

Bad Senator Vote Indicated

Editor:
In only its second meeting, the TAMU Student Senate has plunged to new depths of greed and avarice. Being a member of both last year's and this year's Senate, I was appalled at the trampling of minority rights shown in the defeat of the optional laundry resolution. While it is true that the laundry fee would increase \$5 for those who wished to remain on the service, it would go down \$25 for those who wished to get off of the service.

Apparently, those senators opposing optional laundry fees feel that it is all right to take \$25 from one person (who is in the minority) and split it up among five people (like themselves, who are in the majority). I myself would continue to use the University laundry service if it were optional, but am not so callous as to force the current 22 percent of non-users to pay for my laundry service.

If in future actions, individual senators show no more inclination to look past their own financial self-interest, then I can only predict further deprecation of student pocketbooks and minority rights.

Chris Lawson

Editor: Street dances are usually great,

but we think we speak for the majority of students in attendance when we say that the Spring Gas dance just didn't make the grade.

On this particular occasion an all time low was reached, especially in the quality of the band. We sincerely hope that nobody had to be out any money for such a crude display of "entertainment." It seems to us that paid performers are there to do just that: perform—not get up on soap boxes and subject others to their views on political issues.

We went to hear music, not a lecture on marijuana laws. Once during tonight's course of events one band member encouraged us to write to "Dodo Dolph Briscoe" if we want to express our opinion of marijuana law reform. It is obvious that the band exploited the situation and at the same time they left some doubt in our minds as to who the real "dodo" was.

A group of mature responsible students can do without this type of performance—if that's what it can be called. The music was off-

beat and generally poor. Really now, who wants to hear a song about an affair between a 35-year-old woman and a duck?!

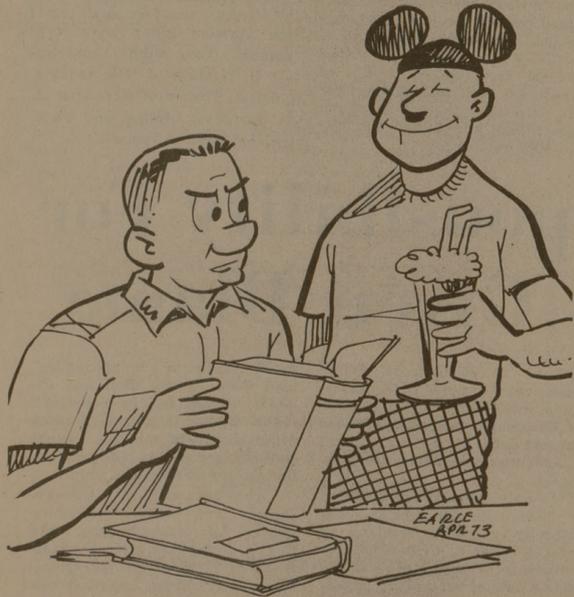
Definitely wishing to give credit where credit is due, we must mention the side attraction which made the evening worthwhile for those few who noticed. It consisted of a candid glimpse of the custodial staff as they jived to the music while making their way from the Academic building to the BSBE.

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TONIGHT
Wildlife Biology Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 113 of the BSBE to see a slide show of its West Texas trip.

WEDNESDAY
Air Force Student Wives' Club will hear a program at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Larry Williams, 1118 Merry Oaks Street.



"It's not that you don't have to study for exams, what gets me about you graduating seniors is your attitude."

Apartment Problem Solvers

The Battalion is constantly asked to research and investigate problems stemming from off-campus housing developments or apartments. Complainants usually tell us they are having problems with deposit refunds, in particular.

However, each time a complaint is made, the student doesn't want to get involved in a published story nor can he furnish names of other students having similar problems. Of course, apartment managers are most reluctant to talk because of the possible bad PR.

But now there is help for those who are having problems and help for those who want to avoid problems. Two booklets have been published by the Fair Housing Commission of the Student Government headed by Barb Sears.

The first booklet, "Tenants' Guide To Legal Rights," tells of things to look for before renting an apartment or signing the lease to an apartment.

It points out what clauses not to accept as part of lease agreements, how to make oral contracts and the arguability of the age requirement of 21 for signing contracts, on the premise one isn't liable because of minority. The booklet also contains an entire sub-section dedicated to deposit making and forfeiture.

University married student housing received fair play in the book, listing restrictions and other pertinent data, such as being dropped from the University rolls for late rent payment and rules for moving out.

The Fair Housing Commission stressed the importance of residence and University apartment councils to settle common problems such as housing conditions and deposit complaints.

The other publication is in magazine form and is entitled "Benevolent Arms-Apartment Guide" and is also financed by the Student Government.

The magazine lists practically all of the apartments in the University area and mobile home parks. It contains an evaluation of each facility and landlord based on a recent survey of off-campus students. Ratings are given numerically like the scale grades are reported: the four-point system, with 3.0 being good and a 2.0, fair.

If you plan to move or live off-campus next year and haven't picked up these publications, it would be a wise thing to do. They may be found in the Housing Office, or obtained from the Dean of Men, Dean of Women, or Dean of Students.

With these two booklets out, there's practically no excuse for getting into unanticipated trouble.

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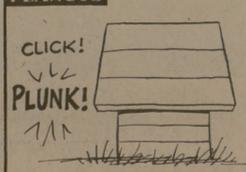
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