

The Good

As indicated by the plethora of t-shirts currently available, one of the definite high points of the semester was A&M's Thanksgiving Day victory over t.u., allowing the Ags to claim another SWC championship and a date at the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day.

This year's Bonfire stood a scant 45 minutes, falling hours before the midnight hour. Tradition dictates that if Bonfire stands until midnight, the A&M football team is destined to win against the teasips, and if it falls before midnight, well . . . you get the idea.

But the Aggies took destiny into their own hands and enjoyed a 16-3 win in Austin. The win marked A&M's third consecutive victory over the Longhorns — a definite cause for celebration. (At Ease has done a little celebrating of its own. Just turn the page and you'll see what we mean.)

Phone registration was also a hit this semester — for those who could get through the busy phone lines. Many students encountered no problems with the new computerized telephone system, putting to rest horrible rumors started by people who just *had* to register Monday morning.

Those who did get through found a nice man who soothingly guided them through the mentally taxing process and operators who were usually able to help solve their scheduling problems quickly and efficiently.

The Battalion staff had a good time during registration since one of the Batt's newsroom phone numbers is one digit away from the registration number. Just a slip of a finger led countless callers to confusion, especially once staff started playing along.

This semester also brought

the 12th annual Texas Renaissance Festival to the piney woods of Plantersville. The students who visited the festival left schoolbooks and exam worries behind to enjoy 16th century fun and frolic in the Renaissance fantasyland.

Speaking of revelry, this year's Elephant Walk marked the Class of 87's expiration, as enthusiastic juniors pelted seniors with everything from water to shaving cream to clods of dirt. Heavy rain conditions the days before produced a great deal of mud, providing an excellent arena for the traditional junior-senior brawl.

And music fans anxiously awaiting the release of another Boston album were finally appeased as the group came out with their third album, appropriately entitled "Third Stage." The last album the group released was "Don't Look Back" in 1978.

But the new album was well worth the wait. Local radio stations have more than made up for lost time, never missing an opportunity to saturate listeners with the new cuts, especially the chart-topping hit "Amanda."

The release of "Third Stage" resulted in an alteration in the phrase "Until hell freezes over, or Boston releases another album."

In other music news... Before November 10, the only way to hear The Boss live was to see him in concert or get a hold of a bootleg tape. But Bruce Springsteen has finally released a live album containing a decade of his best hits.

For around \$25 (some say, a very small price to pay) fans can now bring Bruce's uncut, unmixed, un-fooled-with voice into their own homes.

The 40-song, five-record set

entitled *Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band Live 1975-85* was an apparent hit across the nation, as people lined up at music stores to await the arrival of the Boss's latest. Houston was a hot spot for sales, but in College Station the enthusiasm was not nearly as contagious.

If you are a Democrat, the political highlight of the semester occurred when your party pulled the carpet out from

under the reigning Republicans in the Senate this November. Political watchdogs have been wondering aloud how effective Ronnie's last days in the White House will be in light of this latest Democratic victory.

One final highlight that deserves mention in this category was the exciting announcement that help is just around the corner for chronic bores. Yawn.



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Seniors participating in a messy but memorable Elephant Walk leave Kyle Field after having another yell practice.