

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"That's the most ingenious attempt to leave early for the holidays I've ever seen!"

Let's Reconsider, Senator

Students living in the Bryan-College Station area should be appalled at the wool-pulling Sen. Bill Moore is trying to do over his fellow solons in Austin, while realizing that Moore must be mis-informed in saying "The young people themselves don't want majority rights."

Opponents of this issue, introduced as a bill to the Texas Senate by Sen. Bob Gammage of Houston, seem to be gaining the upper hand on liberal and urban senators supporting the bill. But lobbying efforts by concerned students such as the three that paid our concerned senator a visit may help turn the tide.

Mr. Moore seems to be trying to make staunch Baptists of the state's youth by harping on the argument that 18, 19 and 20 year-olds shouldn't be allowed to buy whiskey. We just don't see the issue of justice and legal rights as concerning itself with the sale of an already much-indulged alcoholic beverage.

One must ask the senator if he ever consulted 627,000 young Texans what they want, much less if he ever bothered to check back with his own constituency to find out where it stood on the matter.

We find it hard to believe that Mr. Moore would tend to ignore the fact that there are enough young people, equivalent in number to San Antonio's population, who will be deciding the fate of himself and his colleagues two years hence.

We hope Mr. Moore was at least mildly surprised by the Tuesday visit of three Aggies to his office, at least enough to pull his wits together and realize that these people are old enough to make major decisions on leadership of the government along with their lives, enter contracts, make wills and buy a glass of beer.

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Listen Up—

Lower Athletic Fee Allocation Urged

Editor:

After attending the Student Senate meeting last Thursday and hearing the discussion of the possible separation of the sports fee from the student services fee and ensuing comments, I have a suggestion to offer as a possible solution. Why can't the sports fee be handled like the shuttle bus, with a student service fee and a user fee?

This year, sports was allocated \$6.06 out of the \$30 semester service fee. The average student attendance at each home football game was approximately 9,000 people. This in turn means that approximately 6,000 students did not attend the football games. That is 40 percent of the student body—not a small minority. Naturally, attendance of basketball games was even smaller.

The athletic committee has asked for a fee increase to \$11.28 per student for the coming year. This is almost double that of last year and again everyone pays it and 60 percent use it. Using 16,000 as the projected enrollment for next year, this increase will generate about \$180,480.

My suggestion is this: leave the sports fee at its present level of \$6.06 and charge a user fee of \$9.30 for those who wish to attend the sports events. With the estimated 16,000 students paying the \$6.06 fee and bringing in \$96,960, and the average 3,000 students paying the user fee of \$9.30 bringing in \$83,700, a total of \$180,660 (about \$180 more than the higher fee for all) would be generated.

This solution is a workable compromise and could be modified

without much trouble. The non-user does not have to bear the brunt of the expense and the user still gets a great savings, since \$9.30 at regular admission rates would only buy 1 football game, 2 basketball games, and one Coke.

The Senate will decide the fee that will be recommended for us to pay and its recommendations are usually followed. Therefore, I would urge each of you to contact your senator and let him know how you feel about the subject so your interests will be represented. After all, it's your money.
John Mark Fitte '74
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Editor:

I am struggling with my roommate's typewriter so that I may bring you this news announcement.

I am a cockroach. My friends call me "Cocky." I object to the letter recently printed in the Batt from Keathley Hall. It seems that the anonymous author doesn't like nor care for crawlers of my variety. We are a very proud breed. Let me tell you the legend of the two foot cockroach.

Many years ago our Zorro figure (hero, martyr, lone roacher, etc.) founded a colony on the A&M campus. It has been quite a struggle to remain alive in a world of insecticides and fast moving newspapers.

Molere Echinus is the two-foot roach you may have seen lurking around near your drain wearing the three-inch goulashes. He is known to be the one attempting to avenge the deaths of all the roaches of our colony. His headquarters are located somewhere within the spanses of the great steam de' tada. (Steam Tunnel.)

I am proud of my home in Legett (spelled with one g—it is only a myth that Legett has two "g's"—although the acceleration is great around here—ha, ha, just a touch of humor. Shakespeare and I should be PUNished) and

especially like my roommate because he is a real crummy guy (he leaves lots of crumbs for me.)

I would thank you to refrain from printing slams toward me and my kind and our home in future issues of the Batt. If we are riled, in mass we could probably fill the Services Building with crumbs. Or is that the case already?

Let me remind Keathley Hall that Molere Echinus has them on his list. In short, cool it.

I thank you for affording me the opportunity to air my views and cast light on the whole crummy subject. (Yum yum.)
Doug (Cocky) Kirk
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Dear Editor:

In reference to the letter from the Moses Hall Public Relations Committee. I would like to express my views on the subject, Flash Cadillac. In its own right, Flash Cadillac is a good band for Fifties music. This is out-of-date to some people but many of the modern songs come from tunes written during the Fifties. The main problem here lies not with just Town Hall, but with the R.H.A., Town Hall and the University. This year Town Hall had its budget cut and lost money on several concerts, namely, Elton John, B. B. King and Freddie Hart. The R.H.A. has been experimenting with the students to find out their opinions on different types of events but have been going about it all wrong. Instead of asking the students what they would like, the R.H.A. holds the event and asks for comments later. Civilian weekend is being based this year on a Fifties theme. This was tried with bad results during Sophomore weekend because of a bad turnout. Civilian Weekend will be dull this year because of two reasons. One, neither Town Hall or the R.H.A. will take the responsibility for Flash Cadillac and promote the weekend activities in advance to

change Student Opinion. Second, students will not come in a form of protest against Flash Cadillac.

I was not happy by a long shot when I heard that Flash Cadillac was going to play for Civilian Weekend but attempted to find out more about the problem before determining a bad end. As a suggestion to help clear the matter, why does not Town Hall obtain a tape of Flash Cadillac and play it over the Campus Radio Station at an appointed time for people to listen to? I do not know about most people, but I intend to go to the events that take place Civilian Weekend and have a good time.
Karl Mesloh

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