

## Don't be rude, Ags

Texas A&M students are proud of this University. They are proud the school is known as one of the friendliest campuses in the nation. And yet, when some Ags travel to another campus, they forget all of their pride and believe that since they are away from College Station, they don't have to be friendly. These Aggies are obnoxious and rude at other campuses.

Many universities take football competition seriously, as does Texas A&M. But is the competition so fierce that an Aggie must disgrace the University by acting unnecessarily rude toward fans of the opposing school?

Aggies are Aggies wherever they are, and should act with the same kind of pride they display at A&M. Not only will the University be known as the friendliest campus anywhere, but Aggies will be known as the friendliest people anywhere.

*The Battalion Editorial Board*

## Nobel Prize for Gorbachev a well-deserved honor

The winner of the Nobel Peace Prize was announced yesterday, and it couldn't have gone to a more deserving individual. Mikhail Gorbachev became the first leader of the Soviet Union to have the honor of receiving the award, which goes to the individual or group that does the most to further the cause of peace worldwide.

By earning this award, Gorbachev joins the distinguished crowd of fellow award winners such as Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, George C. Marshall, Martin Luther King, Jr., Andrei Sakharov, and Mother Teresa. And Gorbachev, like all previous recipients, has made long strides to ensure that the fragile peace we as a nation have enjoyed, will continue.

While his success can be contributed to a number of things, it is Gorbachev himself who earned the prize.

This is the man who brought the

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world and his country *glasnost*, *perestroika*, the dismantling of the Berlin Wall and consequently the reunification of Germany.

He has relaxed immigration laws in his country, established a legitimate legislature, loosened the reins that the Soviet government has on its press, and signed a crucial arms treaty with then President Ronald Reagan that eliminated an entire class of nuclear weapons.

He ended the Soviet Union's debacle in Afghanistan by withdrawing Soviet troops and thereby admitting to the world that it was a lost cause.

He has allowed the introduction of free market ideals, denounced Stalin and his purges, and paved the way for Soviet judges to crack down on anti-Semitism.

He has won the hearts of Americans across the country on his numerous visits.

He befriended a man that just a few years earlier had called the Soviet Union "an evil empire."

It has been actions like these that ultimately brought about the end of the 40 years of cold war.



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Columnist

Not to ignore the fact that his country is facing serious problems that require immediate attention, but Gorbachev's policies have changed the lives of millions of people.

It is because of Gorbachev that the United States has the pleasure of easing the burden that military spending places on our economy. If it had not been for him, the United States and the Soviet Union might still be experiencing the uncomfortable relations that have been the norm since the end of World War II.

Instead, the United States and the Soviet Union have begun to form a new partnership that holds the promise of ensuring peace for years to come. The Soviet Union's reaction and condemnation of Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait demonstrates the new attitude of the Soviet Union that Gorbachev made possible. Now the United States can act in concert with its former adversary, instead of, as in the past, against it.

Gorbachev has planted the seeds of a new world order, a world where democracies have the opportunity to flourish and totalitarianism fail.

And while Gorbachev's future may

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be uncertain, his reforms are here to stay. He has gone too far to allow a succeeding leader to return to the hard ways of previous years. The citizens have gained too much to let anyone take away their new-found liberties.

So let us be thankful for Mikhail Gorbachev and all he has done. It is his contributions that have given people throughout the world the possibility to live in peace without the fear of impending war.

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## Claytie, we want a debate

Clayton Williams will be speaking on campus tonight at 7 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. Will someone please give him a copy of today's Battalion so he can read this column? Thanks.

An open letter to Clayton Williams

Dear Mr. Williams,  
Hi, my name is Ellen Hobbs and I'm one of the people you'll be representing if you're elected governor in November. I'm just a little concerned about something that's happening in the campaign.

You see, I really think there ought to be a debate.

I know, I know, you'll debate Ann Richards if she'll sign a treaty and stop "negative campaigning." But, to be quite honest, we're not voting for someone on the basis of how they campaign. You should know that — if that were true, then you'd be in big trouble, considering the number of gaffes you've made campaigning.

I, like a lot of other voters, am getting quite tired of the campaign theatrics and would like to see you two go head to head on the issues you'd have to deal with if you were elected.

I saw the television footage of you and Richards at your appearance before the Greater Dallas Crime Commission. You refused to shake her hand and said

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she'd lied, and later you said that it was "time to throw down the gauntlet."

"To throw down the gauntlet" means to offer a challenge, and with that in mind, Mr. Williams, I think it is time that you threw down the gauntlet. Challenge her to a debate.

You two seem to be polar opposites on a lot of the issues, but, without a debate, we're unable to see how your ideas for new policies stand up under fire. We'd like to see the differences in your policies when they are stacked up right next to each other.

But you won't debate Richards. Richards has said many times that she's more than willing to accept invitations to debate you. She even said she'd debate you right here in Bryan-College Station, where you have quite a strong following. It'd be like fighting on your home turf.

She's thrown down a gauntlet, too,

Mr. Williams, but so far, you haven't been man enough to pick up the glove.

To Richards followers, you look like a coward. To voters who just can't make up their minds, it seems like you're cheating them out of information that is an important part of their decision-making process.

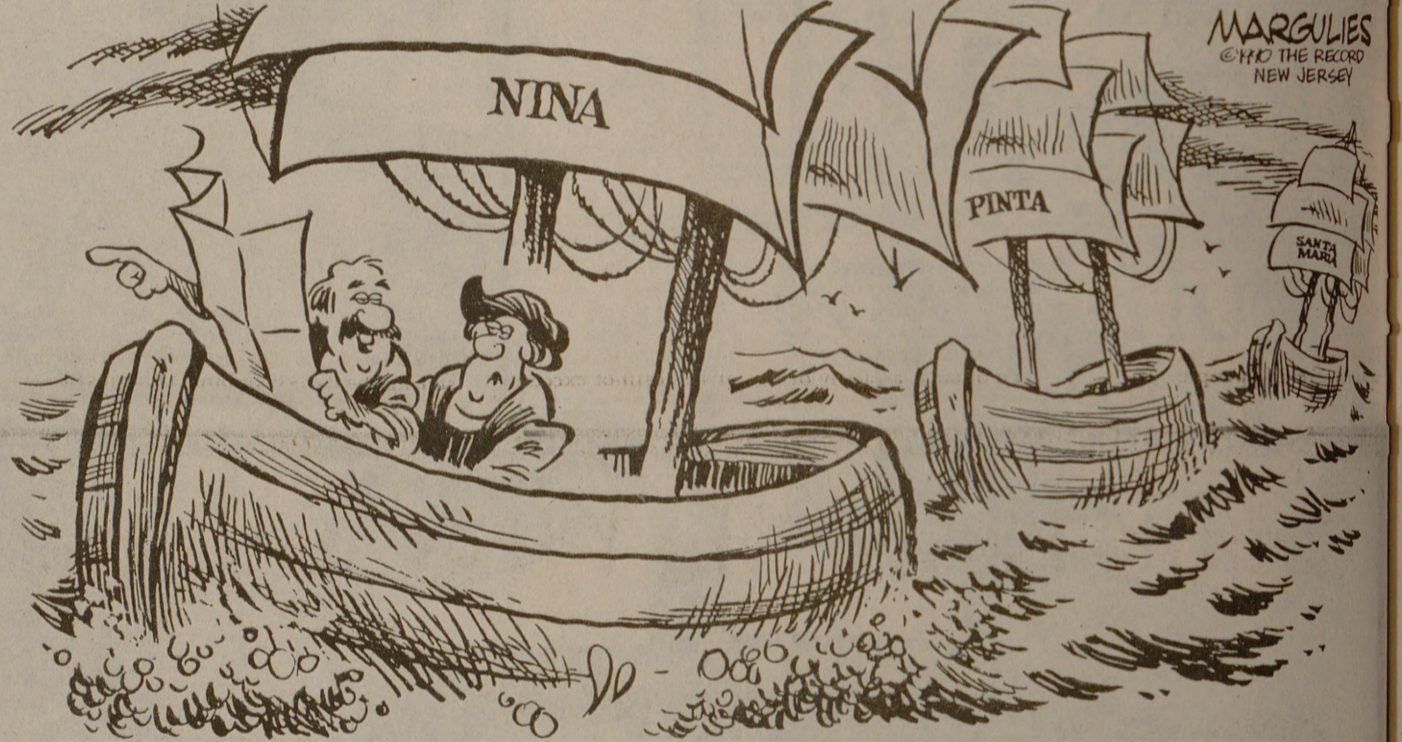
I know you don't feel comfortable running against a woman, Mr. Williams. But the voters don't care. We want to see you fight it out over the real issues. We want to see you argue over policy. We want one or both of you to give us a reason to vote for one of you.

You're a businessman, Mr. Williams, and good business people say that the customer is always right. So try to think of this campaign as trying to sell yourself to the customers, the voters. And right now, the customers are asking for a debate.

So, please, Mr. Williams, make the next "confrontation" you and Richards have at a real debate held for the voters' benefit, not just hasty words spewed out angrily at a campaign appearance to make the race more theatrical.

Because if we're gonna make you governor, we want to see that you're not only willing to throw down gauntlets, but pick up a few, too.

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"America? Easy!... Go past three oil spills... Hang a left at the floating medical waste... And it'll be the big toxic burial site straight ahead..."

## Mail Call

### Richards fan thanks Republicans

EDITOR:

As an Ann Richards supporter, I would like to thank the Clayton Williams followers who came to hear Ms. Richards' campaign speech Tuesday evening. I really think a few of them unknowingly learned to respect my candidate's knowledge and sharp-tongued wit, if they did not already.

I must admit when I entered the Rudder Theater, I was concerned about Claytie's army. But as I watched a few of them during the dynamic speech, I became pleased at most of their responses. Of course, there are those who tried to stare blankly ahead, desperately trying not to listen. (Was this in fear of approving of my candidate's platform?)

After Ms. Richards commented on the victimization of women, I saw two pro-Williams females frowning at her proposal! Now that's dedication! Or is it that they don't mind getting "serviced"?

Then there were the ones who pretended to guzzle beer

when Ann spoke about gaining momentum in recent polls. They speak for themselves, and I guess it is a free country.

Overall, I was pleased at how the pro-Williams people responded. I was just a bit confused at their lack of understanding sometimes. "Maybe she isn't so bad after all," said the student next to me at the end.

Like they say, if it changed one person, it was worth the effort. Once again I commend all who came to LISTEN to a future leader of Texas.

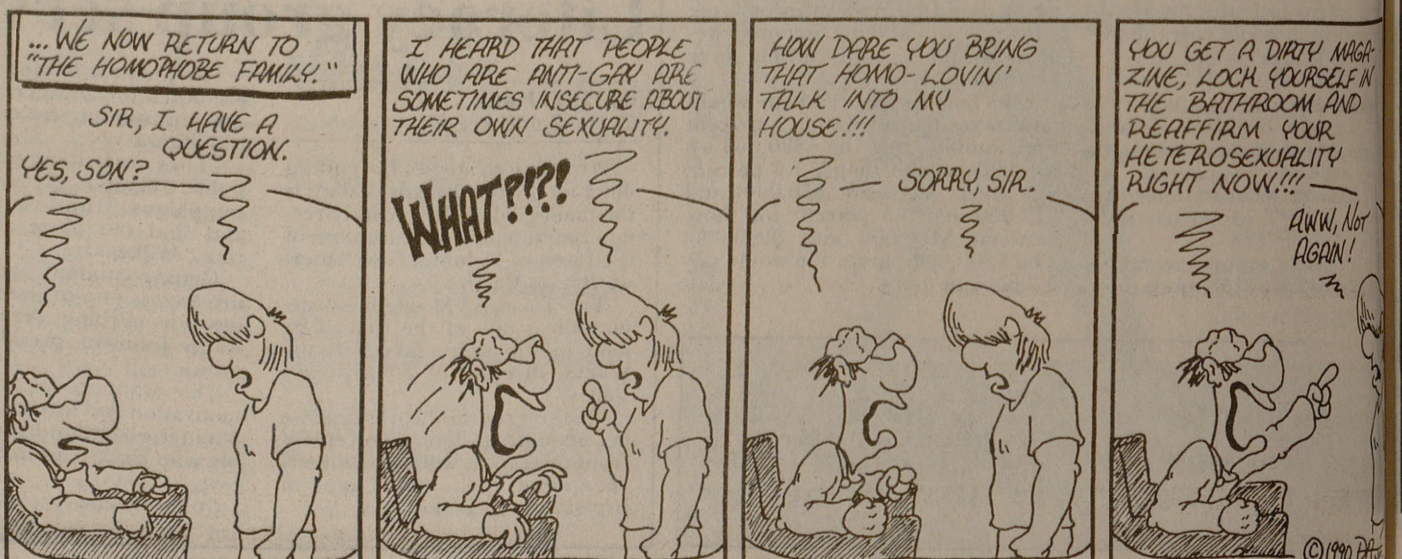
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