing to stand up and fight the actions of the Board of Regents when they pull a stunt like this.

I feel that Texas A&M is still a school to be proud of. However, what we need is more people like Vandiver. Unfortunately, it may even be too late for that.

I haven't seen an Aggie team execute as well and play as strong a second half since Bear Bryant's team of the '50s. This year's team rolled up lots of yards against their opponents and played good solid defense.

Second, in behalf of the same Aggies, I want to apologize for the unprofessional way Bum Bright and his supporters on the Board of Regents are conducting themselves. It's just inconceivable how a presumably responsible Board of a great University could play such a childish game of cat and mouse with you. Bright making the statement that the Board's action is not hurting recruiting and that you can hurt or help it as you see fit. I assure you that only a small percent of the Aggies support Bright.

I remember Bear Bryant saying that Texas A&M is the hardest school in the nation to coach since the Board members think they know more about calling each play on the field than the coach.

Thanks again Coach and let's just hope the Board members will use their energy in seeing that Texas A&M University surpasses its present scholastic excellence.

Texas A, F and M

**Editor:**

As a student at Texas A, F, and M (Agriculture, Football, and Mechanical) University, I wish to express my appreciation to Mr. Bum Bright for his unquestionable statement on human behavior and nature. Thank you, Mr. Bright, for pointing out to us those things which are really vital and important in his life: integrity, honesty, tact, and good sportsmanship. How better for us to learn these qualities than by recognizing your lack of exercising them?

**Kelli J. Clement '85**  
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**Chris Robinson '82**

**Bright is a 'maverick'**

**Thank you, Wilson**

**Editor:**

First, on behalf of thousands and thousands of fellow Aggies around the world, I want to thank you for the outstanding job you are doing. I've never met you, but I know football and the mechanics of football. I saw my first Aggie game in 1939 and have seen or heard almost every game since. You took over a team with discipline and other problems, sat hard on them and the results have paid off.

I am writing in support of H.R. Bright. He is a maverick who stands apart from the herd of dullard.

On his deathbed, Max Weber (who was the first to identify bureaucracy as a major institution) decried the advancing rationality of humanity. Efficiency was rising, but spontaneity was withering.

Bright is a fresh breeze. His presence here raises the possibility of entrepreneurial spirit in place of the dead certainty of gray dullness that characterizes too much of life.

**David Rubinstein**  
Management Department

**Selection 'unprofessional'**

**Editor:**

Dear Mr. Bright:

I am writing this letter to you because I have never, during my ten years of association with Texas A&M University, been so thoroughly disgusted and embarrassed to be an Aggie. I am sure you feel you have acted in the best interests of Texas A&M by hiring Coach Jackie Sherrill to be athletic director and head football coach and I look forward to each of the next ten years of athletics at Texas A&M. However, the manner in which you, the Board of Regents, and President Frank Vandiver went about this selection was unprofessional and has done a great disservice to Texas A&M. I view with dismay the comparisons between yourself and George Steinbrenner. Steinbrenner is not the type of person I want associated with Texas A&M University.

Mr. Bright, the announcement of a new athletic director should have been a proud day for Texas A&M. Instead, I am utterly ashamed at the manner in which this affair has been conducted and I must express deep anger at the treatment of Coach Tom Wilson and his staff.

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