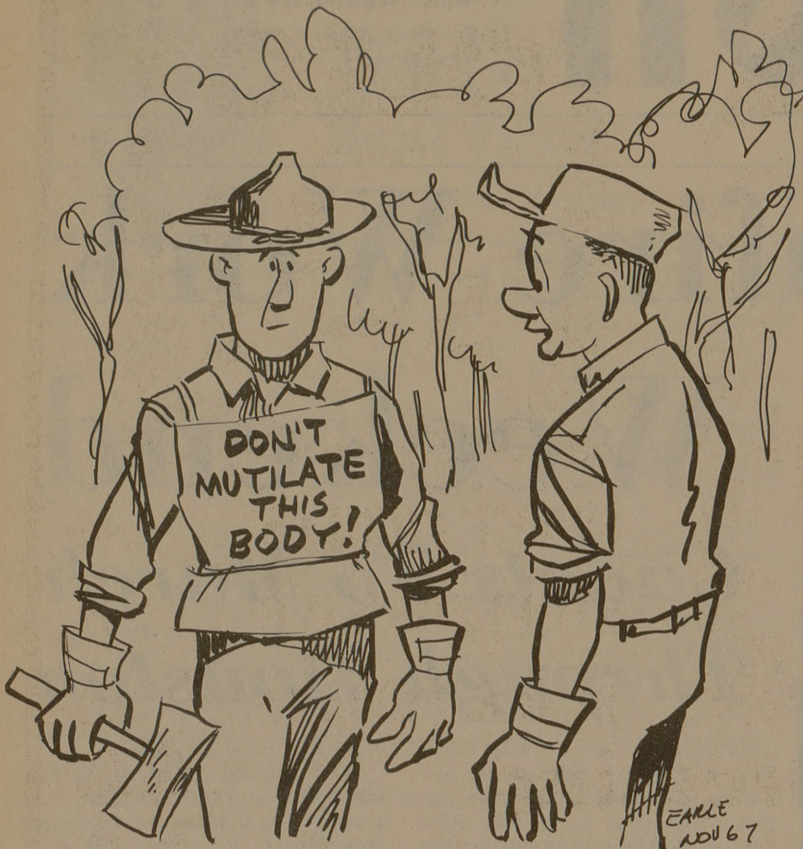


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CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"You must have had a lot of experience building bonfires!"

Another Theory Hits The Stands

Another private investigator has joined the list of un-notables to win public notice for his theory of the Kennedy assassination.

Josiah Thompson, a philosophy professor, says in an article extracted from his book "Six Seconds in Dallas," appearing in the Saturday Evening Post, that the Warren Commission was wrong in ruling that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone killer of the President.

The Post, in its own editorial asks that the case be reopened.

Thompson, 32, a Navy veteran, graduate of Yale University and now a professor at Haverford College, presents a similar theory to Mark Lane and other Kennedy scholars and theorists that there was someone in front of the presidential limousine near a fence and some trees who fired a shot.

Like sun spots, the Kennedy theorists come in cycles. Their widely publicized views are based on "independent investigation" of the evidence, and it seems that anyone who is courageous enough to read the Warren Report's 26 volumes automatically becomes an authority.

The assassination was such a shock to the national integrity, and the idea of "only one crazed killer" so unbelievable, that the national conscience almost demands a conspiracy theory.

Just as Oswald was robbed of his day in court, so the American people were robbed of theirs.

The crime was so swift, and the justice meted out so quickly, that a crime of such magnitude has caused distrust. The general mistrust of government has carried over into doubts over the full potential investigating power of our judicial system.

From time to time, more theorists—maybe some beady-eyed grandmother—will have their own investigations into the matter, and even 10 years from now will swear there were several men, or even a conspiracy throughout the government to "get Kennedy."

And maybe another magazine which needs increased readership will carry the findings. We hope not.

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'Shorts On The WHAT?'

As the first holiday of the school year rolls around, some of you fish will be going back to civilization and mingling with society for the first time since coming here.

The adjustment which you have undergone the past nine weeks has conditioned you for an environment which is not entirely acceptable to the outside world.

The following guidelines are offered to help those of you who are not sure of how to act over the holidays.

When at home, if someone asks

you what's for dinner tell them in civilian terms. Don't come out with, "SIR, THE MENU IS: BULLNECK, MASHED SPUDS, GARBAGE, RABBIT, DEAL, AND COLD COW... SIR!"

IF YOU'RE a whistle jock, don't get up at 6 a.m., go downstairs, blow the whistle and yell, "FIGHTIN' JONES FAMILY, FIRST CALL TO CHOW! FALL OUT FOR CHOW IN TWENTY MINUTES IN BATHROBES AND DRESSING GOWNS!"

If your mother asks you about the upperclassman in your outfit try to avoid profanity if at all possible.

If your sister brings home one of her high school harem gunches and he makes a disparaging remark about your haircut, don't hit him. It's not polite to fight in the house. Take him around to the side of the house and THEN beat the hell outta him.

If you are home watching television with friends and you get tired and wish to retire, just get up and excuse yourself. Don't say, "Man, it's rack time. Where's the old lady? I need to know where I'm bagging it tonight."

WHEN AT friends' homes, if you have to use the bathroom, please refrain from writing graffiti all over the walls.

If you are a dinner guest, and you start to leave, but you can't find your coat, don't panic. Your host probably hung it in the

closet. Don't come out with, "ALL RIGHT, EVERYBODY STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE! SOME s. o. b. STOLE MY COAT!"

If you go to a movie, especially with a girl, remember that you are not at the Campus, so don't gross everybody out with your obscene comments.

If you go out to eat, and the food isn't especially good, remember that you're not in the mess hall, so don't yell those three-word sentences that you usually do.

And last, just remember that your outfit wants you back. So avoid teapips unless you feel the tactical situation is well in hand.

Sound Off

Editor, The Battalion:

In regard to Mr. Burch's letter in the November 8 Battalion, I would like to add a few comments. It is indeed a tragic occurrence for a pedestrian to be struck down on this campus or anywhere for that matter, and my sympathy goes with the victim of Tuesday night's occurrence. It is even more tragic that the driver of the car involved did not stop to render his assistance and admit his guilt. I support your stand that he should be subjected to disciplinary action. I also agree that it is not surprising that some pedestrian finally got hit, but not because of careless drivers, but because of careless pedestrians. I realize that pedestrians have the right of way on our campus, but I also believe that they take advantage of this right.

At the peak traveling hours of the day, it seems to me that Aggie pedestrians go out of their way to defy all the laws of common sense by walking out in front of as many cars as possible. Aggies have long been known to take advantage of their rights and this is no exception. If our fellow Aggies continue to be consistent in this practice, Mr. Burch, it is conceivable that you might witness more tragic happenings like the one Tuesday night. Aggies, don't take the saying, "Aggies never lose" too literally. If you continue to try to match wits with four wheels and a motor, you can't help but lose.

One more point before I close, Mr. Burch. Your remark concerning the treatment that should be given to the driver of the car involved indicates a very irrational way of thinking. I am talking about the remark that the driver should be run over and left there. A remark of this nature is a reflection on all of us, because I'm sure the rest of the student body does not share this opinion. Our law enforcement agencies are capable of handling this situation without the assistance of your rather distorted recommendations.

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