

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



Listen Up—

Phone Company Policies Hit

Editor:

I am 23-years old, single, and living off-campus. During my six years as a student at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, I have had telephone service registered in my name, while living in a dormitory. I have never failed to pay a telephone bill whether in my name or my part of another person's bill.

Now, I have been told by a service representative that I cannot use dormitory telephone service to establish credit with General Telephone Company of the Southwest. Without credit I cannot get local service; but without local service I cannot establish credit. The service representative said that General Telephone Company of the Southwest does not accept credit references from any company other than General Telephone.

I was told that I cannot obtain telephone service unless I, as well as each of my two roommates, pay a \$50.00 deposit, for a total of \$150.00. I have discovered that married students and residents other than students are not required to pay a deposit for each person using the telephone.

The alternative was a contract agreement, signed by anyone who would agree to accept responsibility for unpaid telephone bills. Why would the co-signing party

be given credit when I am not?

My questions have not been answered. I have been told repeatedly, with no explanation, that "this is our policy." I cannot justify the discrepancies in policies which discriminate against unmarried student population in this community. The company provides a necessary service, yet policies leave me at the mercy of "the only phone company in town."

To establish credit with General Telephone Company of the Southwest, it should be sufficient to supply adequate credit references, pay a reasonable deposit, or provide proof of willingness and ability to pay any charges incurred. The students in this community should be allowed to establish credit without paying exorbitant deposits or charging liability upon another party.

I feel I am writing on behalf of the majority of students at my University in asking for a change in policies.

W. Gordon Smyth
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Editor:

As election day approaches, most of us have determined the party with which we intend to align our support with our votes on November 7. It is our sincere hope that each student when he goes to the polls will cast his vote for the candidate on a basis

of merit and not because he is merely a "Republican" or a "Democrat."

Free Movie Is Slated Sunday

Tonio Kroeger, the second Contemporary Arts Committee Film Series, will be shown Sunday at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

The German film was made in 1964 and is based on one of the best known stories by Thomas Mann, dealing with the problems

of the artist as a creative outsider, and his relationship to life and the average people.

Kroeger is torn between the heritage from his North German father and his Italian mother. After an unhappy youth, he goes to the south and becomes a writer without being able to solve his

problems and fearing that his art might become sterile.

The film stars Jean-Claude Brialy, Nadia Tiller, Werner Hinz and Rudolf Forster.

Admission is free. For more information, call Scott Smith at 822-0300.

Senate Fails To Act On Yell Leader Changes

(Continued from page 1) caused some stir among the senators.

All three plans were made to cover registration costs on 2,500 estimated amount of bikes. Plan A is to cover the current debt of \$33,000.00 for the purchase and future installation of 1,500 bike racks throughout the campus. This would be the use of the current \$3 fee which annually generate \$6,500.00 in revenue in five years.

Plan B and Plan C offer the option to sell racks already purchased to another school at a slight loss to the university.

Plan B's proposed fee is \$2 which will provide 909 new rack spaces while plan C's proposed fee is \$1.50 which only provides 625 new spaces.

All of the above figures were based on \$22 cost per bike space and an average 2,500 bikes on campus.

"It may be that I am naive, but I cannot see \$484 per bicycle rack in labor and construction costs," said Rochelle Lindsey (at-large, univ. aparts.).

"Another traffic panel committee suggestion was to create areas to be blacktopped off only for bikes instead of racks," said Craig Brown (Henderson-Fowler). "This method would cut down on costs extremely."

The Senate is to vote on one of the plans at its next meeting. This suggestion will then be given to the administration.

The meeting concluded with Kruse's appointment of Virginia Leahy as chairman of the board for the Day Care Center.

Leahy's major is elementary education with a certificate in kindergarten.

Kruse also appointed Day Care Center Board members to be vot-

ed on at the next Senate meeting as follows: Faculty members are Dr. Walter Stennings, education curriculum and instruction and educational psychology; Dr. Ben Crouch, sociology and psychology; and Dr. Sara Smith, education psychology.

Community members include Hubert Beck, pastor of the Lutheran Student Center and Joe Sawyer, president of the University National Bank. Student members are Gary Drake (off-campus, grad.) and Randy Ross, vice president of the student government.

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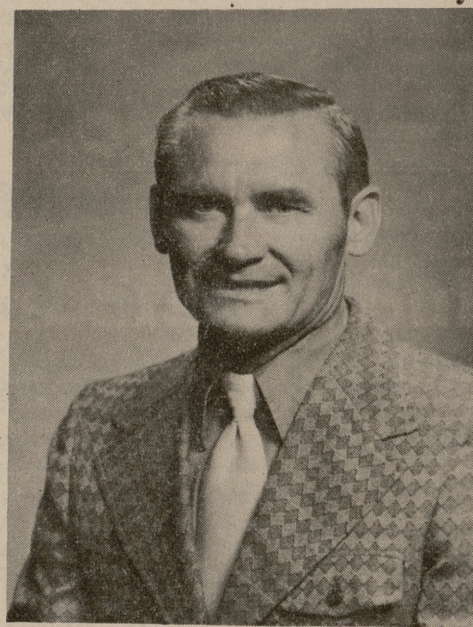
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