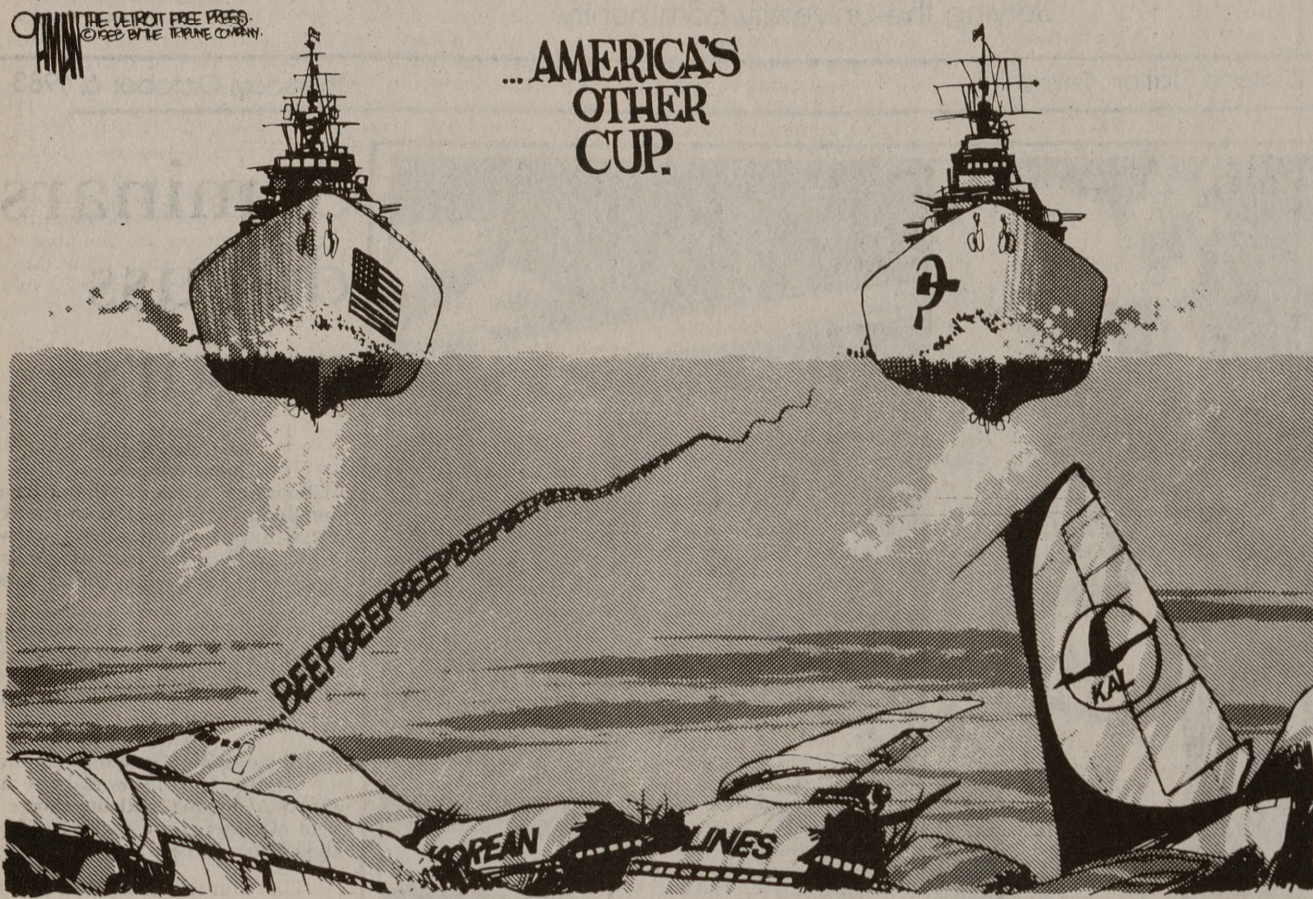


opinion



Letters

Students' actions at game exhibit real Aggie class

Editor:

I am writing this letter to inform the Aggies who were not in Lubbock last weekend about the happenings at the A&M vs. Tech game. I have never been so proud to be an Aggie as this weekend. Midnight yell practice was continuously interrupted by intoxicated Tech students! The insults were horrible, but the Yell leaders maintained their composure and finished it in style.

The game was murder! First we (Aggies) were cursed and booted, but when a member of our Corp of Cadets was struck by a beer bottle it became a little more than I could tolerate. Those immature Tech students (greeks, naturally) threw ice, cups, bottles, and anything else they could find at Aggies throughout the game.

My anger raged until I witnessed an act of maturity and dignity like none that I have ever seen before. A tuba player in the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band was about to have a football thrown into his tuba by a, (you guessed it — greek) pike.

The Aggie patiently removed his instrument from his mouth, sat it aside and looked straight ahead until the childish brat realized he would receive no attention for his feeble-minded act from that Good Ag!

What Class! I do not know that Aggie's name but it sure made my wife and I proud to be students at Texas A&M.

The most excruciating blow came after the game had ended, when Tech students hurled the bourbon and coke, Seagram and 7 all over the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band, and unsuspecting Aggies waiting for yell practice.

The entire affair would have been too nauseating for me to bear had it not been for the superior class shown by Aggies at the game. I hope that none of our out-of-town guests are ever treated that way!

One further note please. I believe there are two types of Aggies. Aggies by blood, and Aggies by choice.

Jackie Sherrill is the exception; he is an Aggie by bank account! Coach Sherrill, you are the man paid for the title of football coach, I'm not. Your opinions have a high dollar value, my advice is free.

Don't make a habit of punting on third down. Once was cute but let's not expect a standing ovation. Start Murray, he can pass and run!

Coach, you need to put your heart into it, not just your business interests. You obviously know more about coaching than I as indicated by your sizeable paycheck, but if you know as much as your paycheck would imply A&M would NOT be 1-3!

Rafe Foreman '85

I think it is great that so many Aggies at Texas A&M ride bicycles to school. It would really be nice if they did it in a courteous and considerate manner.

Remark unnecessary

Editor:

I would like to express my disappointment, embarrassment, and anger over an incident that occurred this past weekend during A&M's Career Day program. Some friends of mine were visiting the university in order to tour the College of Veterinary Medicine. While being shown the area where the animals are housed, their graduate vet student made a racist remark insinuating that Mexicans worked in this area because they enjoyed killing the animals.

One of my friends, who is Mexican American, questioned her guide about his comment. Apparently, he refused to discuss it rather than to attribute blame to one of his professors.

While I was not on the tour and do not know who the guide was, I am surprised that such attitudes exist at A&M. However, I am insulted that a person representing the university would press such a belief to prospective students.

I have encouraged my friend to respond to this on her own, but I feel it is an obligation to challenge such behavior.

Relocate bell tower

Editor:

I wish to voice my opinion about the relocation of the proposed Albritton Tower.

I think it is a nice gesture to donate the tower but why not pick a better place to construct it. Somewhere that all views of the campus have an equal opportunity to view it.

In past years the chimes from the tower used to peal every quarter and for special events such as graduation. Now they are silent, what causes the silence? Why not use the money to buy them instead of adding more bells?

Why also place the tower where it obstructs the view of the semi-circular Academic building, the one the students are spending all the money to give it a lift? What about the flag pole, would it tower also hide the symbol that this university holds so dear?

Before tearing up the garden, let the contractors get together with the Environmental Design Department and let them cate the best place on campus.

Christine Rogala
Mary Jane Rodriguez

Bring back peaches

Editor:

Put the peaches back in Sbis. Darren G. Rudolph
(Editor's note: This letter was accompanied by 45 signatures.)

Problems with bikers

Editor:

The problem with bicycles at Texas A&M has been a problem for some time.

However, I believe it is becoming worse each semester. Aiding this problem is the fact that campus police don't have the manpower and, all too often, the authority to enforce the rules which are outlined for bicycle use in university regulations.

Several glaring problems are most pressing. (1) Bicycle riders do not have any consideration for pedestrians. As a result, bikes are seen zooming about campus at high speeds on any paved surface. This is dangerous to those who walk and often not the best way of travel for the bikers. For example, they seem to prefer to ride on the sidewalk, weaving through foot traffic when there are empty bike lanes on the street. The road in front of the post office by Sbis is a good example.

(2) Bicycle riders often have no consideration of others when it comes to where they park their bikes. The mass of bikes in front of the library is a good example. Usually there is vacant spaces at the bike racks; however, everyone seems to prefer to block the stairs and doors, etc. just so they won't have to walk a few extra feet.

What about the bikes chained to railings of disabled ramps? How can a disabled person who NEEDS to use the railing enter some buildings (Chemistry building is a good example)? Again, there is usually empty space at the bike racks not far away. I have even seen bikes inside buildings blocking exits and stairways.

There are several things I would like to see happen.

First, more citations should be issued for moving violations involving bikes. Many bikers think they don't have to obey the same traffic laws as cars. They are wrong.

Second, ALL bikes chained to trees, lampposts, railings, etc. should be picked up. The campus police have the authority to do this! A few sweeps through areas such as Zachary and the library would reduce this problem greatly. Constant offenders should be forced to attend a defensive driving course designed for bicycles.

Equality an impossible goal

Since the beginning of time the battle of the sexes has been waged. At first, men seemed to have complete control of the world, but gradually women have taken up the slack.

The goal of the battle, however, seems to be not equality but supremacy.

When I was in high school, many people thought I was an active women's libber.

I got my reputation because I was the first girl president in a club that had been all-male five years before.

Many people doubted my ability, but to the relief of many and the disappointment of some, the club went on just as before if not better. In fact, the club equaled the highest ranking ever achieved in the district organization.

I am not a women's libber and never have been. I simply believe that a person should be judged on his or her own merit, and merit alone.

To tell the truth, if you think about it, the idea of equality is kind of silly, because women will never be equal to men until a woman can eat the same amount of food as a man and not gain any weight.



kari fluegel

Equality is impossible, and no, I am not saying that women are inferior to men.

No man would be here if it wasn't for a woman, and on the flipside, no woman would be here if it wasn't for a man.

I think I probably can name about 37,000 Aggies who wouldn't want to be around if it weren't for the opposite sex.

Maybe one of the biggest reasons that equality is impossible is because some men still can't accept the fact that women like, I mean love, to look a handsome man (and I don't mean to see how

straight his hair part is).

Yes, guys, it is true. Bring Tom Selleck on campus and believe me you will find out exactly what I'm talking about.

The battle of the sexes will never end, because mankind is too set in its ways.

True, girls may seem to get the best end of the deal when it comes to dating, but guys don't have to go through the ordeal of getting ready for a date: putting on make-up, shaving legs, finding a pair of hose without runners.

Neither a bra burning nor an equal rights amendment, nor the lack thereof, will change the situation. No amendment can change the attitudes or expressions of the masses.

When a guy leaves his apartment in a mess he is called a bachelor. When a woman leaves her apartment in a mess she is a slob.

When a guy is promiscuous he is playing the field; when a girl is promiscuous she is a loose woman.

Women don't get the short side of the stick in all cases. For example, it is accepted, in fact fashionable, for a woman to dress like a man. But for a man to dress like a woman . . .

Kids write hate mail out of fear

by Art Buchwald

Almost every time President Reagan gives a speech he makes reference to a letter he received from some student backing him on the particular issue he's trying to push at the moment.

It has always made me wonder if the president ever gets mail from kids who don't agree with him.

Well, it turns out he does. Sen. Orrin Hatch angrily brought it up in the Senate a few weeks ago. In an emotional speech he revealed the White House averages 100

letters a day from school children voicing their fears about nuclear war.

Hatch maintained that these letters were inspired by teachers who belonged to the National Education Association, and cited a book NEA had published titled, "Choices: A Unit on Conflict and Nuclear War."

The book encourages pupils to write to the president and world leaders to express their fears.

The NEA denied their book was responsible for the anti-nuclear mail be-

cause only 3,000 had been sold. (With a title like that I believe them.)

My first reaction to Sen. Hatch's speech was that I was happy to learn there were 100 students a day who could still write letters. This shows the country's education is not as bad as it had been painted.

The second was that the letters had somehow been read by top aides in the White House and had gotten under their skins.

But then, I had to come down on the side of Sen. Hatch and here is why.

School children do not have the intellectual capacity to express themselves on something as serious as nuclear war. They don't understand it and never will.

All they are doing are mouthing the biases of their parents and teachers who have been influenced by the liberal anti-Reagan media.

No child had ever seen a "window of vulnerability" close up, nor does he or she understand the importance of hardened MX missiles silos, multi-warheads, first strike capabilities and all the other little things that go into maintaining a superior deterrent arsenal.

All the kids seem to worry about is getting killed.

Playing on this gut emotion, teachers tend to point out the negative side of the nuclear arms buildup, and never mention the fallout from the pluses.

Is it any wonder President Reagan is getting so much mail from school children telling him that they are afraid of nuclear war?

Sen. Hatch doesn't like it and neither does the White House. Pupils are supposed to write to the president telling him how much they love him, and how much they pray for him, and how happy they are his policies are working to get us out of a recession.

Those kinds of letters written from the heart are passed all around the White House to make everyone on the staff feel good.

The ones instigated by pro-freeze teachers have no place on the president's desk. He hears from Congress and from misguided grownup doves all day long. He doesn't want to be told the same thing by a bunch of scared school kids.

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