

win's theories, Men Without Hats, frogs in heat, or any of the other all-important issues usually discussed in this part of the paper. We are not inclined to tell people how to think or what to think (or that Hwy 6 runs both ways), basically because we don't believe it's our place to do so (a live-and-let-live attitude, so to speak). We came to this great University because we wanted a good education and we like nearly everything about this school.

After all, there are no Utopias, but we like to think that A&M is pretty close. Anyway, we wish to address a much more serious problem that affects everyone within spitting distance of where you're sitting. Yes, you guessed it, it's The Battalion.

Why, you may ask, are we attacking the most holy of holy rags on this campus?

Our problem is simple: In the time it takes to read the Batt (about ten minutes cover-to-cover, if you're slow), we invariably come away with enough newsprint on our hands to do Al Jolson impersonations. We are quite certain many other readers have the same problem.

It would not bother us so much if this happened with other papers we read; then it would be a fact of life, like cold toilet seats. But the fact is we do not have this problem with other papers. We are all avid newspaper readers; between us, we read all four Dallas and Houston papers, The Eagle, The New York Times, and The Wall Street Journal every day, as well as our beloved Batt. None of these other publications cover us with newsprint in this way.

Even The Battalion, another illustrious publication of Aggieland, never defiles us in this manner. So why is it that after reading the Batt we must rush to the lavatory to cleanse our hands (if not our minds) of the dreaded black gunk?

There must be a solution to this problem. Surely in this soon-to-be world-class university there is someone capable of developing a printing ink that won't rub off. We challenge the editors and staff of the Battalion to print a newspaper that won't soil our hands at every reading.

The editors are hereby advised that if

a solution is not found soon, drastic action will be taken. Several options are presently under consideration: (1) a campus-wide boycott of the Battalion; (2) using the Battalion only to house train our Cocker Spaniel puppies; or (3) (the current favorite) a sit-in on the grass in front of the Reed McDonald Building. We hope that the editors will recognize the seriousness of this matter and will take prompt action to correct the problem.

**Bill Dawley, '81
Will Andrews, '83
accompanied by 47 signatures**

When will WWI memorial move home?

EDITOR:

Why is the West Gate Memorial still sitting at the MSC?

**James Casey
Class of '84**

Aggies rarely harass people on grass

EDITOR:

I resent your comment in Thursday's Batt regarding people on the MSC grass. I, and many of my friends, have rarely heard of people harassing those who unintentionally walk on the MSC grass. I recall only one incident of this kind of verbal assault.

Last fall, a junior in the Corps was chewing out a visiting family that wanted to get a picture near the MSC. The last I saw of the junior, he was doing pushups for a senior.

This year, before the UTEP game, I saw a family setting up a picnic lunch on the grass near the WWI memorial. There were no cries of "kill the teasips on the grass" or any verbal harassment at all. One "good Ag" walked over and said "this area is a memorial to the war dead, could you please move." The family, although embarrassed, was more than happy to move. There was no yelling, screaming, or problem of any kind.

Most students support the honorable traditions of this university, but most do not have the "give me tradition or give me death" attitude that you seem to feel we have. Give us some credit, most of us

are polite human beings.

**Steven Hart
Class of '86**

Coppedge doesn't understand democracy

EDITOR:

As a believer in the principles of a democratic society I feel obligated to respond to the letter of Woodrow W. Coppedge.

First of all, Coppedge's belief that the majority of students at TAMU are conservative is not a valid statement. The mock elections proved only that the majority of students who participated in the elections were conservative. However, assuming that his belief is true, the idea that there is no need for dissenting opinions on this campus is fallacious. A healthy democracy requires a variety of conflicting minority opinions as well as the majority view.

The idea that the Battalion is a liberal rag is ludicrous. It merely serves as a forum for views that people like Coppedge find infuriating. Since people of his ilk picture themselves as embodiments of conservative values, they feel that their lives are threatened by conflicting ideas. Witness Coppedge's outrage as expressed in his use of words such as "liberaltrash".

The editorial page of a responsible newspaper displays the opinions of a variety of people; it doesn't kowtow to its proprietors. We are fortunate that the Battalion doesn't do so.

The last paragraph of Coppedge's letter is most offensive. The sixties are indeed over. Any criticism of contemporary right-wing ideology is not a veiled desire to return to the days of "flowered, drug-infested freaks . . . demonstrating for pro-Marxist causes . . ." Many Americans are highly critical of the left-wing and the right-wing as exemplified in America today. How would such people be classified in Coppedge's little world?

Seth Bovey

Thanks for Gospelfest

EDITOR:

I would like to commend the Voices

of Praise on an excellent Gospelfest '84. I am certain that each and every member of the choir worked many long hours so that Gospelfest '84 would be a success . . . And indeed it was. Thank you Voices of Praise for allowing us the opportunity to listen to such moving music. Your hard work and dedication has definitely been an inspiration to all!

**Kimberly James
Class of '87**

No gay Moonies allowed at A&M

EDITOR:

The Constitution protects each and every individual's rights. This is true for the ones who call themselves homosexual.

However, our government was wrong to legalize homosexuality. It should be just as illegal as the use and distribution of illegal drugs. Do not try to tell me that practicing homosexuality behind closed doors cannot effect me. Homosexuals are like contaminated little fruit flies carrying all sorts of strange diseases such as AIDS.

I have not and will not ever participate in any type of homosexual activity, but who knows if one of these disgusting diseases the gays are cultivating might somehow effect me. The government needs to realize that homosexuality has a negative impact on society (just like illegal drugs) and should be outlawed.

The gay community claims they are subjected to the same discrimination the blacks were subjected to 25 years ago (unfortunately there still is some racial discrimination). If you are sympathetic to this homosexual claim to civil rights, please consider this: A person has no choice as to what color he or she is. On the other hand, the homosexual does have the choice not to be gay.

Likewise, the shepherd has the choice not to practice bestiality and the brother does not have to have sex with his sister. Homosexuality, like bestiality or incest, is a social disease. Unlike the blacks, the gays have no claim to the title of a "legitimate minority". Homosexuals are afflicted with a social disease and should not be allowed to practice their perverted sex acts under the protection of the constitution. Should the drug addict

be allowed to use, sell, or distribute dangerous drugs under the protection of the constitution?

Unfortunately, Texas A&M is a government institution and will be forced to recognize the GSS because of our government's malaligned interpretation of the Constitution. Do not despair when we do recognize the GSS, though. A&M has been forced to recognize other radical groups such as the Mooney cult. God help us if A&M is ever forced to recognize a gay Mooney organization.

**Joe Hyde
College Station**

Replace the bonfire with a bigger blast

EDITOR:

Well it's about that time of the year again, when the air gets crisp and cool, and people start thinking about bonfire. And, as usual, controversies spring up concerning the pros and cons of bonfire. I was thinking about an idea the other night that might just solve these recurrent discussions, such as how bonfire is wasteful of wood, or how it's detrimental to the grades of Corps members. Given the closeness of the University's liaison with the military, I was thinking that the military could perhaps donate a low-yield nuclear bomb for us to use in place of the stack. The benefits of this are numerous:

— minimum man hours to set it up on Duncan field.

— a really nice, bright fire and mushroom cloud, certainly bigger than that of bonfire, and maybe even visible as far as Houston.

— there would be no danger of a t.u. outhouse falling on the adjacent crowd.

— positive media coverage including praise of the military for having a constructive use for nuclear weapons.

— there is the possibility that mutations in the offspring of the crowd of Aggies surrounding the site (and for two to three miles away also) could produce twelve-foot tall basketball players, and prospective football players the size of the Incredible Hulk.

**Douglas Turmel
Class of '85**

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