

# Campus police catch it



"We're trying to patch things up with the guys who complained about our rattlesnake hunt by giving each of them one!"

## AP interpretative

### Few choices left to Gus Mutscher

If Gov. Preston Smith calls a special session of the legislature to begin before the bribery-conspiracy trial of Speaker Gus Mutscher is concluded, Mutscher has two choices.

He can stay in Abilene and continue his court battle or he can go back to Austin and fight for his power base as Speaker.

If he stays in Abilene, the House will have to elect a new Speaker or an acting Speaker.

This would ruin or damage Mutscher's power base, thus reducing his stature at his trial. On the other hand, it might cast him in the sympathetic role of a man fighting for his innocence while events beyond his control are attacking his career.

If he decides to go back to Austin, he has two choices.

He can demand that the trial be interrupted until after the legislative session has concluded or he can ask the judge to declare a mistrial and come back later to be tried before a different jury.

A legislator can demand a continuance in any trial where he is a party or attorney if the legislature will be in session within 30 days.

A continuance would mean that Mutscher and his co-defendants, Rep. Tommy Shannon of Fort Worth and Mutscher aide Rush McGinty, would return to be tried by the same 8-woman, 4-man jury now hearing the case.

If the defense thinks it can get a better jury with a new trial, it could move for a mistrial on the ground that the present jury could not be expected to avoid all news stories on the case for several weeks.

District Court Judge J. Neil Daniel likely would grant a motion for mistrial because a refusal would increase the chance of reversal on appeal after wasting everybody's time and money

by completing the trial.

Any one of the defendants could ask for a mistrial. And Shannon could demand a continuance even if Mutscher did not.

There is another far out possibility.

Mutscher could decide to continue his court fight and yet be forced by the House to attend the special session.

Under House rules, a majority of those present can vote to put "a call on the House," compelling representatives to attend in order to assure a quorum.

The House can do this even if it already has a quorum—to assure a continuance of a quorum.

If necessary, law officers will arrest representatives under a "call on the House" and take them to Austin.

If a mistrial is declared, the defendant might ask that any new trial be moved to another city on the ground that Abilene residents now have been exposed to so much news of the case it would be difficult to get jurors that have not already made up their mind one way or another.

The trial was moved from Austin on this ground.

A special session may not be necessary until after the trial is over.

But the Governor cannot hold off much longer than the first week in April, when the money crunch for financing the May 6 primaries will begin to mount. The session is necessary because

Editor:

A friend of mine who shall remain nameless was, for all practical purposes, arrested by our glorious KK thirty minutes ago. I waited for him to be released, and in talking to him, I formed a rather black opinion indeed of our dauntless defenders of justice.

He was arrested for taking pictures. Of what? Of a restricted area or of quizzes? No, friends, he was taking pictures of a quite harmless 16-foot (horrors!) bra that was hung on the Academic Building as a gag, more or less. He was ordered to tell what he knew, which was practically nothing anyway, and he is actually being ordered to surrender his own developed film of the "criminals in action!"

I cannot speak for anyone else (though I hope that I do), but I burn at the thought of supporting a police department that claims the privilege of enforcing upon me and my friends whatever it happens to call "decency" or "good taste". I also ask that anyone knowing who did the act will keep quiet about it. Our KK will not find whoever did it unless someone tells them, and they have no right to know!

Eric Dose '74

Chief O. L. Luther said your "friend" was picked up because he was thought to have been involved in the incident. Soon after that it was found that he was not. That is not quite an arrest. He wasn't ordered to surrender the film, Luther said, but requested to bring it by when he was finished with it. Luther said that nobody was upset about the incident and no film was or is going to be confiscated. —Ed.

Editor:

Paul Richard's letter was far out! It really let me in on some things I didn't know. Paul said John R. Moffitt's strip "Aargh!" was "disgusting, vulgar, and anti-corps." Yeah, I thought it was great, too, Paul! You know it was really nice of ol' Paul to inform us that A&M is a "military institution." Could have fooled me! All this time they have been trying to tell us that A&M is 80% civilian. Yes sir, it sure is nice to know that we have people like Paul to keep stories like that from getting out of hand.

Just to show you how much I know, I thought the guys here just dated girls and that sheep were just a joke, but good ol' reliable Paul straightened that story out too. It seems that TU is the only place to go where the guys date only girls, and you are not "real men as those who have attended here have become" unless you have dated something other than girls. Well, live and learn! So whenever I am feeling low, and it just seems like I am

not going to make it, I will take comfort in the fact that there are people like Paul Richard to aid the helpless and guide us through the storm of life, and protect us from "sickie" beasts like John R. Moffitt, who try to portray old Aggeland as something other than the All-American, gung-ho, apple pie, military academy, moral citadel, and cultural mecca it really is.

Brent Burford

Let's declare an end to this, huh? —Ed.

## Bulletin Board

**Tonight**  
Skin & Scuba Diving Club will meet in room 301 of Bolton Hall at 9.

Motorcycle Club will meet in the Memorial Student Center at 7:30.

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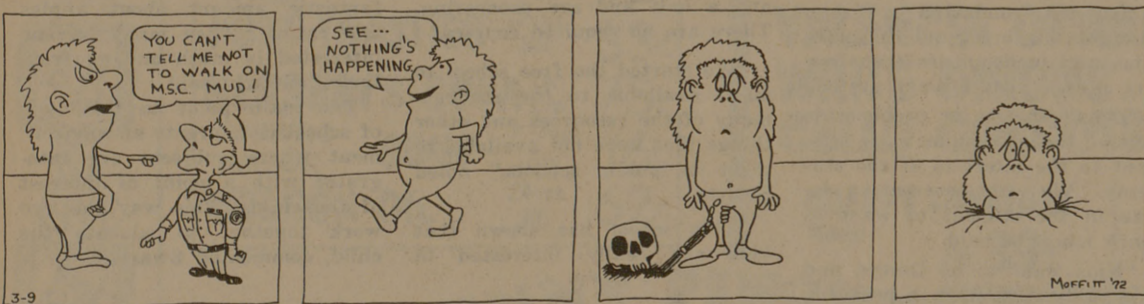
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...John R. Moffitt

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