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AT EASE

Dear Closet Yuppies and Free Thinkers too,

A couple of weeks ago the fliers appeared. "Yuppies vs. Yuppies — '60s idealism and '80s realism." There was a debate scheduled between Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin — you know them. Oh, you don't? Or at least you *didn't* know until someone over 30 years old balked when you thought Abbie Hoffman was a girl, right? Well, you weren't alone.

For most of us, the '60s were full of toddling, tattle-telling and terrorizing our young parents. Our only rebellion came at the dinner table over brussel sprouts. And "doing our own thing" was whatever creative way we disposed of those same baby-cabbages without chewing or swallowing. Hardly radical.

The Battalion assigned the "Yippie vs. Yuppie" story to a reporter who was also in the dark about the whole thing. And she stayed in the library for four hours catching up on Abbie and Jerry. Having keen eyes for an opportunity, we recruited her for the week to write the lead story for At Ease.

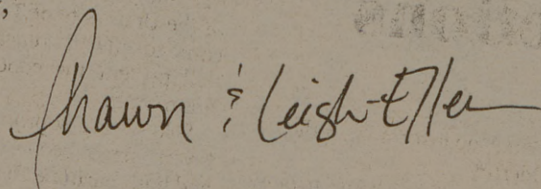
The other assignments were pretty easy to whip out (we thought). It seemed only logical to define a Yippie, find one and write about him. Ditto for the Yup. But, that's much easier said than done (as most things are).

First of all, how do you define a Yippie? Is it the way he dresses? Music he likes? How old he is? If Yippiedom has to do with less-than-conventional clothing, then At Ease is really confused — we tried to tell you that was *Androgyny* two weeks ago. No, being a real Yippie is more than that — so is being androgynous for that matter. And being a real Yippie (if they still exist) is apparently impossible here. But there are some students at A&M who detest the status quo (a favored term) — and they speak up. Most liberals do.

As for the Yuppies, well, there was no need to strain our eyes looking for the over-achievers. Lands, the Career Fair was right under our very noses! The thing about them is some are a little shy about materialism. But that is one of the traits, along with starched shirts, physical fitness and a pre-anything degree. We're not sure where the modesty comes into the act for the upwardly mobile, but we do know that it makes it tough on a harried reporter who is scouring Olympia Way looking for a Yuppie that Jerry Rubin would be proud of.

We found what we think are good examples of liberal thinkers who want "world peace" and conservatives who just want the world. Think and enjoy.

Sincerely,



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