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'Already a Legend' big success for Class of '96

Kudos and many thanks are due to the Class of '96 Ball Committee for all the hard work and enthusiasm shown during the months of planning and preparation for last Friday's ball. I simply cannot thank them enough for the incredible job each did.

Thanks to all of those individuals who attended this year's ball. Their attendance at events such as this are a direct reflection of the true Aggie Spirit. Certainly in the future, we expect even larger crowds at Class of '96 sponsored events.

In a word, overwhelmed is how I felt about the tremendous response we received from ticket sales. As a result, a strong foundation now exists for continued development for the Class of '96.

Each and every member of the Class of '96 has reason to be proud -- even those who could not attend the ball. Let the record show that the Class of '96 is "Already a Legend." Gig 'em.

Magee stated that Texas A&M was the "Beer Drinking Capital of the World," and that was a reason behind some people choosing not to attend this university. I don't know where he gets his statistics on "beer drinking schools," but I hardly think that really serves as a deterrent for those seeking a fine education.

Last time I checked, a degree from Texas A&M was very highly respected, and not thought of as a piece of paper from a "Beer Drinking School." If you look around, I think you'll find that every college has students who do consume alcohol.

I am not trying to condone anything, nor am I trying to condemn anything. I am just tired of Texas A&M being looked down upon by students who take the littlest thing and make it into a huge crisis. Drinking is not a problem here, and until AA becomes a class we get credit for, I don't think it, or any other minute problem needs to be addressed.

incredulously, perhaps hearing for the first time that A&M has a basketball team. If we spend more time supporting our basketball team and less time worrying about Spike Lee and Ron Wilson, life for Barone's kids would be a bit better. Of course, if the state legislature decides to "shut this sucker down," we won't even have Aggie basketball anymore.

Congratulations to the Texas Aggie Baseball team on its hot start. Perhaps this will finally be the year that Mark's boys make it to Omaha. Either way, it's a pleasure to be a fan of such a fine program, even if most of the guys could use some intensive bunting practice. Wouldn't it be great if we got to host another regional!

Finally, what's the deal with the yellow tape surrounding the Simpson Drill Field? Is it mined or something? I can understand why the University wouldn't want people playing rugby or driving all-terrain vehicles in the middle of it, but restricting pedestrians is a bit ridiculous. I mean, what's the point of having a beautiful green field if you can't even walk on it?

Brooke Small
Class of '96

Aggie mom angry over food services' conduct

Is this any way to treat an Aggie mom? Apparently yes!

My first encounter with A&M was when I attended freshman orientation with my son. I so admired the strong sense of loyalty and spirit at A&M, in addition to the eagerness to help one another.

During a luncheon with the Student Body President and food service personnel, my son was told that if there were any changes or additions the students would like to see in the area of food service to please let them know and the request would be taken into consideration. One of the things my son and his friends wanted to see was more low-fat snacks. Being a distributor of soft Bavarian pretzels and pretzel buns, I thought I would bring it to the attention of food services. I placed a call to Col. Jim Moore. He was extremely enthusiastic and told me to bring him a sample. He said it sounded like a great idea.

I made the 90 mile trek to A&M, excited that my pretzels could soon be in the hands of thousands of Aggies. Upon my arrival, it was apparent that Col. Moore had no authority to make this decision. He then directed me to Lloyd Smith. Smith said that if I could get a certain ration of pretzels and buns, I would have myself a deal and that I should them the next day.

Exhilarated, I called the next day. All I received was "Mr. Smith is not at his desk," "He'll return your call," "He's in a meeting," etc. After two to three weeks of this nonsense, I received a call from a man named Mike who said he was sending me a BID SHEET! It turns out, I would be bidding against a giant corporation! I feel duped and betrayed, not to mention disappointed. Honesty is the best policy and I would expect that from any loyal, devoted Aggie.

Shelia Goosby
Katy, TX

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Reader gets the most out of All-Sports pass

Having missed only a few of the A&M men's home basketball games in the last three years, I suppose I have a perspective that is a bit different. One thing I have seen at many games this year is Greg Hill, smiling comfortably as he sits behind the basket with the other athletes. It just warms my heart to know that I can't get into that section of G. Rollie White because it is being reserved for the small number of athletes who actually show up by game time.

Hart Hall: No dumping allowed during school

Because of the beautiful weather last week, we thought it would be appropriate to open the windows and let in some fresh air. It seemed like a great idea because in Hart Hall, you don't get too many chances to enjoy a cool room.

However, the idea instantly turned sour when, after the windows were opened, we were greeted with the fresh, hot, malodorous fragrance of manure. It seems the individuals with the important job of managing the bushes outside our windows thought it would be wise to lay a fresh compost of dung to help them grow.

Was this really a necessary maneuver on their part? If it really was, couldn't they have waited until Spring Break to stink up our rooms? If it is indeed necessary to fumigate our rooms while we are here, can they not at least provide some air freshener? It's bad enough sweating like an animal in a non-air dorm, but is it necessary to smell like one too?

All we ask is that these geniuses exercise improved judgment next time around, because our dorm isn't a zoo, and we aren't animals.

Raymond Boney
Class of '96
Class Ball Co-Chair

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No more whining about stupid stuff (yeah, right)

I am writing in response to Mark A. Magee's letter in the March 9 Battalion. First of all, I would just like to say to everyone who has written a letter to the Battalion condemning some part of Texas A&M and/or its students, to just sit back and relax. This is one of the finest universities you will ever find, and you are very privileged to attend here. If you would stop looking for such little petty things to complain about, and just live your college life the way you see fit, you will get a much more rewarding experience from it.

While I'm on the topic of athletics, I'll say that the firing of Al Givens, the Lady Aggie Volleyball Coach, has me puzzled a bit. Lynn Hickey, assistant athletic director and women's hoops coach, stated that the volleyball program needed to move up to the next level, thereby justifying the dismissal. That's all good and well, but it seems to me that the women's basketball and volleyball programs have had about the same success over the past few seasons. Hmm, was somebody messing with the speck of dust in her neighbor's eye, or is there more to this than meets the eye? Just curious...

After the Aggies knocked Rice out of the Southwest Conference basketball championship Saturday night with an 82-76 victory, coach Tony Barone said that his team's effort this season has been largely unappreciated. Talk about your basic understatement!

Most people here on campus thought the Albritton victory bells on that night were a fire drill. After I told several students of the significance of the ringing bells, they looked at me

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- Have at least one year experience in a responsible editorial position on The Battalion or comparable student newspaper, OR
- Have at least one year editorial experience on a commercial newspaper, OR
- Have completed at least 12 hours journalism, including JOUR 203 and 303 (Media Writing I and II), JOUR 301 (Mass Comm Law) and JOUR 304 (Editing for the Mass Media), or equivalent.

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