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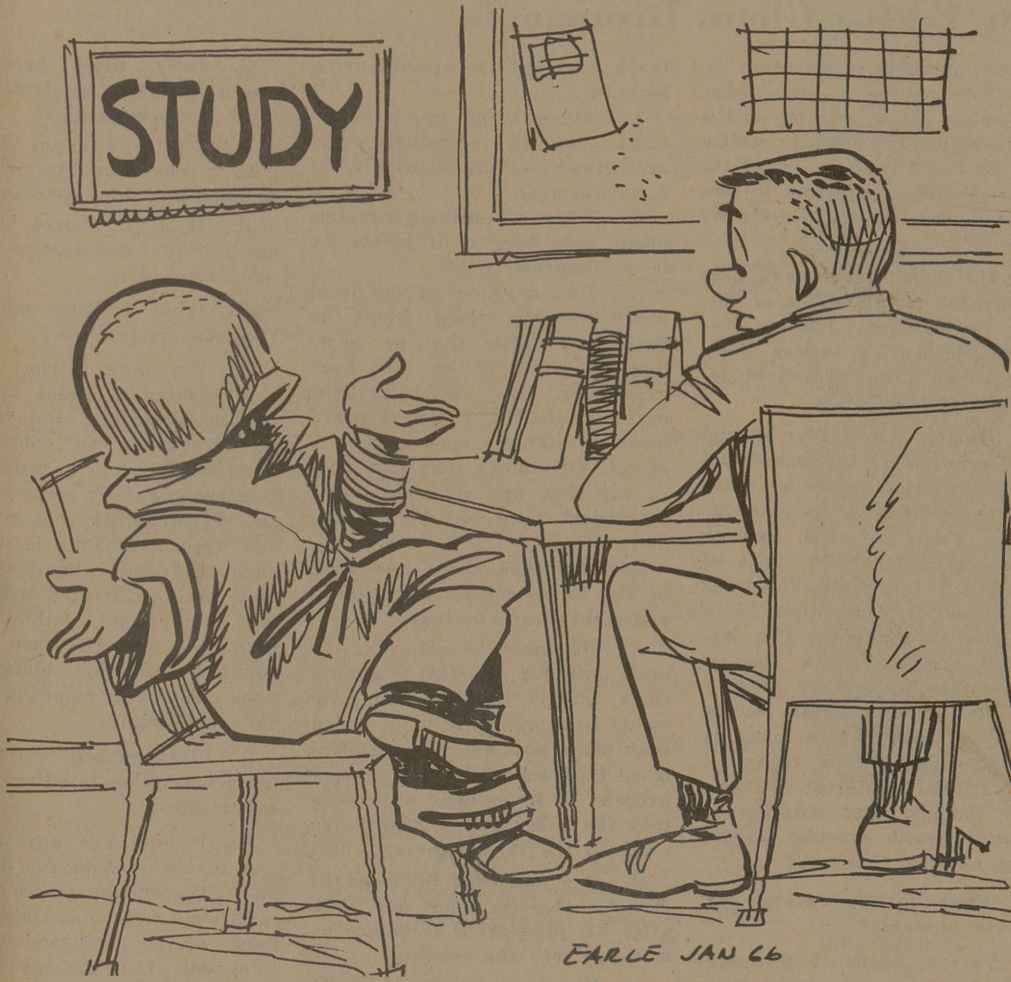


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Housing Office Rushed

By DANI PRESSWOOD

Corps freshmen showed up en masse Monday as the Housing Office released unreserved rooms in civilian dormitories.

More than 300 students are expected to transfer out of the Corps at the termination of the fall semester, Civilian Counselor Bill G. Presnal estimated.

Corps and civilian students were lined up for more than nine hours as the vacant rooms were released on a first come, first served basis.

"We haven't had any problem yet," commented Director of Student Affairs Bennie Zinn. "Any man who has come in so far has found a room. We don't anticipate any trouble housing these students."

Zinn said around 250 students were standing in line at 7 a.m., an hour before the office opened.

"Some students actually spent the night here in order to be first in line," he said. "They wanted to make sure they would get first shot at these rooms."

According to Zinn, 144 beds in Dorm 16 have been cleared in addition to the rooms of the 160 graduating seniors and the scattering of empty bunks in civilian dormitories now.

"However, we won't know the exact number of vacant spaces until after registration," he pointed out.

Zinn said A&M expects approximately 250 new students for the spring semester, including freshmen, transfer students and students returning after layoffs.

Although about 1,950 civilian students reserved their current rooms, Zinn said there are 300 more who failed to show up.

"If a student didn't sign up for his room, it's too late now," he added. "The first man that comes in and wants it can have it."

Students will be able to reserve rooms until the start of registration for the spring semester.



EAGER BEAVERS FACE LONG WAIT ... students anxious for spring room reservations.

gave some thought to transferring out of the Corps, but decided to stay for two big reasons! First, I look good in uniform and second, I've gotta have something to blame my grades on!"

Fabel To Address Indian Students

Dr. Ludwig Fabel of Houston will be featured speaker as India students observe Republic Day celebration at Texas A&M Jan.

The celebration begins at 7:30 p.m., according to Shankar Ramchandran, Association president.

Fabel is visiting professor in the Department of Foreign Languages at the U. of H.

Finals Slow Down Batt Publication

The Battalion will be published only once more this week as staff members start cramming for final exams.

Only one issue will appear during final week and again during the semester break. Publication dates are Jan. 24, Jan. 27 and Feb. 3. Regular publication resumes Feb. 8.

Dominican Programs Head Claims No U.S. Resentment

Dr. G. M. Watkins, program director of Texas A&M Dominican Republic programs and on the scene in the country for the last three-and-a-half years, has found no resentment against U. S. intervention in Dominican affairs.

He voiced the opinion after speaking at an international Seminar, where he was introduced by Dr. M. T. Harrington, coordinator of A&M's International Programs, as "probably the best informed man in the U. S. on the Dominican Republic."

Watkins reported on an educational project in the Republic which involves about 30 A&M families.

"First," Dr. Watkins enumerated the Dominican reaction, "was an emotional feeling that you or

I would get if outsiders came in to direct us.

"Then there was a second and studied reaction. The alternative to having U. S. troops present, they realized, was much worse."

Watkins, who expects 60 Dominican students to graduate from the secondary school in May, lauded the U. S. 82nd Airborne's actions in recent fighting in Santiago.

"They did their job and nothing more. They are old pros," he declared.

Watkins said the average Dominican "equates the professional military with the extreme right.

"He has such a phobia about it, he becomes susceptible to extreme leftism as he swings away from it."

He added elder Dominicans pass off their young people's reckless actions as "inquietud," which he translated generally as restlessness.

Top members of the first graduating class from the school which A&M helped construct may be brought to the university in June for further studies.

Graphics Course To Be Offered

The engineering graphics department will offer a course in graphical computation devices during the spring semester.

The course, Engineering Graphics 403, was added after the schedule of classes for the spring semester was printed.

Designed primarily for students in engineering and the natural sciences, the course meets twice a week for two credit hours.

Meeting times will be arranged to suit schedules of enrollees as much as possible.

The course will teach principles of graphical analysis and computation which may be used to supplement and correlate more conventional analytic and experimental methods.

Background in basic graphics and calculus is recommended but not essential.

Interested persons should contact Michael Guerard in the engineering graphics department.

Corps Leaders Warn Freshman Dropouts

By TOMMY DeFRANK

An angry Aid Division Commander Alan Gray warned prospective freshman dropouts in the Corps of Cadets Monday against using the Corps as a scapegoat for leaving "because nobody is naive enough to believe it."

Gray and Corps Commander Ralph Filburn asked freshmen to closely examine motives for leaving but both emphasized the Corps is not interested in retaining fish unhappy with it.

"If you want to work, we invite you to stay; if you don't want to work, we ask you to leave," Filburn said.

"I'm sick and tired of having to spoonfeed a bunch of babies while the men in your class take the responsibility for you," Gray added. "We don't need any mama's boys and we damn sure don't want you here."

"But if you do leave, take a close, hard look at your reason but don't ever blame the Corps," he continued, "because the Corps has too high a reputation in this state for people to believe you."

Filburn noted that many freshmen are pointing to low grades in the Corps and reminded them aggregate civilian grades were lower than Corps grades at mid-semester.

He also revealed more civilians have dropped out of school since September than members of the Corps.

"You picked Texas A&M in the fall because you heard of its reputation, its education and the men it has built," he said. "That reputation has been built and maintained by the Corps of Cadets."

"Texas A&M is not Sully, or football games, and it is not the civilian students. Texas A&M is the Corps of Cadets. If you want a free ride on its reputation, then leave the Corps."

Filburn said the Corps makes its freshmen better men and any-

body that quits now is in the middle of the ball game.

"We didn't make any promises to you that it would be easy," he added. "Most worthwhile things aren't easy. You've learned about everything required of you as a freshman; now all you have to do for the next four months is do it. The roughest part is over and the rest of the way is downhill."

Gray compared the Corps to a computer "that once it has been given something, it will produce more for you than you could produce for yourself in a lifetime."

"The Corps gives you experience, knowledge, confidence and the realization to be a man," he said.

"If you aren't man enough to take the Corps, then leave. And if you leave, Godspeed!"

Filburn suggested that too many freshmen were letting instincts make up their minds for them but both he and Gray emphasized they were not asking any freshmen to stay in the Corps.

Mortimer's Notes

Some side thoughts conjectured during the A&M-Baylor basketball game in Waco Saturday . . .

The Aggies brought more students to an out-of-town basketball game than Baylor brought to A&M for football . . . Thought football was the big sport in Texas . . .

Or maybe that's just the way it is with sportsmanship winners . . . They don't offend anyone because they just stay home . . . Unless, of course, they have a few extra paintbrushes lying around . . .

By the way, those SWC good sports had a huge "Cremate the Corps" sign displayed on court just before game time . . . An Aggie horse-laugh greeted it . . .

Baylor freshman basketball player Richard McCall is BU president Abner McCall's son . . . But he didn't get to play against the Aggie Fish Saturday . . . Maybe politics don't matter much in college athletics . . . But anyway this in-training might be a pretty good thing . . .

Better start training Bob, Mr. President . . . The Aggie Fish had a rough time of it, losing to the Baylor Cubs 87-73 and hitting only 36 per cent of their field goal efforts . . .

Cub coach Carroll Dawson was so well acquainted with the two officials (one a Waco insurance man and the other a coach at Waco's Richfield High School) that once he shouted, "Hey, Lonnie (Horstmann), he was charging" . . . Now maybe they weren't partial, but it is kinda discouraging when the opposing coach and the refs are drop-handle buddies . . .

The Seniors finally got a Senior Line this year—they formed one for the basketball team after the first half of the Baylor game . . . One senior commented, "We won't be able to kill any grass here" . . . Coach Shelby Metcalf was quite pleased with the A&M turnout . . . He was lavish in his praise of the student body on his teevee show Sunday . . .

"I want to thank our fine student body for their support," he said . . . "The whole state got to know what tremendous support our students give their athletic teams" . . .

"Incidentally," he added, "we play in Austin Tuesday" . . . By the way, did you see me on teevee? . . . Se Ya 'Round—Mortimer.



RANDY NAMED BEST

Aggie superstar Randy Matson receives a plaque symbolic of his selection as Sport Magazine's outstanding performer in track and field for 1965. The award, made by Sport representative Art Warwick, was presented during half-time of the A&M-Baylor basketball clash Saturday.

DOPE ADDICT IN AGONY
Steve Thurman, right, portrays a young dope addict trying to find a cure in "Dope," a one-act play scheduled at 8 p. m. Wednesday through Friday in the Fallout Theater in the rear of Guion Hall. Tim Lane plays the relentless pusher. (See story on Page 5.)