

Of Mice and Men

By Herky Killingsworth

I shout my disappointment to the world! I thought for sure I would be asked to speak at Commencement but alas, they picked another. I won't say that I was mad, grieved, or angry, but I did cry a little. After all, I had spent weeks preparing my speech only to enclose it in my growing circular file.

Then I got an idea! I would still address the seniors, a little early, but probably still the best address. I have shed the conventional phrases of "work hard," "put your nose to the grindstone," and "you are the leaders of the country" — instead I will tell you the truth. You underclassmen may read this also. I will probably refuse to give the ceremony my presence after the obvious snub I suffered this time.

My Speech:
"THANK YOU for that tremendous introduction. There is no way possible for me to fulfill all of those kind words you said about me (wait for laughter to subside). Ladies and gentlemen, Aggies, Maggies, parents, friends, President Rudder, Dean Hannigan, Mr. Gay, Mr. Stark, Col. Adams, Jack Boggan, Aunt Maud, and all of the rest of you wonderful people who come to hear me today.

"We are gathered here on the threshold of something great. A new graduating class, class of (stumble here and wait for laughter to subside) '66. Let me give you some advice, not as a former graduate of this fine university (for they haven't seen fit) to acknowledge my brilliance yet), but as a student older than most of you, in college more than most of you, and one of the few living Aggies today that can say he attended A&M under three coaches.

"TODAY I AM going to give you advice that will far outdo the conventional speeches usually given. A speech that will help you in every day of your life, in business and the home. I have carefully researched the information I am about to give you and night after night I have tried my own advice to make sure it is letter perfect for you Aggies.

"The world of business today does not depend on the most skilled worker, the smartest aleck, or even the people you know. Advancements and promotions today depend upon the conduct you present on the golf course, the parties, and the BAR. Yes, it is in the bar that the decisions are made today. And what boss will have any confidence in a man that cannot hold his liquor or makes a fool of himself in ordering a drink.

"So before you are set out among the world with nothing but a bit of sheepskin (or is it paper today) I will give you a basic lesson in social drinking. I must admit that I am no authority on the subject, but I am working toward it. I have received the aid of a very good friend of mine, Bob Coltrin, who is the bartender of Briarcrest Country Club. There he is in the audience, ladies and gentleman, in the eighth row. Take a bow, Bob. How's the wife and family? (Wait for laughter to subside).

"Anyhow, Bob has been so kind as to instruct me in the art of good drinking, at 75¢ a shot, that is.

"The main thing in ordering a drink — and this makes sense — is "be nice to the bartender." He has good quality stuff and bad quality stuff behind that bar and that drink can taste as good or as bad as he wishes to make it. To a bartender your business isn't so important that you can't be missed. Look at it this way: you wouldn't tell a cook that his food is lousy before he brings it out.

REMEMBER THE bartender can be a real buddy. Besides giving you the best for less, he can give you advice. Probably 100 people a day come in and talk to a bartender. He knows everything from tips in the stockmarket to the hot spots in town. If you're nice enough, they can be bought out. Don't try to get them drunk, though. Remember they've had practice.

"Social drinking today has been brought down to an art. A drop too much of one thing can ruin another. Every little accessory to a drink has its importance, too. Take the lemon, for instance. It makes a drink look pretty, and it also takes some of the bite out of a drink. Start out with a whole lemon and work down. A lime does the same thing, only more so. Cherries add beauty and sweetness. Olives induce the customer to return for a second drink to wash down the taste of the olive. The onion also works this way.

"That reminds me of a funny joke I heard on the way to bathroom the other night: It's a known fact that one-third of the martini drinkers today drink martinis because they feel it the chic thing to do. Martinis taste awful and an alcoholic is born every other martini drinker because they keep trying to wash down the horrible taste of the olive only to eat the next one. (laughter) (more laughter)

"THERE IS a simple formula to observe in mixing drinks that

I'm going to pass on to you now, with Bob's permission — it's okay Bob? — thanks. Use a cherry when using sweet vermouth, orange slice and cherry both in sours, orange slice and cherry and lemon in collins and also old fashions. Gibsons take a onion. When using fruit juices shake it, rattle it, and roll it. Otherwise just stir so as not to bruise the alcohol.

"When you get to your new job look up the local bartender. He can help you. He knows lots of funny stories, for instance. Bob tells of the time he was waiting a bar in Pennsylvania and this man the size of Matson and Moorman together comes in. Now he can tell he's a troublemaker and has no intention of giving any trouble. Looking for a fight, the big bully challenges every man at the bar and accuses them of trying to steal his girl, including Bob — Bob isn't too big — stand up again, Bob — thank you.

"ANYHOW, AS soon as that man stepped out onto the street again the lights went out the door closed and the rest of the clients went out through the back door. Bartenders are also known for their brains.

"Another story he tells me is the origin of the martini. It was thought up by a man named Martin who tended the bar at the Waldorf Astoria. It became popular and has become the most popular drink in America. Now isn't that a success story that brings tears?

I CAN TELL by the way President Rudder keeps looking at his watch it must be time for me to stop. I'd like to tell you one more story first if you don't mind. Do you mind? Thank you.

"In a little bar on the left bank of Paris a bartender was once accosted by a young man who breathlessly ordered a double bourbon "before the big fight." The bartender gave him the drink and he gulped it down, ordered another one again, saying "before the big fight." He again gulped the drink down while the bartender asked where the fight was. The man asked for one more drink, first which the bartender obliged him by giving. The young man then said the big fight was going to be right here when the bartender found out he didn't have any money.

"Thank you (wait for applause, bow three times in separate directions. Hold both hands and nod. Shake Mr. Rudder's hand and go to seat. Bow twice more and sit down.)

Novel Takes Side Of The Red Man

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