

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"I've never expected to get much mail, but this bothers me! My letter home came back unclaimed and a "no forwarding address" stamp on it!"

Bob Robinson

The B-CS Independent Zoo

Editor's note — This is the first of a weekly column by Bob Robinson treating the events of A&M and College Station in a satirical manner. The bear rumbled and growled his way out of his cave and paused for several seconds to stare at the dumb little kids staring at him. One of them tossed a peanut, for cryin' out loud. The bear growled an obscenity under his breath as he waddled down to the stream and searched for food. He swiped at a fish, missing it but sending a long spray of water out through the fence and onto the kids. The whistle blew. The bear got up. After a couple hours of rest, he felt even grumpier than usual, which made him feel pretty good. The zoo was closed and the two-legged monsters were gone. The whistle blew again, which meant he had only five minutes. He dove into the water and swam to the other side. He was the last to arrive, as usual, and the only one wet, as usual. Everyone turned as he sloshed down the center aisle of the huge auditorium, reserved for the General Assembly, and up onto the stage with the other members of the Five. The lion called the meeting to order with a roar that shook the foundation of the old building. The bear couldn't help but feel admiration for the old cat, who had one of the biggest mouths

in the whole zoo. "We have something very important to discuss tonight," he roared. "Representative Man has a new form of government to discuss." The lion turned to the man and nodded his shaggy head. The man stood up and pulled a sheaf of papers from his brief case. He cleared his throat. "The governing council of the B-CS Independent Zoo is made up of 673 members, each representing his species and elected by his own kind to the one seat reserved for that species. Now, what I had in mind is to have a general election in which everybody votes for ten councilmen. The ten candidates receiving the highest number of votes will serve three year terms, regardless of his district or species." "Any comment?" the lion asked and the assembly broke into pandemonium. It took three long roars to quiet it down, with the bear almost rolling in ecstasy. "I'd like to say one more thing," the man said. "A lot more would be accomplished with this new system because the numbers are fewer. It's also, ahem, more democratic." "What about the other zoos in Texas?" the lion asked. How are they run?" "Most are run by the representative form of democracy that I have suggested," the man said. "And the other states? Have you checked into that?"

"No, I can't say that I have." The lion nodded. "I guess you're right," he said. "There's no real point in checking outside of Texas." After a brief pause, he turned to the General Assembly. "Any discussion from the assembly?" The roar was deafening. The motion passed, of course. Nobody heard from or about the bear for a long time after he was defeated in the general election. Four humans were elected, the lion, the pig, the elephant, a monkey and (heaven help us) two snakes. There was quite a bit of speculation as to why four humans had been chosen to serve on the council. A few said the election was fixed, but most said it was because humans had access to knowledge that the zoo needed and the animals normally didn't have. The bear lumbered out of his cave the following spring and dropped his bombshell. He filed suit against the four humans for violation of the portion of the constitution that said no human could serve in an elective capacity on a control board of a city or state supported function and still receive pay for his civilian work. The passage didn't make much sense, but it didn't have to. It hadn't even been enforced since the constitution was signed. No difference. It was there. It was a catch. The humans were ordered before District Judge Filmington Randall MaLarky of the 1st district court July 1st, case number 4332, later known as "The Bear and the Four Humans." An hour later, the humans walked out of court, paycheck-less. The defendants appealed and for some reason, so did the bear. They never did figure that one out. Observers were beginning to wonder who was the plaintiff and who was the defendant. It was extremely confusing. In the meantime, humans all over the state resigned their positions. The bear chuckled over all this as he drained his third bottle of quinine water and belched.

Bulletin Board

Tonight Hillel Club will meet in the Hillel Building, 800 Jersey St., College Station at 6 for an introductory picnic. Interservice Christian Fellowship will meet at 7:27 in room 146 of the Physics building. International Student Association meets at 7 in room 321 of the Physics building. All foreign students are invited. Rio Grande Valley Hometown Club meets behind the Academic building at 7:30. Thursday Panhandle Home Town Club

will meet in room 3C of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 to organize. Student Senate will meet in the Library Conference room at 7:30. Pre-vet Society meets in room 100 of the Chemistry building at 7:30. Cepheid Variable Science Fiction Club meets in room 146 of the Physics Building at 7:30. Young Americans for Freedom meets at old City Hall, 101 Church Street, College Station at 7:30.

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Listen up

Lack of gentlemen claimed

Editor: Yesterday in the 'C' I saw a new Maggie nearly in tears because a gung-ho CT had yelled and screamed at her for cutting across a stretch of goatheads and crabgrass between the Corps dorms and the park area. It's called Spence Park, and I have yet to meet anyone outside the Corps who knows where or what it is.

What hacks me off is that these egocentric slobbs think that since they know about this patch of "sacred grass," everyone else should too. This memorial isn't important enough to rate a place on the campus map, but it's a good excuse to take out your frustrations on the sweet young things, isn't it, boys? This campus has produced lots of soldiers and statesmen, but it seems one side is awfully short on knightly gentlemen.

Jim Zeman '72 Though we have no doubt that these incidents do and will continue to happen, we feel they will become more rare very quickly. In this particular instance you have generalized about a group of over 2,000 people from one incident—very poor logic—Ed.

Editor: I would like to refer the readers to a single but typical incident which I believe tends to lower A&M as a progressive institution. I refer to the Helen Reddy and John Denver concert

where John Denver, during the course of his performance, made mention of the two "unusually large and rough women." The immediate response from the audience was usual; "they must have been Maggies." What was meant by Denver to be a comical joke, turned out to be an embarrassing situation for those persons with dates from A&M.

It is sad that the girls attending A&M, whether single, married, or engaged have to be the object of jokes which are often degrading.

When the word Maggie is mentioned on campus, it seems to infer that a girl is either ugly, married, or that something is wrong with her. This attitude, plus the fact that the majority of sweethearts and dates are "imported" from other schools tends to make the situation more uncomfortable and leads the female A&M student to question her presence and acceptance here.

There was a time when A&M had even fewer girls than it has now and the guys griped about it. Now that we are gradually building a girl population the guys are still griping; not about getting them but about having them. A simple solution would be for the guys here to start treating the females with a little bit more maturity and respect, or better yet maybe the girls ought to pick up and head for better grounds. Karl Cook

Right on.—Ed.

Editor: The Texas A&M physical education department is not yet able to accept its role as a student outlet. On this campus there are few outlets available to students other than school work, after which a student must sit around. The physical education department doesn't allow access to its facilities.

Unfortunately I'm a proponent of those lesser known sports (i.e. handball, fencing, basketball, etc.) which do have space allotted for them on this campus. The unfortunate part is that I can't use those facilities. On weekends those facilities are open a total of only eight hours and fencing is permanently closed. Why can't available facilities be utilized? Is there a rule that P.E. is not for personal physical education? Is P.E. for students or for administrators?

This Saturday, September 11, over forty people were turned away from Deware during the time it was scheduled to be open. Forty today, how many tomorrow, and on future tomorrows? And why only 1:30-5:30? P.E. is for students who try to live here but I'm not sure we can.

Mark S. Abramowitz The required Physical Education office said that shortage of personnel has contributed to this problem. They hope to have more on their staff—making for better hours.—Ed.

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HOW COME YOU NEVER GET A WRONG NUMBER WHEN YOU NEED ONE?