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## From the Bleachers

### A credibility problem

SPORTS EDITOR:

It was most interesting to read the recent columns by Hal Hammons concerning the allegations of impropriety on the part of Jackie Sherrill. Mr. Hammons professes his belief in the original testimony of George Smith, citing the credibility of the *Dallas Morning News* as evidence of the truth of Mr. Smith's initial statements. He further claims that the *Dallas Morning News* is regarded among journalists as the finest newspaper in the region.

I am sure that Mr. Hammons holds the *Dallas Morning News* in even higher regard, since he is the A&M sports correspondent for the publication.

Since he has seen fit to question the credibility of both Mr. Sherrill and the A&M Board of Regents, I feel it would be fair to ask Mr. Hammons how much he is imbursed for his contribution to the *Dallas Morning News*. I am sure Mr. Hammons would no doubt relish the opportunity to work for that publication upon leaving A&M. It is apparent that Mr. Smith is not the only person with a credibility problem.

Personally, I don't know whether Mr. Smith's allegations are true or not. If Coach Sherrill paid hush money he should be dismissed. The penalties for such a violation should be left to the NCAA, not a *Battalion* lynch mob.

The death penalty would have a tremendous economic impact on the community. Is it worth the jobs of hundreds of local residents to impose the death penalty when a five-year probation would accomplish the same objective?

Regardless, the guilt of the school in both the eyes of the public and the minds of its students should be determined by the appropriate investigation, not by the decree of the press.  
Paul A. Brinkley '89

### Doctor, Doctor!

SPORTS EDITOR:

Texas A&M and Southwest Conference football is sick and needs to be returned to health through an infusion of proper ethics, sportsmanship and enforcement of the rules. Here are some restorative measures:

- Fire Jackie Sherrill. Whatever the findings in the Smith incident, he is responsible for the present NCAA penalties.
- Disband or bar from further contact with the athletic program the Aggie Club or whatever group of powerful alumni is misdirecting A&M athletics.
- Hire a young high-potential coach at a salary consistent with those of other University heads of departments.
- Adopt a code of ethics stating that any coach, athlete or alumnus accepting or giving money, material gifts or compensation other than University-approved scholarships and coaching salaries will be dismissed from and barred from the program.
- Recommended that the State of Texas adopt similar rules for all state-supported colleges and universities and that the NCAA require member schools to meet such standards. This would level the playing field and maintain healthy competition.

College football has become semi-professional and non-representative of student bodies. An increasing number of fans and former supporters are repelled by abuses of the rules and are unable to relate to the participants as fellow students and alumni.

Let's clean up A&M athletics and restore it to its rightful role in building school spirit and tradition in healthy, fair competition.  
Herbert G. Mills '51

## Hockey

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Warning — the trek will be difficult and arduous but worth it.

The cable news stations sometimes report on hockey scores and show footage — sometimes. But two or three seconds of various teams racing around the ice does not make up for the time spent trying to hunt down when the station is going to run its sports break blurb.

There needs to be more coverage of hockey. You may say hockey isn't a priority sport in Texas, but it is of greater interest than high school football.

The large newspapers in the state run more stories featuring high school football than they run hockey related items. High school football over professional hockey? Unbelievable.

Finding hockey results in a Texas newspaper is close to impossible. If hockey ever finds its way into a local

### Don't be so negative!

SPORTS EDITOR:

We are writing this letter in response to Hal Hammons' article on Monday about *The Battalion's* handling of the Jackie Sherrill-George Smith controversy.

In his article, Hammons said he felt Sherrill was guilty of wrongdoing. I really hope that he is not basing his condemnation solely on Smith's story (or stories). Smith has shown that he is not a credible source — which should be apparent to Hammons, considering that he is a journalist.

He also says *The Battalion* prints the facts. Let's see how *The Batt* prints the facts and how they could have printed the facts. It seemed that on Friday the *Batt* had already condemned Jackie Sherrill and the football program. The *Battalion* staff could have stated their opinions in a more positive light — or at least less slanted than they were.

In his Monday article, Hammons stated that the student body was confusing "innocent until proven guilty" and "innocent until confession." That's strange, I thought being innocent until proven guilty was what America was all about. Being a journalist, Hammons should know about accusation and constitutional rights.

Finally, I would like to encourage the student body to stand behind Sherrill and the football program until it has been proven guilty by either the NCAA or the internal investigation by A&M, not the *Dallas Morning News* or *The Battalion*. Then, if Sherrill happens to be found guilty of wrongdoing, regretfully let him go and not drop him like a hot piece of charcoal.

Greg Bankston '91  
42 signatures

### Aggies don't taunt

SPORTS EDITOR:

A&M defensive back Gary Jones unquestionably deserved to be flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct in Saturday's football game against TCU. I refuse to argue with anyone who considers celebration in the face of a seriously injured player to be "sportsmanlike". (TCU quarterback Scott Ankrom was apparently unconscious on the field and was later reported to have suffered a concussion.) This letter is not a criticism of Gary Jones. He is an Aggie, and I'm sure he is normally a very sportsmanlike player, but the fact remains that he demonstrated unsportsmanlike behavior.

This letter is written, instead, in criticism of the yell leaders and the crowd who subsequently did the "horse laugh" yell. This was yet another instance of the overuse of that yell in the past few years. I am a maroon-blooded, dyed-in-the-wool Aggie, and I love this school and its traditions. I believe that there are circumstances which warrant the use of the yell, but it shouldn't be done with every call against our football team. We make mistakes too. Including facemasking, roughing the passer and even unsportsmanlike conduct.

When these calls are made against us undeservedly, let's give 'em the horse laugh. When we're guilty, however, let's just yell encouragement for the Ags and keep the horse laugh to ourselves, lest we show poor sportsmanship as a crowd.

Jerry Tennison '87  
Michael Wilhite '86  
Scott McKinney '86

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newspaper it is used only sparingly to take up white space.

Most of the time hockey is stuck back at the end of the sports sections near the wildlife and fisheries reports. I recently found out the score in a Philadelphia Flyers game and the level of an area lake at the same time. How convenient. Fish, fowl and hockey.

But most of the time hockey can't even fight its way into the lake level and hunting back sports pages. In that case, there is usually one final way to find out just who played who and who won what. The box scores in the newspaper.

The only problem with this is that the print is so microscopic that you begin to get the feeling that somebody is trying to hide something.

Hockey should be brought back out into the open and into our television screens where it belongs.

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