

Mail Call

All in this together

EDITOR:

Howdy!
In addressing this letter to the student body I would like to begin by defining the role of the yell leaders. As representatives of the student body and the University, the yell leaders unite and motivate the Twelfth Man to stand behind all Aggie teams through thick and thin. We also promote and ensure that tradition is maintained and passed on un tarnished from the way it was passed to us.

However, keeping traditions within the realms of sensibility is of utmost importance as well. I feel a little brass and elbow grease is needed in regards to midnight yell practice so that it too will be untarnished.

The role of the Twelfth Man is to support the teams and each other through all situations regardless of what they may be. Everyone at Texas A&M should help ensure that the friendliness and the Aggie Spirit that moves through campus is kept alive and felt by all Aggies past, present and future.

In terms of sensibility, I have asked the Corps of Cadets to make some corrections in its role at midnight yell practice. In the future, the Corps will not remove those running across Kyle Field nor is it the Corps' responsibility to prevent them from doing so.

However, in the best interest of the students and the future of midnight yell practice, I am asking that all students cooperate with the yell leaders by staying off of Kyle Field during yell practice.

These changes were discussed with and supported by the Traditions Council, Residence Hall Association, Off-Campus Aggies, the Corps commander and the student body president.

We are all in this together and must stick together all the way. Let's be true to each other as we all can be. I appreciate your cooperation and support.

Marty Holmes '87
Head yell leader

Just desserts

EDITOR:

This letter is in regard to the behavior of the Corp of Cadets at the Texas Tech midnight yell practice. Way to go guys! Anyone who ran out on Kyle Field deserved what he or she got, if not more. We can only think of one thing that should be changed. A line of cadets should be placed at the far end zone during yell practices. This might prevent any idiots from attempting to cross Kyle Field.

Tradition is what makes Texas A&M great. Without traditions, we would be like any other school, with rah-rah girls and pom-poms. Everybody knows about A&M and its traditions and that's one more reason to be "another proud Aggie!"

With regard to Craig Browning and anyone else who thinks Kyle Field is just "a piece of carpet" and traditions are "lame-brain," maybe they should think of transferring. We hear that the University of Texas has some openings. They will let anyone stand on their field, even a stinky, fat cow.

Phil Johnson '88
Todd Martin '88

Human worth vs. Astroturf

EDITOR:

I attended my first yell practice Oct. 3. After witnessing the appalling violence which occurred at the hands of a few members of the Corps of Cadets, I seriously considered making it my last.

Marty Holmes, head yell leader, said in the Oct. 8 Battalion, "When they (the civilian students) run out there, they know what's fixing to happen." Does this mean that the cadets' behavior is to be considered an automatic response, thereby relieving them of responsibility for their actions?

I would hope that a body of students with the integrity and discipline of the Corps could be

held more accountable for its actions and would be able to determine the worth of a human being (defiant, though she may be) versus a plot of Astroturf (Kyle Field).

Craig McIntosh '89

No respect necessary

EDITOR:

Seeing members of our glorious Aggie Corps of Cadets strutting about campus has, in the past, brought to mind a line from an old Bob Dylan song that goes something like, "I saw guns and sharp swords in the hands of young children."

I just read about how these "heroes" assaulted a handful of students during yell practice Oct. 3 after the students dared to set their filthy, nasty, civilian feet on the sacred, synthetic lawn of Kyle Field. My thoughts now are that inflated authority has been given to sadistic geeks.

Why should we expect the first rate universities in this country to develop any respect for Texas A&M as long as this group of self-righteous brats and their babysitters participate in or allow the occurrence of such abhorrent actions?

K.A. Fuller
Graduate student

Epitome of Bad Ags

EDITOR:

I am writing in reference to the yell practice incident Oct. 3, and I would like to say that I am appalled at the stupidity of those who ran across the field and at the negative reaction that the Corps has received.

As Marty Holmes quite aptly put it, "they were egging it on themselves," and I don't feel at all sorry for them. It's not like they were innocent bystanders who happened to wander onto the field—they deliberately and flagrantly dared the Corps to stop them, knowing full well what would happen. How can they complain about what they got? They deserved every bit of it.

In addition, they were being the epitome of "Bad Ags" by publicly defying tradition, a tradition that isn't just a Corps tradition but an Aggie one. Aren't we all Ags together?

Why should the Corps have to stand alone to protect the spirit and individualism of this great University? Why should they be criticized for it?

It may sound cliched, but if they don't like the way Texas A&M is, then why don't they just go somewhere else?

Taborri Bruhl '89

A campus of Pallmeyers

EDITOR:

Let's look at a new concept, "Texas A&M — Karl Pallmeyer Style." First of all we must do away with all those darned cadets. They are all the same. One does something, all of them do it. They're such a menace. Next, the football team must go, along with the rest of the sports program — those "Neanderthals." Next, we must get rid of all these "silly" traditions. People carry them out much too far. Gee, I'm upset just writing this. After all this, we'll build lots of museums, libraries and "educational" video rental stores (for Saturday nights). As long as this is being done, let's take away every entertaining place in this "black hole of culture." Don't worry, we will still have lots of FOOD stores.

Wouldn't this be a grand place. We'd have thousands of obese geniuses with bowl haircuts running around "intelligently criticizing" everything (if anything) that is immoral or illogical about each other or their surroundings. Think about it. Exciting, isn't it?

Bob McCrea '89

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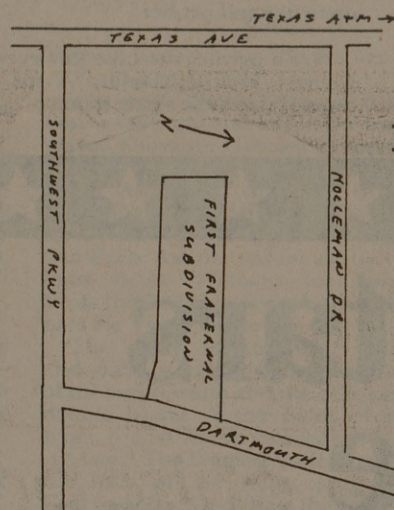
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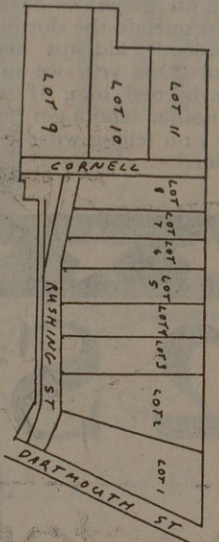
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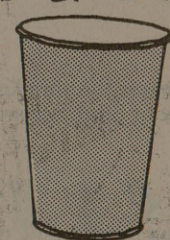
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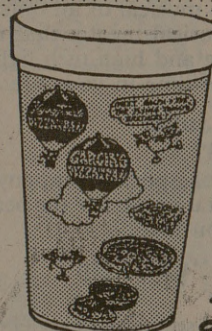
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