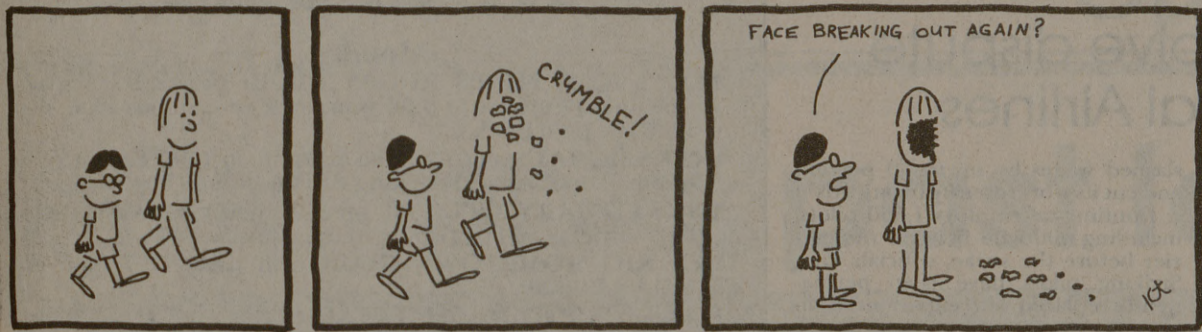


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by Kevin Thomas

## Salvation Army official suspended

Associated Press

DALLAS — Merchandise earmarked for the needy has been systematically siphoned from a Salvation Army thrift store operation and sold for profit or transferred to associates of a key executive of the charity, the Dallas Morning News reported Sunday.

The newspaper also said in a copyright story that Maj. Lairon "Larry" T. White, 61, an ordained Salvation Army minister, also converted into his own name a \$7,150 fishing boat, a \$4,000 car and a \$660 motorcycle that had been donated to the Salvation Army.

The News said the Salvation Army suspended White on Friday after it was informed of the newspaper's findings.

"A thorough investigation has already been started by the Salvation Army concerning the allegations and, should any of the allegations be proved, appropriate action will be taken," said Lt. Col. John Mikles, Texas divisional commander.

White's attorney, Robert C. Hinton, said that the major denies any intentional wrongdoing.

White, a 42-year veteran of the Salvation Army, had headed its vast Dallas resale operation of new and used merchandise for the past decade. The Salvation Army said its resale operations netted more than \$3.2 million in Dallas County last year.

The News said that among the findings that surfaced during its four-month investigation were:

— Boxes of new merchandise donated by Roach Paint Co., Neiman-Marcus, Culwell & Sons, and other Dallas corporations were routinely separated from other merchandise offered for sale in daily public auctions. Large quantities of that merchandise was sold at a Amite City, La., bargain store operated by a former Salvation Army employee who describes himself as a "good friend" of White's.

## Aggieland wins awards

# Yearbook is largest in U.S.

By BOBBY FOSTER  
Reporter

The 1985 Aggie Yearbook should be available to pick up Sept. 29 in the English Annex. Students who have pre-paid need only their student I.D. card to get it.

Don Johnson, coordinator of student publications, says the 848-page Aggie Yearbook is the largest college yearbook printed in the United States. About 20,000 are sold annually.

The 1984 Aggie Yearbook, under editor Dena Brown, has won two awards from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in its annual yearbook contest.

It received an overall award in the first class division and All-Columbian for outstanding cover and photography.

"We had it in mind to make it a better book — less mistakes, more accuracy," Brown says. "And for the first time in years we met all deadlines."

In addition, the Printing Industry of America gave the 1984 Aggie Yearbook one of its 10 annual awards, which are based on printing quality alone.

Brown says the 1984 Aggie Yearbook was printed by The Delmar Company, which wanted the best quality it could get.

"I went to the publishing plant in North Carolina when it was being printed," Brown says. "I slept there, and they would wake me up to go down and check every color layout."

"Because Delmar did such a good job, the PIA is actually their award."

Brown says she had such success



## Aggie Yearbook

because of the talented staff she had to work with.

A staff of approximately 20 students works on the Aggie Yearbook each year, a tradition since 1895.

The first book, called the Olio, had 133 pages and was published by the Corps of Cadets. Olio is Italian for "hash."

The second yearbook, published in 1903, was called the Long Horn. In 1913, the editors changed the name to one word, the Longhorn.

In 1949, the student body voted to change the name to the Aggie Yearbook. The first edition of the Aggie Yearbook was gray and featured the Aggie ring in gold.

The 1984 Aggie Yearbook is the first one not to have the ring on the cover. Instead it features the Texas A&M seal.

A complete collection of Texas A&M yearbooks is in the archives of the Sterling C. Evans Library.

## Fire ants are here to stay, expert says

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — After years of frustrating efforts to eliminate the red imported fire ant, state officials concede that the pest is here to stay — at least for the time being.

Fire ants, which can sting up to 20 times in a row, are a major problem for farmers since they attack crops, make deep nests that damage farm machinery and can spread across vast areas in a short time.

The state Department of Agriculture, which has spent \$20 million over the past decade trying to get rid of the ants, is trying a new approach. "They're here, we've got them," said Mark Trostle, the agency's chief

expert on the fire ant. "And there's no way to get rid of them until we learn more about them."

Fire ants are a new field of study for scientists who have been researching them only for the past decade, Trostle said.

"We used to think eradicating fire ants was the answer," he said. "Now, we've learned that's a bad word to use. It's better to say, 'control, relieve and suppress.'"

The worker fire ants also take "nuptial flights," mating in the air as high as 1,500 to 5,000 feet, drifting in the wind for five to 15 miles, and landing in new territory to set up another colony.

Not even floods and heavy rains can stop the pesky insects. Their survival instinct is so strong that even during floods and heavy rains, rather than drowning, fire ants float to the top of their mounds, gather into a ball and drift down the waters to a dry area to re-establish a colony.

"The biggest restriction as far as keeping them from moving readily has been the drought in West Texas," Trostle said.

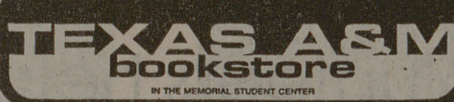
The fire ant sting is one of the most potent in the insect world. A single, aggressive ant will anchor itself onto a victim with its powerful jaws, then inject venom through a stinger. One ant can sting up to 20 times in a row.

The Agriculture Department has been receiving \$1.9 million a year since the 1970s — nearly \$20 million total — from the Texas Legislature to find ways to fight fire ants.

The federal government had appropriated \$500,000 to Texas in 1984, but denied the Agriculture Department money this year because state officials had requested using the funds for research rather than a large-scale treatment program.

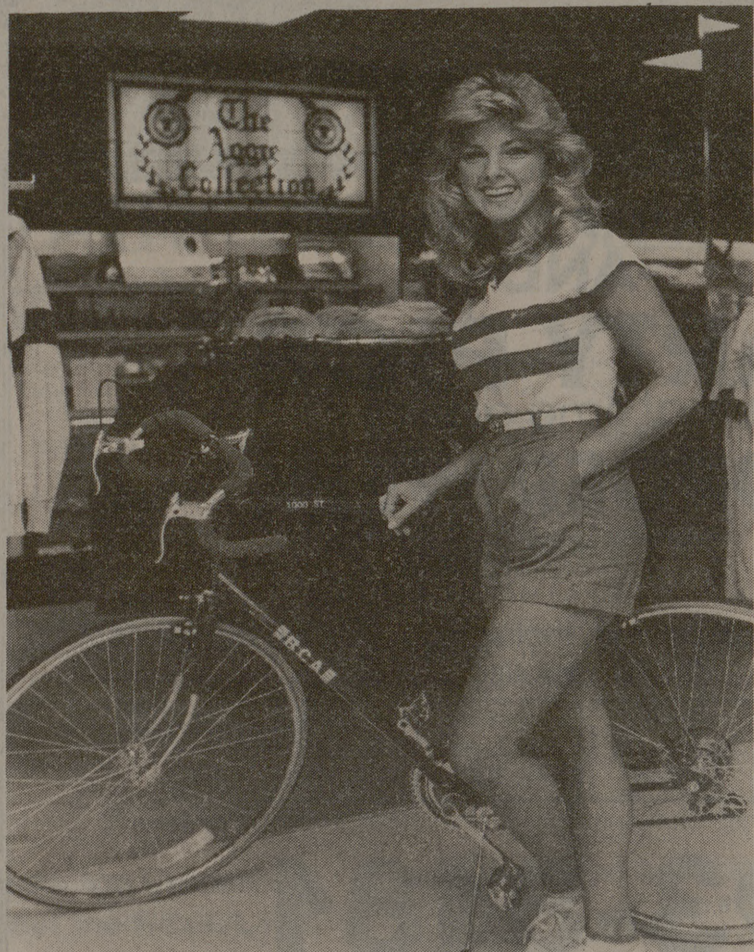
"We're against that (treatment programs)," Trostle said. "It's not going to work that way. The fire ant will just fly out."

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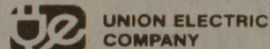
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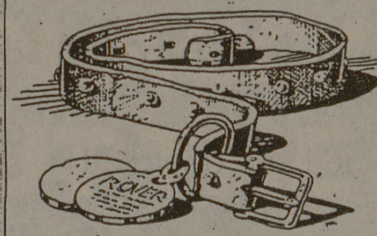
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