

What Hath Rank Wrought?

This year the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets will prove itself either an institution or a myth.

A non-compulsory status has left the fate of A&M's military organization in the hands of its members, and only they can prove it is here to stay.

For the Corps to be everlasting, it must correctly interpret and apply that oft-quoted, rarely-adhered-to military slogan "Rank hath its privileges, and rank hath its responsibilities."

The Corps, unfortunately, seems to be rather long on privilege and short on responsibility.

If the Corps is to continue enjoying the influence, respect and strength it has commanded across Texas in past years, its leaders must reevaluate their position on the slogan.

The seniors of today become the officers of tomorrow, and they should be the first to examine the military definition of the word "privilege."

The seniors, if they are to run the Corps instead of having the Trigon handle it, must provide the leadership necessary for a strong student organization of any kind.

The seniors must be the first cadets to blend privilege and responsibility into a working formula.

At the present time, such a formula does not exist.

Too many fourth-year members mistake complacency for privilege, hindrance for tradition and laziness for authority.

Some seniors take their responsibility seriously, but too many do not. They demand privileges because they have been here four years, but do not provide the leadership which should be demonstrated by four-year veterans.

Aside from commanding officers, too many seniors are lackadaisical in their appearance, attitude and contribution to Corps life.

They march, or rather walk, in the rear of formation, following like an underclassman rather than leading like a military officer. Senior "privilege," they proclaim.

They talk, slouch, laugh and clown in formation. Very unbecoming to a military officer, but senior "privilege."

They demand respect, but by their actions do not command it.

They wail "another tradition gone to hell" whenever an improvement is made in the education or civilization of Texas A&M.

They do not respect the rank of another senior, but allow petty jealousies and indifference to handicap the operation of a student-run Corps.

They assume a "hands-off" policy in handling the affairs of their outfits. Let the juniors run the Corps, they say. Senior "privilege" to be lazy.

They let revenge interfere with progress. "When I was a junior," they say in describing their past hardships, instead of providing a better example for THEIR underclassmen to follow.

These criticisms do not solely apply to the Class of '66, but to the Class of '65, and the year before and the year before. Somewhere down the line, another pseudo-tradition has been created that gives Corps seniors the "privilege" to be lazy, complacent and lackadaisical.

It is regrettable that the persons who could make the Corps a shining example of student leadership and discipline miss the opportunity because of their attitude.

They possess two of the most cherished emblems of Corps hierarchy—the Senior Ring and Senior Boots. These symbols of leadership should not be abused.

Viet Nam To Continue Public Executions

By Associated Press

SAIGON—The South Vietnamese government is reported planning six more executions Friday despite Viet Cong threats of reprisals against American prisoners.

Informants said no Communist reaction was expected because those to be executed were convicted of criminal activities in no way related to the Viet Cong.

When Brig. Gen. Nguyen Cao Ky became premier of South Viet Nam last June, he warned that his government would execute hoarders, speculators and war profiteers. So far, none of these executions have been carried out publicly.

Workmen today were enlarging the sandbag execution wall in Saigon's Central Market Place where a firing squad put two young Viet Cong terrorists to death earlier this year.

NEWS BRIEFS

By The Associated Press

Jury Deliberating In Civil Rights Death

HAYNEVILLE, Ala.—A jury tries again today to decide whether the killing of a civil rights worker was manslaughter or self defense.

Circuit Judge T. Werth Thagard sent the 12 white jurors to Montgomery for the night after they had failed to reach a verdict Wednesday in the manslaughter trial of Thomas L. Coleman, special deputy sheriff.

India, Pakistan Ready For More Fighting

NEW DELHI—India and Pakistan dug in today for what promised to be more bloody skirmishing along the ineffective U.N. cease-fire line between their armies.

Spokesmen for both nations continued to adopt uncompromising stands that appeared to leave no prospect of a significant troop withdrawal or long-range peace settlement.

Both armies nervously fenced with each other, sending out patrols, consolidating their positions in several sectors and continued the shootings.

Accused Murderer Escapes From Jail

BOERNE—A soldier charged with killing his mother and two other relatives broke out of the Kendall County jail Wednesday night.

Sheriff Doug Kuebel said the prisoner, Gary Wilkinson, 22, escaped about 10 p.m. while there were only trustees in the jail office.

He said Wilkinson, who was held on the second floor of the old three-story rock building, found a stepladder, pried loose part of a tin ceiling and climbed into the third floor attic.

From there the prisoner crawled through a narrow passage to a stairway leading down, found a cell block door unlocked and darted out the back door of the building.

Rusk, Gromyko Talks Apparently Fruitless

UNITED NATIONS—Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko talked about disarmament and the India-Pakistan conflict Wednesday night without producing any noticeable thaw in U. S.-Soviet relations.

The two did agree to meet again Friday night, at the headquarters of the Soviet U.N. Mission.

This was in line with advance predictions. In their initial meeting, a three-hour dinner at Rusk's hotel suite, the two engaged in what U. S. sources described as a general "feeling out" of their diplomatic positions.

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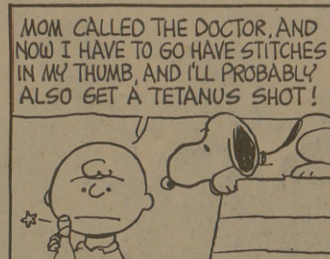
CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"I know Lubbock is a long way and we need to stay here and study, but if we took turns drivin' we could study on th' way out and"

PEANUTS



ON OTHER CAMPUSES

HOUSTON

The University Center Policy Board of the University of Houston decided to give the student government association no voice in the uses or policies of UH's new \$6 million student union building.

TEXAS TECH

Texas Tech now sells a book of discount football tickets that allows a student's husband or wife to sit in the student section.

The cost of the tickets are \$17.50 or one half of the face value. Texas Tech also registers its students in a unique manner. The students are registered according to their scholastic rank-order. The total number of hours and the total number of grade points are added together to get a total that determines a student rank-order.

TCU

Since a SWC ruling silenced TCU's Vigilante cannon, the Horned Frogs have switched from audio to visual effects.

For each touchdown, extra point or field goal, a helium filled balloon in the shape of the opposing school's mascot will be released.

The Skiff, student newspaper at TCU, stated, "It was getting to the point where students at all the other SWC schools said they hated A&M but couldn't tell you why."

"With Stallings at the helm, they may give everybody a good reason."

TWU

Senior women of Texas Women's University with an honor scholastic rating are now given a key to the dormitory doors and may come and go as they please.

The honor students are expected to be able to judge for themselves, said a spokesman of the Dean of Women's office. The first night after keys were passed out, the girls sat in cars outside the dorms until after hours. Then, one by one, they trooped to the doors to see if the keys worked.

By Charles M. Schulz

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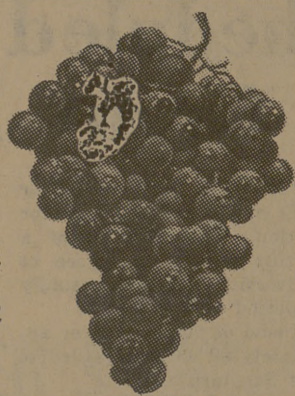
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