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Both schools indignant

by STEVE JACKSON and DANA BLANKENHORN

It started at halftime. The favored Aggies were down 27-0 as their head band left the field and the mob marched on. For three years, the Marching Owl Band has performed humorous halftime shows; this week's offering was a "salute to Texas A&M," parodying the Aggie military bands.

Goose-stepping onto the field to the tune of an old German march, distinctly unmilitary in a variety of silly hats and helmets, the mob was greeted by hooting which continued as Bob Herd, the rubber-booted drum major, led them down the field. The first formation was a chicken thigh, as guest of honor Marvin Zindler, an ex-captain champion carried out a virtuoso twirling routine. Zindler, the man famous for closing down the Chicken Ranch in LeGrange, was also bussed by the A&M sections.

"As any A&M freshman will attest," the loudspeaker announced, "at the bottom of every Heart is a big H."

The mob formed a boot patrol of the stadium's six acres.

The Aggies didn't. Ice and paper began to fly onto the field, interrupting as the band formed a stringing for Breville, the female co-miss of A&M, and a twirler paraded with an empty leash, to the tune of "Where, Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone?"

The last mob formation was a ragged attempt at the countermarching "Aggie War I" done, not the War Hymn, but to "March of the Wooden Soldiers." The trompetes blew a "military" version of the Aggie battle tune. As the mob returned to their seats, a scene of obscenities, insults, gestures, and challenges to fight exploded.

Although the Aggie yell leaders and officers attempted to restrain the crowd, two band members were assaulted, and one knocked down. Neither was injured.

The tension did not subside in the game resumed. An hour later, after the Aggies' narrow 24-21 defeat, the stadium emptied -- except for the mob, the Aggies beside, and their fans above.

The site of the action was formed around the school poles.

In an interview after the game, Coach Conover said he had to take responsibility for it. Then, almost as an afterthought, "I have to take responsibility for it."

"Why? We're not the all-ways polished of what they think."

"We grudged them. We're responsible. I'm responsible." A mob talker珠三角 told the mob, "About 300 people were gathered outside the gates at the south end of the stadium. Probably 40 were uniformed Corps members, the rest of the group was divided, more or less evenly, between A&M students and older fans, mostly alumni.

After the game: the MOB on the inside, the mob on the outside. Pub planning nears completion

A beer-wine facility could be in operation on campus as early as next March. The University Pub Committee is finalizing its proposals for the establishment and operation of the pub, which must be approved by the Student Senate and the administration.

Legal hassles and financing questions have been of primary importance. The cost of the facility, to be located where the same tables are now in the basement of the MCMC, is estimated at $10,000 by Scott Woods, committee chairman.

A thirsty mob teller on Monday in the colleges asked whether students would support a $1 blanket tax increase to support the pub. 979 said yes, 154 no.

According in the present proposal, the game tables will be moved to the current TV lounge. Carpeting, tables, a bar, and a movable stage would be part of the liquor facility, which has not yet been given a name.

Although details are still in discussion and spirit talks on Friday before the games. A count of the rings showed it to have been 14 years old.

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The Texas A&M Battalion has credited a group of Aggies with the falling Nov. 22 of the Owl's "victory tree."

The story, printed Nov. 27, said in part: "The Rice University victory tree fell under the weight of Aggie axes Wednesday night. - According to sources close to the scene, eight male students positioned themselves at 10:30 pm Wednesday in a gold Cherry truck, a green Ford truck and a black Granada headed for Houston. The students, equipped with axes and saws, cut the tree down, a tall, slender pine gathered some distance and tried to start a fire.

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Letters take all sides of Aggie-MOB debate

Energy crisis—leaves time ahead

Opinion

J. D. Thomas

Editorial

the rice thresher

a sense of humor is a valuable thing. Especially at Rice, that thing which keeps us name. The world beyond the hedges may go continually downward; the course loads may be murderous; we survive. Going a little bit crazy, on purpose, keeps us from going absolutely, involuntarily nuts.

So Rice students don't pretend to take anything too seriously. Even themselves. Rice is the main subject of self-reproach and professional inferiority. And Rice can be unbelievably self-confident.

Not that Rice can claim a monopoly on humor. And what have we, we cheerfully share. Even with people who don't like it.

There will always be those who don't laugh—who take offense at the senior who graduates barefoot, the marathon—case in point—no hand shaves. Strange, though, that A&M should be the one to blow its stack, Indicative, surely—but of what?

Not school pride. Real pride doesn't manifest itself in public self-harassment. It's nothing to be ashamed of, when it's friendly. As the MOB's celebration of Aggie uniqueness so clearly was. But they didn't understand. On the whole, a very unfortunate misunderstanding.

Life can be pretty hard. You laugh, or you break. Here we laugh. Sometimes even when it's not funny. (Have you heard about the Aggie who thought that cutting down the Rice spirit tree would kill the Rice spirit?) It's the very best "showtband" that the wonderful Rice Band does.

To the editor:

Dear Mr. Editor:

I would like to extend my congratulations to you and the staff of the Rice Thresher for the recent issue which contained your half-time show. I need to point out the de-tigerish ridiculous of the special reports of 15 years ago, but now, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Joe Blaisdell, we are now rid of the ridiculing. You are doing that which we never dared! Unfortunately you will be getting blowards of protest con-

cerning the A&M tradition, somewhere in the middle of your half-time show. Rather than that being a sign of poor taste on our part, as you seem to believe it is rather indicative of some of the ignorance prevalent on the Brennam—namely, Aggies aint got no style. Aggie spirit lives on.

A band starting a fight! The world hasn't seen the likes of that since Berutho Brestch lost opened in Berlin in the Thirties.

The good work of keeping the Rice Band's side of the Mob's virtue before our very eyes.

Sincerely,
Barry Moore ('92)

To the editor:

The Mob need not have underestimated for maliciously ridiculing the A&M Band because the show was not intended in that way. The Rice Mob's timing was due to the broadcast of the offensive by Aggie supporters.

Tom Marshall member, MOB Barker '75

A satire on A&M tradition may be inappropriate, but physical assault against members of the Mob by Aggies is illegal.

A UH Alumna and member of the Mob

To where it may concern:

The rice band is a disgrace to Rice University, Houston, Texas, and from its rendition of the Star Spangled Banner, which does not reflect back on the United States! It seems as though a band, when performing in the same stadium with the largest and best military band in the world, can't book its best and put together the very best "showband" that A&M Band can put together.

I certainly hope that nothing comes of this that hasn't been a waste of ignorance for there were some pretty upset people, especially some of the Mob.

Sincerely yours,
(Mike) Sine Diaz Biggs

Dear Students of Rice:

As any intellectual person knows, there must be a balance of rights, Freedom, and Responsibility in order to ensure the best possible futures for individuals and nations. I am sorry that an adult employed by the Mob couldn't realize this.

That said, we must move forward. So I hope that you will disregard the distraction and work as a team, as in the half-time at the A&M game, Texas and A&M are associates just as we are, adaptable to good humor. How much less could we say about another bunch of mobsters, whose humor is part and sadistic situation comes to the foreward.

Sincerely,
Ann Nunn
A&M associate, Class of '64

To the editor:

So A&M doesn't like the Mob?

They lost not only the ball game, but losing their temper, the Corpse and the civilian supporters abashed what genuinely small people they are.

Some personal elements can be forgiven, or at least ignored your worst actions, but the Corps gave a demonstration that can only be called appalling; it is not only a MOB but it calls itself a military organization, should be able to maintain two important regulations: cool heads and a high degree of discipline.

Their actions reflected negatively upon not only themselves and upon the uniform, and thus were a double disaster.

But really, was this behavior so surprising? It takes a certain amount of self-respect to be able to laugh at yourself. Not only did this seem to be missing Saturday, but after this incident, the Aggies may never be able to.

Roy V. Hight
Lovett '71

Dr. Thomas enlightens us

To the editor:

Perhaps you would like some background on the new slogan of your journal. Illegitimem no carborundum est. ("There is no such thing as a free lunch.") The Romans whimsically said of the German tribe of Nothi, Illegitimem no carborundum est. ("There is no such thing as a free lunch.") The Romans whimsically said of the German tribe of Nothi, Illegitimem no carborundum est. ("There is no such thing as a free lunch.") The Romans whimsically said of the German tribe of Nothi, Illegitimem no carborundum est. ("There is no such thing as a free lunch.") The Romans whimsically said of the German tribe of Nothi, Illegitimem no carborundum est. ("There is no such thing as a free lunch.") The Romans whimsically said of the German tribe of Nothi, Illegitimem no carborundum est. ("There is no such thing as a free lunch.") The Romans whimsically said of the German tribe of Nothi, Illegitimem no carborundum est. ("There is no such thing as a free lunch.") The Romans whimsically said of the German tribe of Nothi, Illegitimem no carborundum est. ("There is no such thing as a free lunch.") The Romans whimsically said of the German tribe of Nothi, Illegitimem no carborundum est. ("There is no such thing as a free lunch.") The Romans whimsically said of the German tribe of Nothi, Illegitimem no carborundum est. ("There is no such thing as a free lunch.") The Romans whimsically said of the German tribe of Nothi, Illegitimem no carborundum est. ("There is no such thing as a free lunch.") The Romans whimsically said of the German tribe of Nothi, Illegitimem no carborundum est. ("There is no such thing as a free lunch.") The Romans whimsically said of the German tribe of Nothi, Illegitimem no carborundum est. ("There is no such thing as a free lunch.") The Romans whimsically said of the German tribe of Nothi, Illegitimem no carborundum est. ("There is no such thing as a free lunch.") The Romans whimsically said of the German tribe of Nothi, Illegitimem no carborundum est. ("There is no such thing as a free lunch.") The Romans whimsically said of the German tribe of Nothi, Illegitimem no carborundum est. ("There is no such thing as a free lunch.") The Romans whimsically said of the German tribe of Nothi, Illegitimem no carborundum est. ("There is no such thing as a free lunch.") The Romans whimsically said of the German tribe of Nothi, Illegitimem no carborundum est. ("There is no such thing as a free lunch.").


**Halftime reverberations**

A Corps member peers between the gates, sees a few MOBites. He gives a signal, and the crowd outside breaks into a chant. The dozen policemen present exchange glances and move before the gate and the crowd. The chant martial, "All right, there's nothing you can do here. Why don't you all go home now?" No one goes.

By 5:30, there are only about 150 Aggies in the gates, many of them well-dressed and ready to leave. The MOBites, however, continue to pour in and the crowd ratio grows. The police are now telling the crowd to leave, or they will be arrested. One woman, a shaker woman at a corner, adds, "Sorry, excuse your salary, not these kids." The light is failing fast. The officer in charge hands a radio request for "all the assistance you can send." Two squad cars, lights flashing, appear almost immediately.

A quarter-mile away, Rice is gathering up the business. Security is at the stadium. The administration knows what's happening; the students don't.

**"What are the cops doing here?"**

"I'm beginning to wonder." A 10-year-old girl behind the counter looks up from cutting quarters. "What are you here for?"

"They say conduct unbecoming a band."

"You guilty!"

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