



MAIL CALL

False impressions given by Battalion

I have been reading The Battalion for over 35 years. For years, students have depended on "The Batt" for a summary of the current events. It is a real privilege to be selected to provide such a service.

However, with privilege comes responsibility. In the Batt of Sept. 23, page 5, the headline over an AP article declared, "Independent vote steers from Dole." The article contained complaints of Ross Perot about his being left out of the upcoming debates between Dole and Clinton.

As I read beyond the headline,

however, I found not a shred of support for the declaration of the headline. The wording crafted in headlines appears to be written by The Battalion. In this case, the wording of this politically-charged article is misleading to readers. Either the author did not read and understand the AP article before writing the headline or the author chose to mislead readers.

In either case, that is intellectual dishonesty, something that should be ingrained in character long before one reaches a position of influence. An even more significant question for a bright, inquiring mind would be, ... Why is intellectual dishonesty so prevalent not

only at the highest level of our government but also through our society?

Have Americans gotten so busy they have lost the art of evaluating people and information within the established framework of Truth? Our society cannot survive long moving in that direction. We can do better and so can The Battalion.

W.R. (Bill) Purcell
Class of '64

Connell deserves appropriate name

As I watched the Aggies beat the hell outta North Texas on Saturday, I couldn't help but notice Albert Connell whip up on the UNT defense.

Connell has helped the Aggies win many times including a memorable SMU game last year. I believe it is time Connell got a nickname — he's earned it. If it were up to me, he would be Albert "the Gingerbread Man" Connell — Run, run, as fast as

you can, you can't catch him — he's the Gingerbread Man!

Ty Turner
Class of '97

Nice guys, not girls, have disappeared

In regards to Bryan Goodwin's Sept. 24 column, "Nice girls put on endangered list."

You were right. When I started reading your article, "I AM a nice girl!" did pop into my mind. But what also came up in my mind was the fact that this feeling goes a two-way street.

On the other side of the spectrum, guys of virtue and common chivalry seem extinct as well.

And it is really sad that those skinny, anorexic, toneless females of *Friends* and *Melrose Place* are the images which society thinks are becoming real. But let's face it, in the real world not everyone is blonde, dingy and clueless. And not every blonde is a moron.

If society would replace today's role models with the more realistic and desirable qualities of a strong, independent person, maybe society as a whole would benefit.

Until then, both you and I will be forced to continue searching for the reality: The lady, the gentleman ... and for that person whom we find outside society's mold.

Christine Tran
Class of '99

Kudos to PTTS for removing bicycles

I would like to commend the PTTS for removing the bicycles from the handicap ramp railing last week at the Kleberg building.

I was totally disgusted by the laziness and lack of respect the bicycle owners displayed by locking their bicycles to the railing. I could not believe that these people had the audacity to park their bikes there when the bike lot is not even a half a block away.

Those ramps were installed for individuals who have problems getting in and out of buildings.

The guilty students should be ashamed as they are all adults and know better. Remember, you might need to use that ramp some day. Put yourself in the other man's shoes. I hope it keeps up the good work.

Wendy L. Ke
Class

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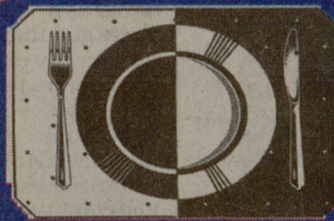
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