



'I CAN NAME ONE BUSINESS THAT'LL BITE THE DUST IF HE BANS SUNDAY DRIVING!'

Batt Commentary Women's Athletics

Interest in the future of women's athletics within the Southwest Conference has spread quite rapidly across the state as student governments and media have been passing and talking about a petition asking for a fully funded program of intercollegiate athletics for women. We ran the petition yesterday and are running it each day this week to help circulate the form in preparation for next week's Southwest Conference officials meeting in Dallas.

The Battalion has been told by a member official that an item has been placed on the agenda for the three-day affair which, if approved, would erase the stipulation that men only can compete in official SWC sports events. We understand that the change would not specify that either male or female athletics programs be formed, but would leave creation of separate programs up to member schools. Presently, there are eight programs for men and none for women.

Surely, the initiation of fully funded sports will be the largest problem, since current programs probably won't be dropped and no funds are readily available if multiple sport athletics is desired. But, this is a problem that can be worked out later, along with the formal organization of a women's athletics division in the schools, possibly with their own athletic directors.

We know A&M has the people and the know-how to establish a good women's program, as witnessed by the number of women participating in the Women's Sports Association. Student Government also has a good source of input for innovative ideas through the student advisory committee of the Athletic Council of TAMU. Up until now, SG President Randy Ross hasn't called even the first meeting of the student group, but indications have suddenly been that this group will meet soon.

Dr. Charles Samson, chairman of the Athletic Council, says he would like for the group to meet soon so interaction on ideas such as women's athletics can begin. He has indicated that the council's decisions are frequently based on recommendations from students.

The petition has been circulating well at other schools and there's no reason it can't circulate well among students here, including fellow athletes. We know the Executive Board of the WSA has taken a serious view of this petition. We hope that all interested students will make a concerted effort to circulate as many petitions as possible for the Athletic Council's Friday meeting. Petitions should be signed through early next week, also, as they will be presented to SWC officials in Dallas Wednesday through Dr. Samson. Booths or tables set up at various points on campus might be a way for concerned students to get the maximum number of petition signatures.

If you've been wondering for three years or half a year what student government at any university in the SWC is all about, this is definitely your show. If you care, you'll make it a good one.

Communications Better

We believe that an action taken by President Jack Williams at Monday's Academic Council meeting was a show of good faith to University academic and department heads. In a heretofore unprecedented move, Williams made a thorough review of agenda for the TAMU System Board of Directors' for last week's meeting, explaining each item in detail for members to digest.

Williams then told AC members that all members of the faculty and administration would always be welcome to watch the Board's operations at future meetings. Until the legislature passed House Bill 6 this year, the Board has always held a closed door, do-all-the-dirty-work meeting prior to its regularly scheduled, no-questions-asked meetings. Faculty have not been exactly welcomed with open arms. It's too bad that this couldn't have been voluntarily initiated much earlier by the Board.

We have also been discovering that University officials are slowly finding that giving out information doesn't hurt as much as they thought it would. This is, as one person put it, quite a different picture from that of 10 years ago.

We've got a lot of problems here, but it seems that more of them have been getting solved lately. Keep on truckin' Dr. Williams. Everyone's tasks seem to be getting done with more ease, lately, with your help.

The Battalion

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Lease Line— Variables Many for Apartment Moves

By BARB SEARS

Question: I want to move out of my present apartment because my roommate and I don't get along very well. I signed a nine-month lease in August, but I want to move to an apartment within the same apartment complex. The manager won't let me make that trade-off. What can I do?

Answer: When you signed the lease, you agreed to live in and pay rent for a particular apartment for nine months. The landlord can hold you to the terms of the contract and can even sue you if you move out early.

This is one reason that the Fair Housing Commission always recommends three-month or semester leases for students. If the lease already has nine months specified when you go to sign it, you can insist that this be changed and if both you and the owner or manager initial it, then the change is valid. I urge student tenants to turn down an apartment complex that will not allow

you to sign a lease for less than nine months. There are too many variables that could change regarding living situations, including your attitude towards the manager and towards your roommate and your status in school may change. Some student tenants have dropped out of school and have been stuck with nine month leases.

If you want to get your landlord to agree to let you move out of your apartment, you should find a replacement for yourself. Almost always, if you can get someone to move in when you leave, the landlord will let you off the hook.

Otherwise, the only suggestion I can offer is for you to check over your lease and see if there might be some clause that your landlord has broken. If there is, then you can claim that your landlord broke the lease and you are thus justified in moving out.

Question: I am moving into a new apartment. What can I do to insure that I will get my de-

posit back?

Answer: First, make two copies of a checklist and have your manager review the condition of your apartment and furniture with you. You should both sign the lists and each keep one copy. This checklist will be your best protection against any unjust claims against your deposit by your landlord. Should your landlord withhold part or all of your deposit for false reasons, then this checklist will be excellent evidence in Small Claims Court.

There are a number of things you should do when you move out of the apartment. It is expected that you leave the apartment clean, which includes defrosting

the refrigerator and cleaning the oven. You should get your manager to go through the apartment again with you and sign the checklist and give you his approval on the condition of the apartment. You are not liable for "normal wear and tear," but unreasonable damage, such as spots on the carpet or torn holsters, will be justifiably charged to you.

Remember, you must return your deposit back or notification from the landlord about how much he is charging you within 30 days after you move out. Otherwise, the landlord is liable three times your deposit plus \$100.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"Before they enrolled, a 'Dear John' was just a letter!"

Listen Up— CS Mayor Blasts Performance

Editor:

I have long been an admirer of Rice University, its student body, faculty and alumni. Unfortunately, events of the past few days have damaged irreparably this admiration and respect.

The half time performance of your University agents, the Rice Band and the accompanying commentary were both in extremely poor taste and irresponsible.

Then to see a quotation of a story which appeared in the Rice Thresher under the by-line T. G. Kahuna is unbelievably inexcusable. I am enclosing a copy of a column which appeared in the A&M newspaper *The Battalion* which referred to the libellous article written by a representative of Rice University and published in an official publication of your administration.

I take exception to the following comments made by Mr. Kahuna:

His reference to the Aggie Band, composed of 300 of the finest young men in America, as FASCIST.

His accusation that AGGIE followers, which I represented for 17 years as Alumni Director, are obnoxious and ludicrous is pat-

ently untrue.

His calling the City of College Station as the "Armpit of America" is an accusation unbecoming of the most immature journalist or reporter. College Station is one of the cleanest, crime-free University cities in America, and one which all of its citizens, including the A&M student body, take great pride.

His innuendo concerning the Honorable Dick Gottlieb is a reflection on a fine public servant and the people he represents.

His reference to the AGGIE WAR HYMN is an insult to the people of the State of Texas who are the owners and beneficiaries of the oldest state supported University in Texas.

The above matters are of such import that I am impelled to call them to your attention and the attention of your Board of Directors. Certainly administrative action is not only indicated but imperative.

J. B. (Dick) Hervey

Mayor

City of College Station
Original copy of this letter sent to Dr. Norman Hackerman, Rice University president—Ed.

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