

Thursday, September 28, 1989

## Mail Call

### Don't be an 'Eggie'

EDITOR:

Just when you thought it was safe enough to travel around at night ... During the second week of the fall semester, many students apparently were victims of a crazy egg attack on the north side of the campus around midnight. Two or more cars were involved in the attacking of pedestrians and students in vehicles. From what I gathered, the egg throwing injured many, and the attackers just sped off.

We all know that the campus will soon be much safer at night because of the on-foot patrol, but what if you stay off campus? Does that mean the protection we get ends at the line dividing the campus and the city?

My only plea to you is that you think twice next time before you do anything foolish to anybody for your own pleasure. Think about this: what if one of the eggs seriously injures somebody? Think about the consequences. Even a shout to a cyclist when you pass by could scare him off balance and fall.

Students at Northgate (along University Drive, College Main) are constantly attacked by things like stones, eggs and beer bottles. Egg tossers stop it.

Let's make our campus safe and peaceful.

Chong Hsu Liu '90

### Why not Greek 'em?

EDITOR:

Michael Kelley, as a columnist, albeit a "guest" columnist, you should know that correct information is essential. However, your September 25 column contains fallacies and contradictions galore.

First, you asked when the last time was that Greeks went out to "cut, stack or to support the building of bonfire." Well, surprise, Michael.

Many sororities are Bonfire Buddies with the Corps. And, please reassure me that if sorority members did indeed help with bonfire that we would not only be physically harassed like the female reporters who were at bonfire site two years ago.

Secondly, Mr. Kelley, you stated that Greeks need to "actively support A&M and what it has always stood for." Yet, you also mentioned that "half of the Fish Camp directors, the editor of *The Battalion*, the student body president (is this one simply sour grapes?), and the senior class president" are all Greeks. Well, it sounds like fraternity and sorority members are *already* involved in many A&M activities.

Being Greek does not mean being non-Aggie. So why can't it be "Greek 'em" as well as "Gig 'em"? Surely there is room for diversity at a school of 40,000.

You are, however, correct in stating that Greek and Corps members are hardly similar. But since when does being different give you the right to sling derogatory statements at fraternity and sorority members?

Do us a favor and follow the basic journalistic guideline of proofreading your future articles so they do not contain hypocritical and untrue statements. One other thing Mr. Kelley: If ignorance is bliss, then you must be one happy guy.

Lisa Marie Wood '91  
accompanied by 23 signatures

### A&M 'blech?' Go to Tech!

EDITOR:

I grew up less than 40 miles from Texas Tech University. I hate Tech! Every time I go to that campus I got a sick feeling in my gut. Everybody lives in their own little world and nobody gives a damn about anyone else. It is impossible to get someone to smile. You cannot say "hi" to someone and expect a "hi" in return. Students there don't even seem to like their school. The point I am trying to make is that Tech is controlled by the fraternities. The rivalry between these "frats" is

unbelievable. The school is divided against itself. So the only "friends" that you have are your fraternity brothers. This makes me sick.

Here we have a different controlling factor, the Corps. This is an organization that is centered around discipline, morals and strong values. I am not a member of the Corps, but I respect everyone who is. They are getting much more than an education. They are developing attitudes that will help them the rest of their lives. They uphold the attitudes, and the traditions that have made A&M the unique school that it is. I personally don't want this university to change. Sure, it can be improved. We could all use some more parking places, but if we turn our backs on the Corps, we turn our backs on A&M.

Adam Mathieu wrote a column in the September 20 issue of *The Battalion*. I say to Mr. Mathieu, and to everyone that stands behind him in his opinion, go to Tech. You'll love it there.

Phil Birkelbach '93

### Where can we put it?

EDITOR:

Concerning the controversy surrounding bonfire, I believe two things are obvious: (1) No one, save a small number of utopian environmentalist crusaders and a handful of vocal tradition haters wants to see bonfire become a thing of the past; (2) The current site of bonfire, Duncan Field, is desperately needed for parking, facility expansion, and is too close to many College Station homes to be considered safe for a fire of its size.

Bonfire must be moved. The move from the Drill Field to Duncan Field many years ago was probably considered a break with tradition then, just as my proposal will be today. However, if the move is to a more advantageous site, then the integrity and ultimate survival of Aggie Bonfire will be insured.

The polo field on east campus is a very logical site on which to hold bonfire. Expansion is going westward, so this eastern site should be protected from calls for relocation for many years to come.

The Zachry lot provides far more parking than is found around Duncan Field, while visibly would be greatly enhanced by having it at the forefront of the university, seen in front of the Systems Building from Texas Avenue. The prevailing northerly winds in November would scatter most of the embers over the golf course, which could be watered down before or even during burning. If permanent restrooms could be constructed and the polo team accommodated, relocation would be a no-lose situation. This proposal is much more desirable than moving across the tracks, or even worse, to Texas World Speedway. Quick resolution of this issue will allow us to focus our attention on building bonfire, not arguing over it and detracting from what it's all about — building Aggie spirit.

Larry W. Cox '88

### Let us into the library!

EDITOR:

On Saturday I arrived at the Sterling C. Evans Library around 7 p.m. only to find the doors had been shut and locked at 6 p.m. Am I mistaken or did school not start weeks ago? Has it not occurred to our distinguished administration that some of us do not party every Saturday night, even if our neighbors with the 150-watt speakers do?

I find it ironic that on a night that the residence halls and apartment complexes are at their noisiest, the library (i.e. "The Quiet Zone") closes before dinner. In fact, Saturday night probably would be the one night that is truly quiet in the library — the people who usually spend their time at the library catching up on the gossip are at the latest party, allowing the rest of us to get some actual studying done!

It's nice that we have extended hours before midterms and finals, but some of us try not to put our studying off until the last minute.

Krista Lyons '92  
accompanied by 20 signatures

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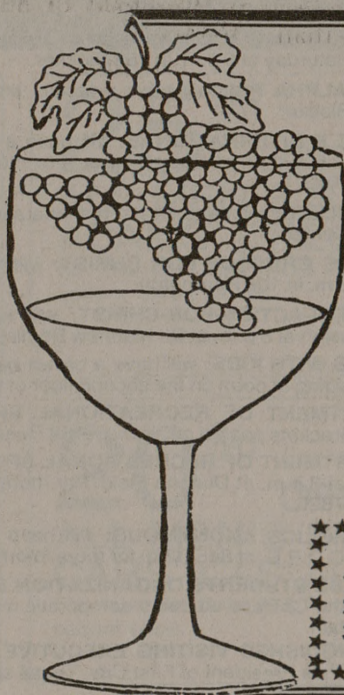
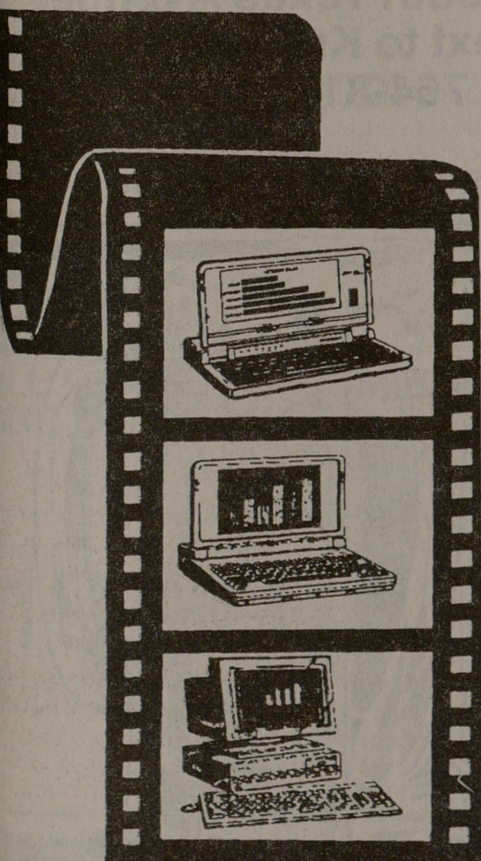
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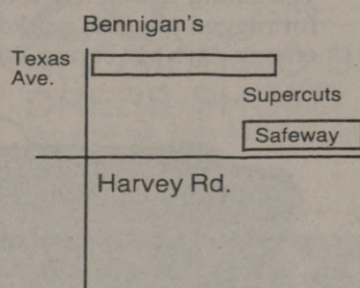
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