

Corps Style Justice: A Disgrace

A new low has been reached in the "justice" system of the Corps of Cadets in the recent trial of Mike Martin. Tuesday night Cadet Court "B" charged and found him guilty of disrespect to a senior officer of the Corps, disrespect to the uniform and using profane language.

The incident that sparked these charges took place on a Friday night after Martin and other cadets had finished a practical warfare exercise. According to witnesses, Martin was still in his fatigues with his shirttail out, cap cocked back on his head and pants unbuttoned.

These cadets were at a drive-in grocery to buy something to drink and sent Martin to purchase it. As Martin left the store a student in civilian clothes challenged him.

The civilian told Martin if he was going to wear the uniform, he should wear it right, then Martin walked back to his car. The civilian got into his car, backed out, then stopped and yelled over the car:

"Hey, Martin, you want to discuss it further?"

Martin said he did not, and the civilian told him to take the cigarette out of his mouth when he spoke to him.

This was the basis of the charge, when it turned out that the civilian was Ralph B. Filburn III, Cadet Corps Commander.

Filburn brought the matter before Cadet Court, where the aforementioned verdict was reached.

But this was no ordinary court. According to the defense, there were enough irregularities in court procedure to warrant appeal. Cadet Major Sim Lake, the defense counsel, said he is preparing an appeal to take before Col. D. L. Baker, the Corps Commander. The Battalion supports this move.

Lake said he did not seek to prove Martin was innocent of the uniform charge, but that he did not believe the court had proved, beyond a reasonable doubt, guilt on the other two charges. And he also had knowledge of some "irregularities."

A reliable member of the court reported two court members were biased and should have removed themselves from the case. One of them was reported to have said before the trial that Martin was a _____ and should be disciplined.

Another informant testified that some court members questioned witnesses beyond what is reasonable, that they accepted hearsay evidence, that the sentence was excessive for the charge, and that the summons was unsigned when presented to the defendant.

For the defense, Lake brought forward three character witnesses and two eyewitnesses. One witness who was examined by the court president, Alan Gray, said Gray "seemed to take over as the prosecutor."

Sid Medford, prosecuting attorney, was quoted as saying "Actually I think these charges are chicken . . ."

Another irregularity appeared when the defense counsel did not receive his copy of the charge sheet until the beginning of the trial.

An official in the Trigon was also quoted as saying that in a case like this the Court was obligated to find Martin guilty or a dangerous precedent would be set.

To keep from setting a "dangerous precedent," Martin was sentenced to eight weeks of signing in, one year's conduct probation and a reduction in rank to buck sergeant.

What kind of justice exists under these conditions? What are the chances of an NCO when he is tried by a court with biased members, in which proper court procedures are not followed, hearsay evidence is accepted and the two plaintiffs are the Corps Commander and one of his staff officers?

The defendant was not in the Corps last semester, had never lived on the same side of the campus as Filburn, and testified he had no idea who he was.

The charges of profanity have been flatly denied by the defendant and sworn to by witnesses. The person filing the complaint swore the words were uttered.

How can any court find Martin guilty of this specification beyond a reasonable doubt under this circumstance?

How did the prosecution prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, that he was guilty of disrespect of a civilian he had never seen?

How could they give him such a stiff sentence for a uniform loosely worn when it is a common practice by the majority of cadets after PW?

Where is the "justice" in Cadet Court?

Civilian Dance Ticket Deadline Questioned

The Civilian Student Council — the social organization that occasionally dabbles in politics — has planned a weekend full of activities for A&M's 70 per cent civilian student majority.

A formal dance and an informal barbecue Saturday highlight the CSC's involvement in the weekend entertainment, which also includes a Town Hall performance by Brenda Lee, baseball game with the University of Texas, a Parachute Club exhibition, drill team competition and the final presentations of the Aggie Players' "The Time of Your Life."

Deadline for purchasing tickets of the barbecue and dance was noon yesterday, an extension of two days from the original deadline.

An early closing date is necessary for ordering food for a banquet or barbecue, but we cannot understand the premature deadline for purchasing dance tickets. The hall, band and decorations have already been selected for the event, and total attendance will have no effect on these expenditures.

By eliminating some students who may have been uncertain about dates for the annual Civilian Ball, the CSC has not only lost potential revenue but has also done a disservice to its constituents.

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CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"How does this sound for a positive platform for office—the abolition of founding grades and a three-day weekend?"

Sound Off

Editor,
The Battalion:

After attending the Literary Festival this week, I have come to the conclusion that these seminars seem to be nothing more than opportunities to impress each other with their own knowledge and they are merely speaking to allow each other to know what each has read.

The "papers" do not have any purpose. The speaker appears to be using the "audience" as a sounding board for a paper he wants to publish. There is no correct or wrong answer or a "real answer," so why bother?

Name withheld on request

Ags To Improve Fish Lake Angling

Wildlife Science students at Texas A&M may improve angling in Fish Lake as a result of a research project underway.

According to Van Conner, instructor in the course in Conservation and Management of Fishes, fishing is poor because the ratio of bass to sunfishes is unbalanced.

Fish Lake is located on A&M property south of Easterwood Airport on the right side of the road.

The research project involves effects of rotenone on the invertebrates in the lake such as crawfish and insect larvae, Conner explained. Students will compare the number of organisms found in the water before the treatment with those found after the treatment.

The instructor said the lake will be treated with rotenone during the first week of May. Most of the fish should be killed at that time.

After the project is completed, the lake will be restocked with the desirable number of bass and sunfishes. Fishing should start to improve after about a year.

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Of Mice and Men

By Herky Killingsworth

Men of the nation, beware! Gentlemen of the state, take heed! Animals of Aggeland, watch out!! The product you are getting may not be what you think.

Let me clarify myself. The girl you are getting may not be real. In this modern world everything is synthetic, including the single girl. I say single because after marriage the average American housewife lets herself go to pot. Don't quote me on this though.

Anyway, as I was saying. The modern girl is synthetic, false. Take her hair for example. How many of you men know if that beautiful hair you love to touch is real. That's what I said, real, or is it dyed. Only her hairdresser knows for sure you know, and I doubt seriously if the girl's boyfriend is also her hairdresser. Or maybe that beautiful hair is not really hair at all, or at least her hair. Maybe it's a wig. How do you know she isn't really in pin curlers with someone else's hair on.

Forget about the hair. Modern science has made it impossible to detect falsity in this. Instead, consider make-up.

Those rosey cheeks aren't really that rosey; those inviting lips aren't really that red, or pink, or

silver, or white, etc.; the eyelashes aren't really that black or that long; and the eyes are really not that black. Come to think of it, why does a girl want black eyes, or blue eyes as it may be, anyhow?

Now I've said you can see make-up. This is not entirely true. Modern beauticians have invented face make-up that matches the color of the skin. You can't even tell its there until you sneak a playful smack and come up with a mouthful of powder.

Here I must mention the eyes. They're not what they used to be. Who would ever have thought that you could change the eyes, but it's been done with the help of contact lenses and false eyelashes. Contact lenses can change the color of a girl's eyes.

It has long been known that padding in the right place gives the appearance of an abundance of something that may be missing. But who knows who has the padding and who doesn't?

It could be your girl, but you'd better not ask. Also in this area is the busom budding introduced by Mr. Presswood last semester. This even gives the girls in bikini an abundance as long as they keep taking the medicine.

The middle of the perfect 23-36 girl can also be changed through the simple means of a should I say it, girdle. For a few hours of misery on the girls part, she can hook the unsuspecting male with her seemingly ample charms. Those oversize hips also shrink under the elasticity of the corset causing a hourglass to appear where there was once an innertube.

And in China they have invented an instant chastity for those girls who wish to repent. Susie Wong and Irma La Douce become virgins.

Gentlemen beware. I have given you my warning although I can't really give you a solution. Science has created a synthetic monster, the beautiful, sexy, false woman.

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