

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Does not seeing it really make it taste better?"

That Was The Day That Was

Random thoughts while mulling over a day that began with a special Election Commission meeting at 12:15 a.m. and ended with the Student Senate vacating the library just before it was locked for the night:

Yesterday's story on that Commission meeting didn't include quotes from Student Senate Vice-President David Maddox, who appeared by virtue of a proxy before the group; and this omission probably produced an inaccurate picture of the situation. Maddox pointed out that University Regulations say Student Senate officers "must have a minimum overall grade point ratio of 1.5," and that another section excluding transfer grades from the "grade point ratio" does not necessarily apply. No precedents could be found for the particular situation, and an advisory opinion from Dean James P. Hannigan termed the grades of Senate presidential candidate Al Reinert sufficient "for election purposes."

The point is, there seems an adequate case for the type of judgment call the Commission made, considering the vagueness of the rules, the lack of precedent and other factors. But it was unfortunate—and a little scary—that the voting on this "judgment call" seemed, to a great extent, to be based on pro- and anti-Reinert sentiments. It's scary because for a few minutes, while much of the campus slept, a few Commissioners were in a position to substitute personal preference for judgment. (It should be noted that Commission vice-president Tommy Henderson, who made the disqualification report in the same "strict-construction" approach by which he consistently had judged cases during the year, was to all indications acting in good faith and without political motivation.)

At any rate, there is need for an improvement in the system to prevent this sort of thing from happening. Possibly the proposed creation of a separate "Polls Committee" and a revised Election Commission (the latter to be mainly judicial) is a step in that direction. We would, of course, recommend rephrasing of any University Regulations that aren't specific enough to avoid these sticky situations.

ON OTHER CAMPUSES

By MONTY STANLEY

A coed at the University of Oklahoma put a quarter into a stamp machine at an automated post office on a street corner. She pulled out the penny stamp which came first, then reached for the six-cent stamps following, which, to her amazement, kept coming and coming. "They just didn't stop coming out. I just turned red and wound them up. It was real windy and I had my arms full of books." According to the Oklahoma Daily, the young lady hit the machine and punched buttons till it finally stopped. While a staring crowd gathered around, she took the \$80 worth of six-cent stamps back to her room and called the post office.

Texas Tech's latest addition to its rodeo is a calf-dressing contest. Teams are made up of two girls who dress the calf and two boys who hold the calf while they do it, then push or pull it across the finish line.

Two coeds at TCU entered the "Sigma Phi Epsilon Big Red Sports Car Rally" just for the heck of it and won first-place trophies in their division and on the overall level. Their finely tuned competition machine — a '68 Buick Skylark sedan.

Remember the news about the school-owned and operated radio station at East New Mexico State? The station is reported progressing very well, and the immediate funds will be raised by the dormitories on campus. Seriously, doesn't the idea of a student-supported station playing student-oriented music sound cool? Or is it like a dance weekend at A&M.

"Yeah, that's what we need—something to do around here." Then when it comes up, nobody cares enough to go?

A Hardin-Simmons columnist reports that when girls at Vassar College gained the rights to have male visitors on a 24-hour basis, their president greeted the announcement with these words of caution: "I will say to you very frankly that we cannot afford the presumptions that every young man with an eager desire to know a Vassar girl better can come here with a bed-roll and set himself up in your rooms."

Washington State University's columnist's comment concerning the athletes at their rival school, the University of Idaho: "It's

not that they're stupid. Most of the Idaho athletes are capable of blowing music out of an ocarina or carving peach pits into watch fobs, but that's the extent of it."

While various other schools across the nation celebrated April Fool's Day somewhat like A&M, with overthrown newspaper staffs, student governments, and cafeterias, students at WSU preferred to do their celebrating in a different way. It was reported that "certain elements" formed a nudist camp in the elaborate tunnel system under the campus.

Like girls who have been around? A coed at the University of the Americas, in Mexico, has been a barker on the carnival circuit, peddled Good Humor ice cream, hitch-hiked across Europe, acted in the movies, and worked on a Yugoslav freighter. Her name, incidentally, is Carrie Nation Mallalieu.

Besides this apparent variety in its students, UA is unique in other aspects. The big sports story in its newspaper, The Collegian, was about the Intramural Marbles Tournament. The most often played games in the competition are Lucky Knucks, Holding Steady, and Hunching Boston. The article failed to mention whether the games are for fannies or keepsies.

The University of Texas (the one at Austin) has had only two major student protests in its history — that is, protests in which students went on strikes, filled hallways and buildings, disrupting work and studies. It may be surprising that the first time was in 1917, the second in 1944.

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ENDORSEMENT LETTERS

Due to space considerations and in the interest of equal treatment, the following policy will be in effect for next week's Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday issues only: Each candidate in the General Elections may have published one letter, in which he states his candidacy, and up to two letters of endorsement from other students.

As always, of course, the general letters - to the editor policy (stated at the bottom of this page) will be in effect.

—Ed.

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Gary L. Powell Class of '73

P.S. — Mr. Torn, How about a six-stack bonfire?

Bulletin Board TONIGHT

Chees Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 3B of the Memorial Student Center.

MONDAY

Industrial Education Wives Club will meet at 8 p.m. at the Brazos Valley Florist. "Pointers on Flowers" will be presented following the business meeting.

Tonight On KBTX

6:30 Wild, Wild West  
7:30 Gomer Pyle  
8:00 Friday Night Movie — "Lady Takes a Flyer"  
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10:30 Judd for the Defense  
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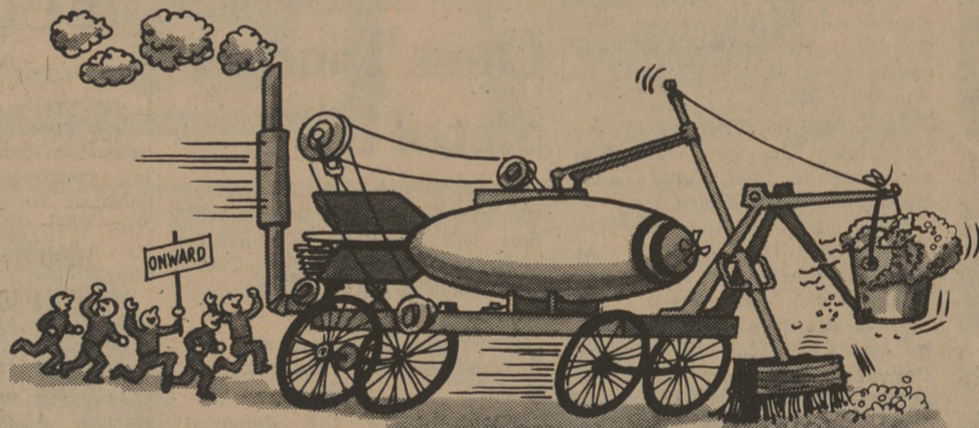


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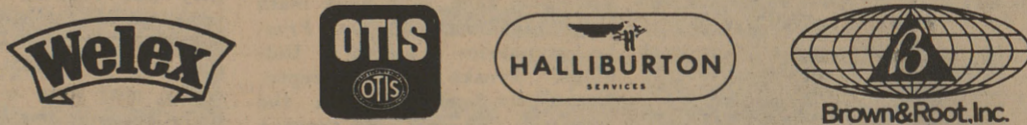


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