

# Back To The Grind, Alas

It's that time again, much to the dismay of most of us.

Texas A&M begins its 90th year in the fascinating and sometimes confusing world of higher education this semester with an enrollment of around 11,000 souls, most of whom are probably still wondering where the summer went.

The campus has taken on a disaster area look as construction projects keep going up at an encouraging pace. The library we've been working on forever seems to have finally made it off the ground. A new services building is still in the basement stage with three more floors to go. The imposing Space Research Center is getting the final touches. The Biological Sciences addition is still a shell but is moving along roughly on schedule.

The \$6 million cyclotron, an educational plum if ever there was one, should be ready for operation in 1967. Even G. Rollie White Coliseum is on its way to air-conditioning.

The physical plant is changing at an unprecedented rate, but the same old univer-

ity with the same issues and problems still lies behind the shiny new buildings.

1966 should be an interesting year, with its share of good times and bitter ones. And, as usual, the campus will receive its share of controversy.

The first issue of contention will likely be political clubs. The Student Senate will consider the problem at its first meeting and probably will reaffirm its support of the clubs. But the administration-ordered compromise, political forums, should be ready for presentation shortly if the Department of Government has finished the planning begun last spring.

Coeducation will probably share the spotlight sometime this year, what with the Legislature in session early next year. And most likely Corps-civilian squabbles, an old nemesis, will crop up sooner or later.

All of which points to a typically lively nine months. The Battalion will try its best to keep the student body up with the hectic pace.

Welcome back! It's that time again!

John Hotard

# A Goodie For Just A Dime

In the rotunda of the Academic Building there sits a row of goodie machines. You put your dime in the first machine, pull the knob and get your goodie.

This happens until you reach the end, at which time you drop your dime in a keyhole, a door opens and a man stands before you and says in a deep, rich voice, "I perceive you, so you must exist; so therefore, won't you come in?"

Don't panic. You have just stumbled onto the Department of

Philosophy and Humanities. The man is John B. Orr, Doctor of Philosophy (literally) and head of the department. In fact, until this semester, he WAS the department.

Dr. Orr is a philosopher, but he doesn't look like one. Or rather, he doesn't look like what some people believe a philosopher might look like.

He doesn't wear a goatee, dark glasses and tennis shoes. Nor does he support a long gray beard and walk bent over with the aid of a cane.

He doesn't sit cross-legged on the desk, puff on a water pipe and spout weird sayings to the group.

He doesn't shave his head and wear a beanie.

He doesn't even make the sign of the Blocked T across his forehead before class starts.

What kind of philosopher is this, anyway?

He's the type of philosopher

that stands behind a lectern (which he has to carry to class occasionally) and lectures like any other prof.

Well, almost like any other prof. His lectures are interesting and stimulating.

Don't let the word "philosophy" scare you. Dr. Orr's courses, four of which will be offered this semester, are not for eggheads only. His classes include engineers, goat-ropers, business majors, Phys. Ed. majors and occasionally a yellow-sheet journalist. They are not "way-out" as some might expect, nor are they completely over your head.

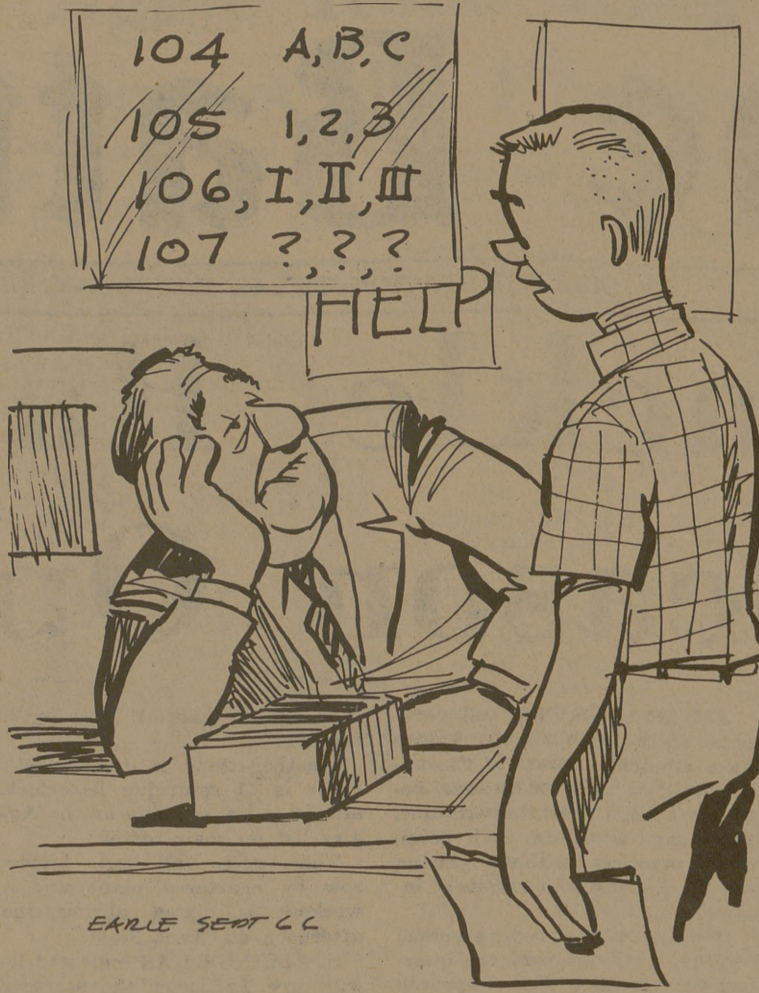
Once in a while they get a little deep, but don't worry about it. After 45 minutes or so, he'll stop suddenly and exclaim, "I feel from your blank stares that I've lost you somewhere. Where shall I start over, at the beginning?"

And so it goes.

And so should you go if you're in need of an elective.

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