

Listen Up

'Defender of Moral Values' censors Arts Films Series

Editor:

I am mad. The Arts Film Series is one of the few worthwhile, constructive happenings on campus; and now a self-appointed Defender of Moral Values has decided that censorship of the Series is needed.

We students are not children; we are able to make up our own minds as to what is good or bad. We do not need a censor to declare (using his own values as a guide) what we should or should not be allowed to see. When the university, or anyone, attempts to limit the mental and spiritual freedom of the students through censorship, we become little more than puppets. The establishment of censors over any of the forms of outside influence upon the students at TAMU is an insult to the intelligence and integrity of the students.

As Shakespeare wrote, "Nothing is good or bad, / But thinking makes it so."

Allen V. Roberson
Leigh A. Schweitz

Kunstler

Editor:

After seeing and hearing William Kunstler, it is a totally safe assumption to say that he is a controversy within a controversy. How can a man argue that he should be here on the principle of the first amendment, but that Gerald Ford should not because he is a member of the Nixonian era? That is not personal opinion, either, that is his proclaimed view on the matter. If admittance to professional institutions was left to Kunstler, the only requirement would be to a member of any minority group. Once again he directly inferred this. It appears that he believes middle-class, white America should be thrown to the breeze. We noticed that he asked this presumably predominately middle-class, white American audience for contributions to aid his Wounded Knee clients.

Kunstler's general attitude is anti everything. Without the use of his beloved adjective, pervert,

(which he used to describe everyone from the president of our university to the president of our country) his speech would have been a void, sporadic gesture of ineptness, which it was anyway.

Tom LeRoy
Jimmy McBe

Rebuttal

Editor:

I wish to make a rebuttal to a few of Mr. Whitsett's remarks concerning the article about the student making arrowheads. (Re: Listen Up, March 5).

Mr. Whitsett has studied the Apache culture for some time and states unequivocally that the Apaches were not war like. I would like him to refer to the book *Western Apache Riding and Warfare*, by Grenville Goodwin and Ed, by Keith Busso; The University of Arizona Press, Tucson, Arizona, 1971. The first sentence in the introduction states that the Apache was just one of many groups of American Indians whose subsistence was by "raiding and warfare." Mr. Whitsett's remarks have the ring of Rousseau's "Noble Savage." Doubtless the Apaches had a culture and heritage of captivating interest, witness the enthusiasts, both "expert" and amateur; but we must not let this enthusiasm of ours gloss over the fact that the basis of their economy came from the spoils of raiding.

But enough of this harping on Mr. Whitsett's factual inaccuracies. I'm certain that Mr. Whitsett is a dedicated scientist and being that, I'm sure he will magnanimously admit that perhaps his pique at Mr. McReynolds carried his claims a bit too far.

I would like to contest just one other part of Mr. Whitsett's letter. Mr. Whitsett claims that by collecting arrowheads Mr. McReynolds is destroying a very valuable archeological resource. On the contrary, I would say, Mr. McReynolds is preserving an archeological resource; albeit it is not left on the ground. However, I'm sure that Mr. McReynolds and the many other collectors of arrowheads can tell you the exact

places and circumstances under which they found their items. It is then left to the archeologist, only to interview the collector. The collector has saved an enormous amount of footwork for the scientist.

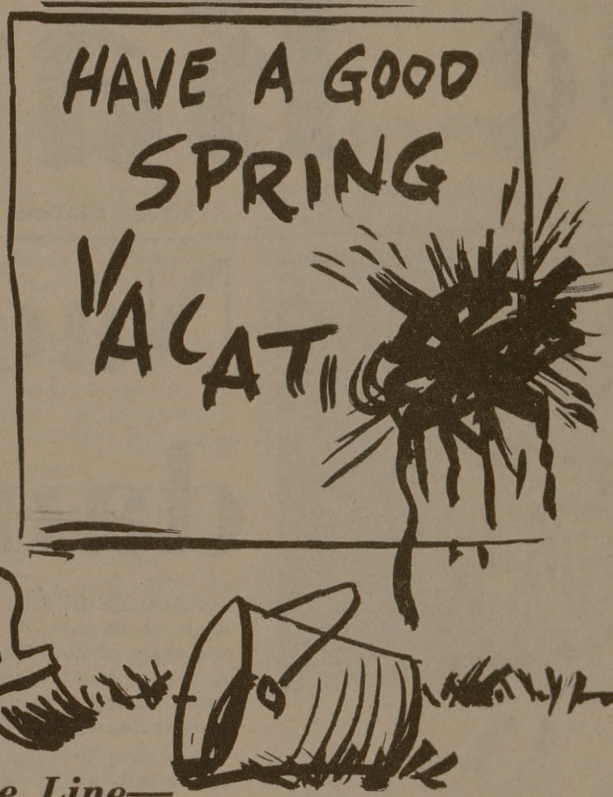
I suppose that we could understand Mr. Whitsett's ire if we believed that he were really so misanthropic that he didn't enjoy discussing his specialty with someone else who was so obviously interested.

All of Mr. Whitsett's remarks so far are understandable, even if somewhat objectionable. However, I find one thing just absolutely unconscionable that Mr. Whitsett implies. He implies that archeology is strictly a domain for an expert, that there is no room for an interested outsider. Mr. Whitsett cannot be a true scientist and believe that. Hopefully, a scientist endeavors to further a man's understanding of himself and of the world he lives in. If we as scientists discourage even the most passing interest of fellow man in what we are doing; we become the tantamount to Scrooge's of knowledge; despicable entities interested in nothing but ourselves and our immediate world.

It is my fervent hope that Mr. Whitsett's implications are only the result of some "pique" that he has felt due to the article on a person who has an amateur interest in his field. If his feelings are more deep-seated, let me suggest to him that such pedantry is rather unbecoming a graduate student. The energy wasted in his vituperativeness could have been much better spent by telling us, his general public, a little more about the Apaches. If he had described some of the culture of the Apache rather than just extol it as he did, perhaps he could have stirred the genuine interest of several people who could have benefited and enjoyed it. As it is, his ineptness in expressing himself have left the impression that he is no more than a guache zealot.

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CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



Lease Line— Landlords must provide security

By BARB SEARS

Apartment dwellers in Texas not only have the security which comes from strong police forces, but they should also be able to rely on their landlords to insulate them from crime. Texas law holds that it is the landlord's responsibility to provide "reasonable security from predictable crimes." This refers primarily to guaranteeing adequate locking devices on doors, but also can be applied to providing sufficient lighting around the entire apartment complex to cut down on night prowlers and burglars.

In light of this law, several complaints from student tenants have been disturbing. Apparently, this law is not being stringently followed by all apartment owners. One case involved a female student whose landlord took two weeks to give her a key to her front door. She was left with two alternatives: either leave the door unlocked while she was gone so that she could enter the house through it when she returned, or use the window as the entrance. Unfortunately, either method left her house vulnerable. The tenant was upset at the inconvenience and the threat to the security of her belongings and refused to pay her rent until she was provided with a key.

A recent complaint concerned Southwest Village Apartments, and could easily apply to a number of other apartment complexes in this area. In Southwest Village, however, the problem is particularly acute since the apartments are located near a very low-income part of town, in which a higher crime rate is predictable. The apartments have sliding glass doors which open onto a porch, and which have comparatively poor locks. Someone could gain access to an apartment without much difficulty by forcing the

lock with a pocketknife. This, in fact, apparently happened to one student tenant there, for it was clear that a number of drawers had been searched and a small cache of money stolen. The College Station police are investigating the case.

Front doors can be forced open, too. That is why chain locks are an essential for security. As Texas law states, it is the landlord's responsibility to provide such security, but the law also holds that he may pass on the costs to the tenants.

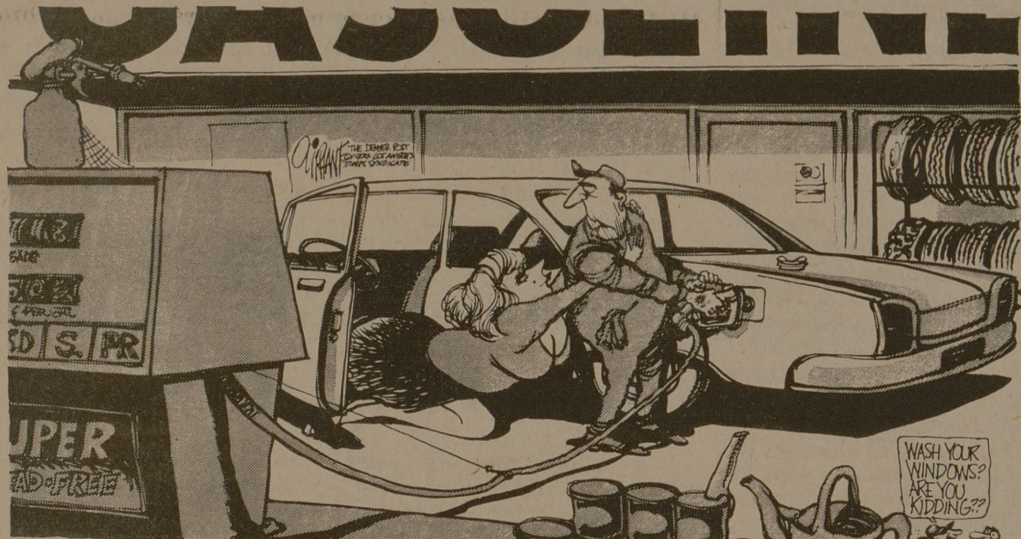
The Patricia Hearst kidnapping should be enough to make people wary of opening their doors to strangers. Adequate locking devices are useless if the thieves are invited to enter. Report from area tenants have indicated that this is exactly the technique that some individuals are using. Tenants should question the legitimacy of any person knocking on their door with great persistence asking to use the phone or to be driven somewhere.

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