

# Finals Schedule Must Be Changed

In addition to the Aggie stickers which North Gate merchants went wild ordering following last January's Cotton Bowl victory, selected store owners are eyeing the third week in May by stocking proverbial "Midnight Oil."

For students other than graduating seniors, who are preparing to enter the world outside the college cocoon, final examinations mean that the study lamp is "on."

The topic is a frustrating one for those making a last ditch attempt to stay afloat, for those with grades which won't be affected either way, to professors who have a grade everything from 200 question "objective" tests to 10 question essay tests, and for administrators who have to decide when, where, and how to schedule tests.

It is the scheduling of the tests which is the most flexible item and which has provided some of the greatest consternation among students.

Last semester, a student could have had a final at 8 a. m., 1 p. m. and 7 p. m. on the same day. To avoid a mass cram situation which would not have been any real test of overall course knowledge, tests this semester were planned only at the two earlier times. To make up the difference finals will now begin on Friday May 24.

One situation is almost as bad as the other. The administration has made it very clear that what was affectionately referred to as "Dead Week" did not exist.

The week preceding final exams was to be treated as and other and the probability of last minute quizzes was not to be disregarded.

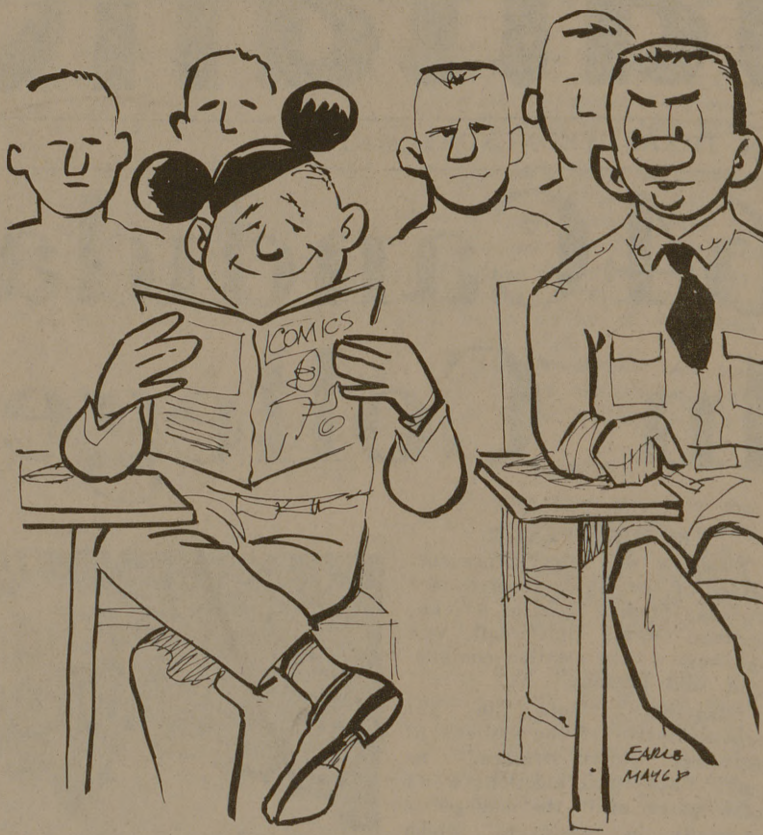
May 25th is Final Review, graduation exercises and commissioning ceremonies. The occasion brings thousands of parents sweethearts and guests who usually arrive Friday. It would be difficult to both greet guests and study for or take a final exam.

Although representing an ever smaller portion of the student body many ROTC classes plan final tests on Saturday. As presently scheduled, two days of final exams will fall on, or just precede, the biggest and busiest weekend of the year and just after a "live Dead Week."

We believe that the past schedule of tests should be maintained with one change. Tests could be given at 8 a. m., 1 p. m. or 7 p. m. once again, but no student should be expected to take more than two exams on any one day.

If scheduling called for three exams on the same day, a student could arrange an alternate day with his professor. With many students having a broken week with, as an example, a test Monday, Tuesday and then not again until Saturday, a day in between could easily be arranged for the third exam.

Changes should be made, even at this late date. The problem of final exams should be reconsidered so that the schedule is more in keeping with an accurate measure not of course material, without necessitating undue cramming, and with interrupting a busy and important weekend of activities with campus guests.



"I hate graduating seniors."

# Columbia Classes Meet Everywhere

By JOHN MORGANTHALER Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Red balloons labeled "Strike" bobbed up all over Columbia University's campus Tuesday, but classes met anyway — in classrooms, on the lawn, in off-campus apartments, and one in a nearby bar.

The student strikers still were protesting last week's raid by 1,000 police, which routed students from five occupied buildings and resulted in 720 arrests and injuries to 100 young people and 15 policemen.

A fact-finding committee met to discover the causes of two weeks of student disorders at the 25,000-student Ivy League university.

Graduate schools reported near-normal operations Tuesday, but undergraduate Columbia College was scattered about in "liberation classes" — many meeting outside in balmy spring air.

There were some new subjects. One class was called "Sexual Intercourse, a Political and Human Reality." Another was "Columbia as an International University: Liberation or bondage?"

"Many students and faculty are not in the frame of mind to go back to the old routine," said Acting Dean Henry S. Coleman of Columbia College. He was held captive for 24 hours by students early in the uprising.

In the afternoon, a lazy carnival atmosphere pervaded the campus. Students carried the "strike" balloons on long strings or tied them to benches or other objects. One flew from the collar of a German shepherd dog.

Only small groups of pickets persisted in front of several buildings, with many students stretched out on the lawn in the sun. A rally with folk singers and student orators was held.

Monday there had been 300 pickets and Provost David B. Truman warned another "calling in of city cops is not out of the question."

## TODAY

The Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

## THURSDAY

The Texas A&M Polo Club will elect officers for the fall semester at 7:30 p.m. in Room 203 of the Animal Industries Building.

The Wichita Falls Area Home-town Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 313 of the Military Science Building Annex.

The San Antonio Hometown Club will have elections, discuss an end-of-the-year party, and plan a Mother's Day reception at 7:30 p.m. in Room 231 of the Physics Building.

The Southern Louisiana Hometown Club will elect officers for 1968-69 at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Lobby of the Memorial Student Center.

## SATURDAY

The Former NSF Summer Geology Students will have a barbecue at 7 p.m. Information can be obtained from Prof. Smith of the Geology Department before Friday.

The Chemistry Department invites all faculty, graduate and undergraduate students and their wives to the annual Chemistry Department Barbecue at 11 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall on Tabor Road. For information, call Linda Salitros, 846-3508 or Adrienne Stout, 846-6163.

## MONDAY

The Peace Corps Club will have a program presented by two Peace Corps recruiters who were volunteers at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3C of the Memorial Student Center.



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THANK YOU,

Raymond Nolan

(Paid-Political Adv.)

## AWARD

Blackie Sherrod, sports editor of the Dallas Times Herald, is this month's winner of the Battalion's Sincerity, Humility, Intelligence and Tact Award.

Sherrod won the honor on the strength of printing a letter from Mrs. Clarence W. Ward in the sports section of Friday's Times-Herald which began: "I want to thank you for your wonderful column . . . I cut it out every day and we have been sending it to my brother in Minneapolis who has been in the hospital for a heart attack, and lately surgery. He is fine and came for a visit for two weeks."

Mrs. Ward went on to say that her brother shared the column with all his friends, that she is sending it to her grandson in the Air Force and a Marine in Vietnam. She is also sending the columns to a friend's cousin in a veterans hospital in Kansas.

A heart-warming ending on the letter cinched the award for Sherrod. It read: "My brother said he has read sports pages from many parts of the U. S. and you are absolutely the very best. Thank you so much. May God bless you and let you write for us many, many more years."

## Batt-Baby Arrives

The first Batt-baby in at least six years was born Sunday night to Janis Solovey, wife of Battalion Editorial Columnist Bob Solovey.

Sherri Lee Solovey, a seven-pound brown-eyed beauty, measured in at 19½". The announcement prompted a Tuesday night psychedelic Batt-cave cigar and handshaking party that ended when Dad had to be home for the ten o'clock feeding.

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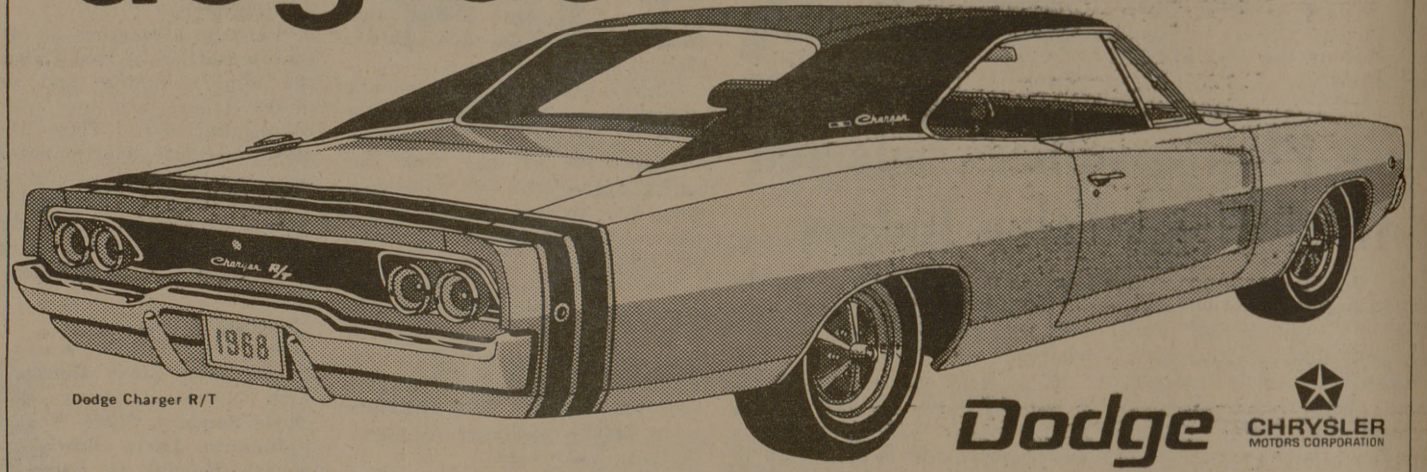
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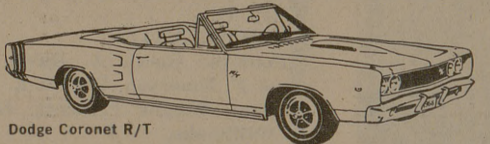
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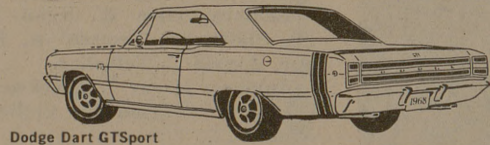


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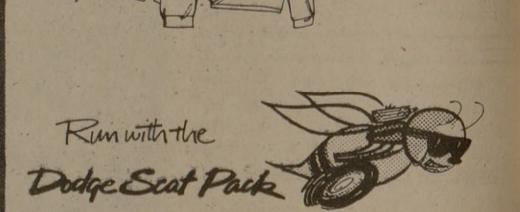


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