

Wanderin'

By Larry R. Jerden

Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service Director, has made public the criteria for students being placed in Class II-S:

"A registrant's activity in study at a college, university, or similar institution of learning may be considered to be necessary to the maintenance of the national health, safety or interest when any of the following conditions exist:

"1. The registrant has successfully completed his first year and achieved a scholastic standing within the upper one-half of the full-time male students in his class or has attained a score of 70 or more on the Selective Service Qualification Tests, and has been accepted for admission to the second year class next commencing or has entered upon and is satisfactorily pursuing such a course."

Points two, three and four deal with the sophomore, junior and senior, respectively, while point five outlines graduate school deferments.

Sophomores must complete that year in the upper two-thirds of the full-time male enrollment of their class, juniors must be in the upper three-fourths and seniors who are pursuing a degree that requires more than four undergraduate years of study must complete their senior year in the upper three-fourths of the class.

All undergraduates must have been accepted by the next commencing class or graduate school.

The tests will be administered May 14, May 21 and June 3, and scoring above the mentioned minimums will qualify the student for recommendation for Class II-S, student deferment.

While a good number of publications, including **The Battalion**, have outlined the options a man can take in fulfilling his military obligation, there now appears on the scene the aid to the student who has no pressing desire to serve in the military, at least not during the current time of crisis.

This \$2.95 super-paperback is called **Barron's How To Prepare for the Student Draft Deferment Test**.

In its 250 pages it goes through the formality of informing the would-be non-combatant of the ways he may serve his country, (be he so unfortunate as to not read the rest of the book), then launches into the task of "cramming" into the student's head the skills he will need to evade the ranks of the uniformed.

Pointing out to themselves that "these students must review, practice, drill to train themselves to score high on what are probably the most decisive tests they'll ever take," the authors present to the anxious student thousands of words with which to enrich his vocabulary.

There are, in the book, ten model verbal tests and a like number of model mathematics tests, with, naturally, all the answers in the back of the book.

There's not much more that can be said for the book. It is complete. My only question to the whole scheme would be, "is it worth it to pass the exam after devoting all that cram time, only to flunk out of school?"

But, as the current issue of **Look Magazine** shows, a large percentage of American college students, including the ever-increasing number of graduate-level students, are enrolled mainly to avoid the draft.

There is an alternative. Haile Selassie issued the following mobilization order in 1935:

"Everyone will now be mobilized and all boys old enough to carry a spear will be sent to Addis Ababa.

"Married men will take their wives to carry food and cook. Those without wives will take any woman without a husband. Women with small babies need not go.

"The blind, those who cannot walk or for any reason cannot carry a spear are exempted. Anyone found at home after the receipt of this order will be hanged."

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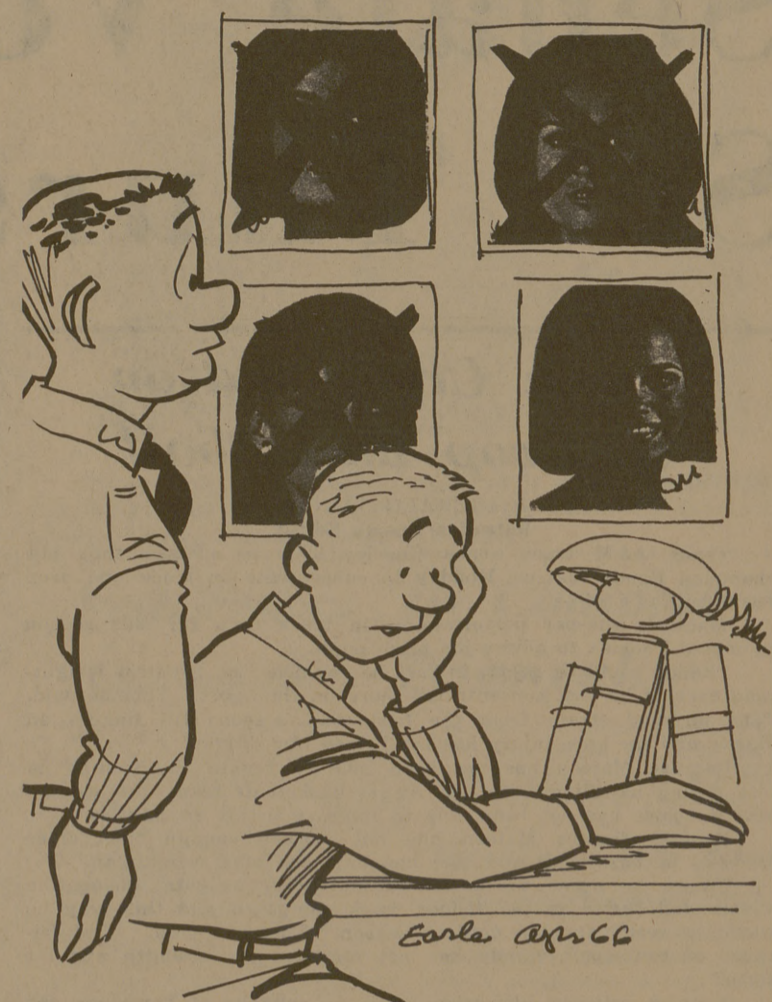
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Sound Off

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"Only one more 'til th' end of th' year!"

Editor,
The Battalion,
My name is Richard H. Franklin, and I would like to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for the post of Public Relations Chairman of the Student Senate.

I feel I am qualified for this office through my past experience and insight into the problems of campus government. I am at present Chairman of the Student Life Committee of the Student Senate, and thus a member of the Senate Executive Committee. I also hold the position of Finance Chairman of the MSC Directorate, and a position as sub-chairman of personnel of the Public Relations Committee.

If elected, I propose to bring this experience to bear upon the problems of student government at Texas A&M in the following ways:

1. I propose to publish an agenda of each Senate meeting prior to said meetings, so that each Senator may be informed by his constituency of their wishes on any issue.
2. I propose to aid in establishing a better reputation for A&M among the other schools in the state through participation in the Texas Intercollegiate Students Association, and through work with the sportsmanship committee.
3. I propose to aid in obtaining more public recognition for campus activities, for the Aggie Sweetheart, and for the Aggie Mother of the Year.
4. I propose to assist the Election Commission in publicizing all elections in an effort to eliminate student apathy.

In these and other ways, I will try, if elected, to make your Student Senate a real expression of student opinion, and thus an organization to be respected.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dick Franklin, '67
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also glad to hear that Dr. McIntyre and some students are organizing an A&M chapter of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship—the soundest and most effective College Group for reaching young people for Christ.

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these goals, I will need your vote Thursday.

Donald L. Allen, '68
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Editor,
The Battalion,
It's no wonder that the "Penguin" (4-15-66) preferred to remain anonymous, since dissenters around here are about as popular as the plague. I for one would like to meet this brave soul who dared to voice some interesting and different opinions. Come on out, "Penguin."

C. R. Glover

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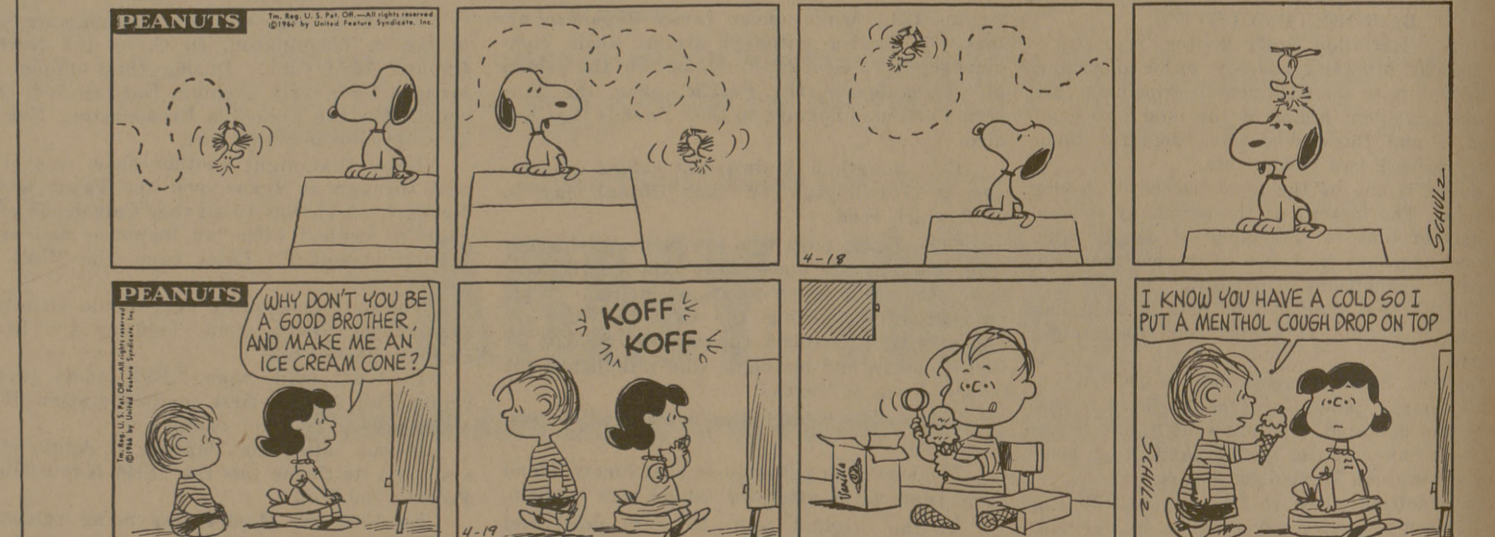
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By Charles M. Schulz

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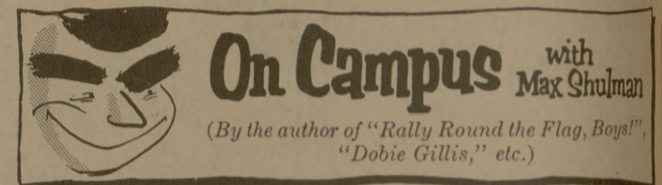
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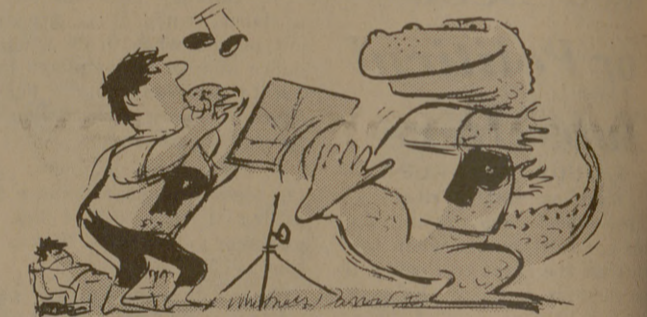


ROOMMATES REVISITED

This morning's mail brought a letter from a student at a prominent Western university (Princeton). "Dear Sir," he writes. "In a recent column you said it was possible to get along with your roommate if you try hard enough. Well, I'd like to see anyone get along with my roommate! Mervis Trunz (for that is his name) practices the ocarina all night long, keeps an alligator, wears knee-cymbals, and collects airplane tires. I have tried everything I can with Mervis Trunz, but nothing works. I am desperate. (signed) Desperate."

Have you, dear Desperate, really tried everything? Have you, for example, tried a measure so simple, so obvious, that it is easy to overlook? I mean, of course, have you offered to share your Personna® Super Stainless Steel Blades with Mervis Trunz?

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No, dear Desperate, your problem with Mervis Trunz is far from insoluble. In fact, as roommate problems go, it is pretty small potatoes. Compare it, for example, to the classic case of Basil Metabolism and E. Pluribus Ewbank.

Basil and E. Pluribus, roommates at a prominent Eastern university (Oregon) were at an impassable impasse. Basil could study only late at night, and E. Pluribus could not stay awake past nine p.m. If Basil kept the lights on, the room was too bright for E. Pluribus to sleep. If E. Pluribus turned the lights off, the room was too dark for Basil to study. What to do?

Well sir, these two intelligent American kids found an answer. They got a miner's cap for Basil! Thus, he had enough light to study by, and still the room was dark enough for E. Pluribus to sleep.

It must be admitted, however, that this ingenious solution had some unexpected sequelae. Basil got so enchanted with his miner's cap that he switched his major from 18th Century poetry to mining and metallurgy. Shortly after graduation he had what appeared to be a great stroke of luck: while out prospecting, he discovered what is without question the world's largest feldspar mine. This might have made Basil very rich except that nobody, alas, has yet discovered a use for feldspar. Today Basil, a broken man, squeezes out a meagre living as a stalagmite in Ausable Chasm.

Nor has E. Pluribus fared conspicuously better. Once Basil got the miner's cap, E. Pluribus was able to catch up on his long-lost sleep. He woke after nine days, refreshed and vigorous—more vigorous, alas, than he realized. It was the afternoon of the Dean's tea. E. Pluribus stood in line with his classmates, waiting to shake the Dean's hand. At last his turn came, and E. Pluribus, full of strength and health, gave the Dean a firm handshake—so firm, indeed, that all five of the Dean's knuckles were permanently fused.

The Dean sued for a million dollars and, of course, won. Today E. Pluribus, a broken man, is paying off his debt by walking the Dean's cat every afternoon for ten cents an hour.

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