

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle

Barb Sears—

Eviction: Unpleasant Reality for Some



"You may be faster on the draw, but I'm more accurate!"

RHA Moves Commendable

The Residence Hall Association's Constitutional Revision meeting was an entertaining meeting Tuesday night, to say the least.

Ron Blatchley, the new Director of Student Activities, chaired the meeting in the absence of Randy Gillespie, and as a result, had a good opportunity to spout off to the group just what he thought of A&M's student life, programs such as the MSC, Student Government and the RHA, in terms of effective communications and sense of purpose.

Blatchley then explained to the group an idea he had pieced together to create a most effective communications system for the RHA in regards to all the dorms and residence halls on campus and for getting through to other organizations. He also defined what he thought should be the purpose of the RHA, noting that it should handle dorm matters only.

Five minutes later the 17-member group began inadvertently to discuss various problems in the dorms, problems that had never before reached the RHA (or Civilian Student Council) simply because the group was involved with too many bigger things. The group suddenly realized what it was doing and at the same time found some topics for discussion for Thursday's RHA meeting in the Library.

We're glad a group of people such as this has come together to pull the RHA out of a years-long dilemma and hope excellent results will be forthcoming.

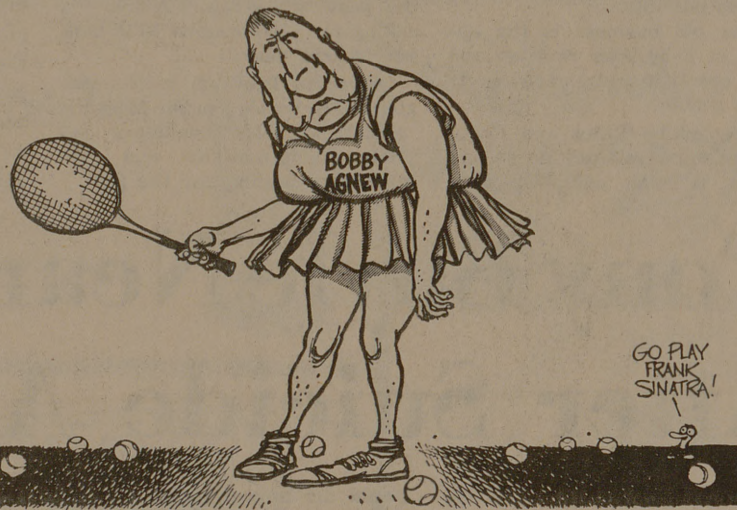
A Proper Voice

The Battalion placed the cards on the line last week in asking senator replacement for those leaving the Student Senate, for any reason, be done with the utmost of student constituency input—to the point of calling elections at any time for various constituency to have chances to voice opinions.

The Student Government Constitution is based principally on the U. S. Constitution and in doing so should follow it in specifying that the people have the right to choose representatives without having them appointed by the Student Government President and approved by the Senate.

The Battalion believes that students placed on conduct probation and scholastic probation should be removed from representation and so endorses the Senate's proposals along these lines—coupled with the clause for impeachment—both of which should be passed at tonight's Senate meeting in the Zachry Engineering Center.

We do think it wise that an attachment be made to this Senate bill to provide adequate majority input, to be passed on a level for all to see its results.



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Eviction is not a pleasant process for either landlord or tenant, but there are still cases when it occurs. This review of what a landlord can and cannot do should help you know your rights if you ever face the possibility of eviction.

There are certain cases when the landlord can justifiably evict a tenant. If the tenant breaks the lease in some way, then the landlord has the right to evict him. The most common example is failure of the tenant to pay his rent.

In such a case, the landlord has two options. He can give three days written notice that the tenant must vacate, and then he can sue if the tenant does not move. Or, he can actually seize the premises, change the lock and remove the tenant's belongings. However, Texas law specifies that the landlord may not touch a number of things including clothing, books, agricultural and professional tools, medicine, basic household furniture, and one truck and one car. In essence, then, the landlord may claim one's luxuries, but not the basics of life.

When a landlord gets really

hacked off at a tenant, he may resort to eviction. But if the landlord locks his tenant out of the apartment when the tenant has paid his full rent, then the landlord is in the wrong. The tenant may either demand his apartment back or terminate the lease. If the landlord has been unfair, then the tenant can demand that he reimburse him for his expenses such as having to pay for a hotel or another place to stay. He can also demand payment to him of one month's rent

and attorney fees. If physical force has been used, the tenant can sue for any personal or property injury.

The landlord cannot decide to evict you for any difference in opinion that is not a violation of your lease. No matter what he thinks about hair length or political ideas, he cannot legally evict you. Even if you decide to form a Tenants Union to confront him in strength, he is not justified in evicting you. One tenant had complained continuously to the

manager about everything and anything. Then he came home one day to find a letter telling him he was going to be evicted. Since his lease had not expired, the manager was not within his rights to attempt an eviction. You can only be evicted if you break a provision of the lease.

It is also illegal for the landlord to ever try to "encourage" someone to leave by stopping the utilities when the tenant pays his utility bill directly to the company.

There is another form of eviction which may be useful to the tenant. It is called the "Doctrine of Constructive Eviction." If your apartment becomes uninhabitable due to poor maintenance by the owner and a bad attitude of the manager, and it reaches a point where it is really unbearable, then it is your right to break the lease and move out. But warning must be given here. The decision is a very subjective one, and a court of law could have a different viewpoint than you.

Listen Up--

Police Bike Rule Enforcement OK'd

Editor:

"Hurrah" for the campus policeman giving a ticket to an anonymous bicyclist (see The Batt, Sept. 12, 1973). May he be blessed with 10-speed eyes and a strong ticket-writing hand!

When will bicyclists learn that they are in charge of moving vehicles and must obey traffic regulations, just as anyone who drives a car?

Several times while driving on campus, and elsewhere, I've almost snagged a cyclist when I attempted to turn right, after stopping at a stop sign, and the cyclist preferred to go straight ahead without stopping. I've learned to look over my right shoulder for luck.

Bicycles are good for the health, the environment and the pocketbook, but please, bicyclists, obey traffic rules. Let's look out for each other.

Florence Ham '75

Editor:

This comment is in reference to the complaint of Fran Ford on the parking situation. For two years I have gone through the

same problems as you. I have made the long trudge from the Kyle Field parking lot and the Zachry Engineering Center parking lot. I have patiently been waiting for my junior year so that I could park next to my dorm in parking lot number one, as this was a junior or senior privilege.

Then the university moved the girls into Fowler, Keathley and Hughes. Now I find myself parking in my old spot down by Kyle Field. All girls in Fowler, Keathley and Hughes, no matter what classification, may park in parking lot number one. It's not that I am against equal rights for women or that I am a male chauvinist. I'm just tired of getting the shaft and then hearing other people complain when they are better off than they ever were.

Mark Weaver '75

Editor:

Recently a page of The Batt was devoted, apparently and appropriately, to campus women. On this page was an article entitled "Honor Sororities Open to Coeds," which stated

"In evaluating the campus and its students, the Office of the Dean of Women realized that there was a need to establish some womens association."

This is fine, but I would like to direct a question to Toby Schreiber, Dean of Women: Has there been any evaluation as to the establishment of a Home Economics Department for TAMU?

Whether or not there is a need for such a department, might be questionable. However, there is definitely a desire for one. Women are here, and here they will stay, so why shouldn't TAMU offer such an opportunity for them?

If this has been discussed and looked into, when might such a department be established?

Eddie Portier '74

The matter is in the hands of academic deans as it is an academic matter, not under the di-

rection of the Vice President for Student Services' Office, under which Dean Schreiber serves. Strong desire is being shown for a degree plan, but as of now A&M offers only background courses in food preparation and textiles—Ed.

Editor:

I am writing to voice my anger concerning the Town Hall and Special Attraction concerts for the coming year. I and many others are shocked because of the absence of name rock groups on the schedule. It is not a lack of money that prevents good groups from coming to A&M since in the past such bands as Chicago, James Gang, and Elton John have appeared, and they didn't come cheap. I hope that the Town Hall committee will shake their conservative, bubble gum image and get into some good, heavy rock. John Emery '75

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