

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle

the graduate

By Tony Benedetto

As we start yet another school year, this column bids a fond farewell to the West Texas sage wit of Mitty Plummer, the 1968-69 President of the Graduate Student Council, and says Howdy!

The Graduate Student Council will sponsor its annual Graduate Student Orientation from 3-5 p.m. Oct. 8, in Room 113 of the Biological Sciences Building.

This meeting is especially for new graduate students and seniors contemplating graduate work here, but returning graduate students and faculty are equally as welcome to attend.

Perhaps this would be an appropriate time to introduce myself and to say a few words about the Graduate Student Council. I am Class of 1968, I am working on my Master of Engineering and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Health Physics, a branch of Nuclear Engineering, and I am the President of the Graduate Student Council for the school year 1969-70.

The Graduate Student Council is composed of one member from each college and six members from last year's Council and is an advisory body to the Dean of the Graduate College and is ultimately responsible for its actions to the Dean and to President Rudder.

We hold meetings every other Wednesday at noon in the Memorial Student Center for the stated purpose of trying to make graduate education at Texas A&M the best available anywhere, to include social and extracurricular fulfillment as well as academic achievement.

Dean Kunze is vitally interested in knowing the likes and don't likes and the wants and don't wants of the graduate student body because he is responsible to the president and the board of directors for all aspects of graduate student life at Texas A&M.

So please be assured that we are not now and do not intend to be the Dean's puppets, telling him only what he wants to hear. For example, it was the Graduate Student Council which was instrumental in obtaining Option 3 of the Foreign Language Requirement for the PhD.

The GSC is subordinate to only one other student government body, and that is the Student Senate. The graduate student body is represented on the Senate by the Vice-President of the GSC, Bob Fried, and by 7 other members of the Graduate Student Council.

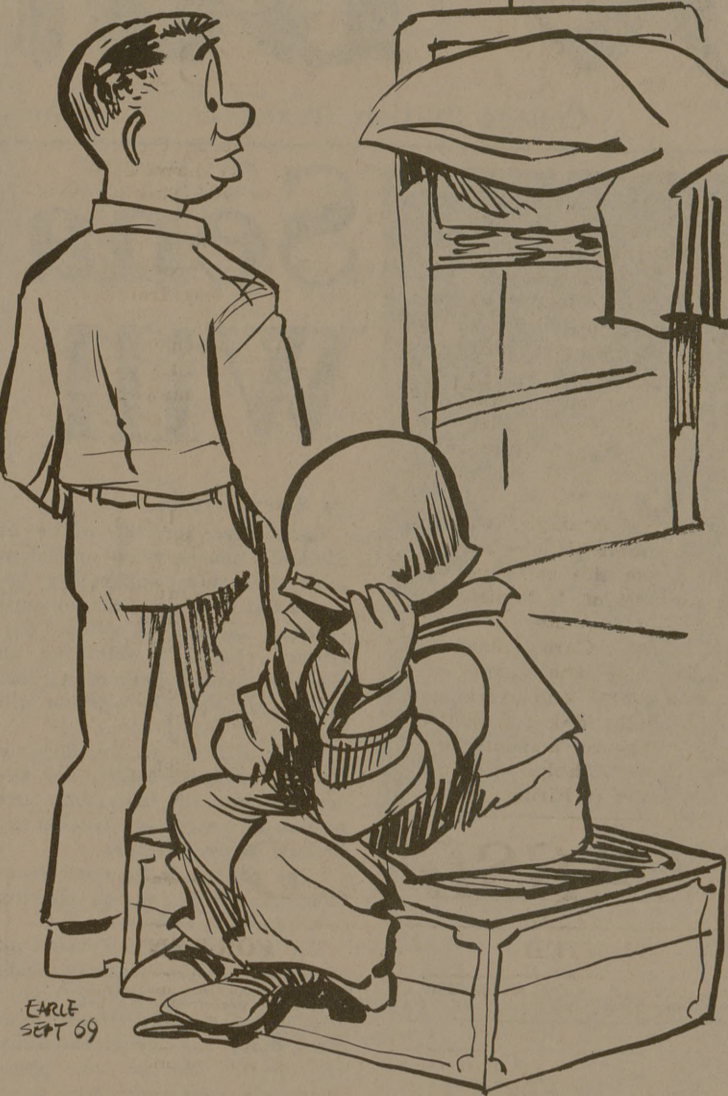
ings in large numbers for important issues. And it looks like I will be calling for this kind of support very soon. As a matter of fact, I will be doing it in the next paragraph.

It has come to my attention and that of several other members of the Graduate Student Council that there will be a move to revise the football ticket distribution scheme this year. In the past graduate students were the first to pick up tickets, followed in appropriate order by the undergraduate student body.

We can predict with almost absolute certainty that it will be proposed that graduate students will now pick up their tickets at the same time as the freshmen, the last day. You may rest assured that the GSC has already begun to work on our rebuttal to this proposal.

The agenda for the Senate meeting to be held Thursday has not yet been prepared, so we do not know for sure when this subject will come up. However, Senate agendas were published in The Battalion last year for several days prior to the meetings and I believe that this excellent practice will be continued this year.

Dave Mayes, editor, has asked me to contribute a column every week. I am going to try to crank it out every week but I'm not promising anything. All I am going to promise is that I am going to try to be responsive, objective, and progressive in all my dealings with you, both in this column and in my capacity as president of the Graduate Student Council.



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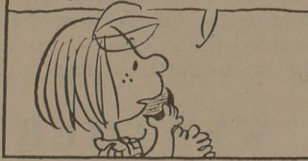
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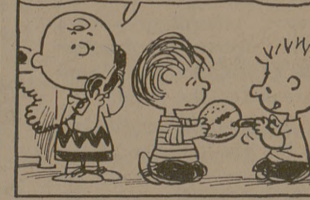
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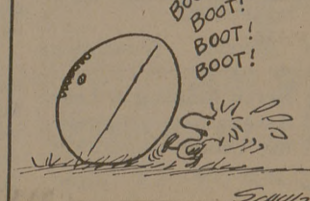
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BOOT! BOOT! BOOT!



Redistricting May Be Topic Of Third Legislative Session

By Garth Jones Associated Press Writer

When Texas legislators finally departed Austin in early September after a regular and two special sessions many of them parted with: "see you in November."

But recent developments, or lack of them, make a third special session over redistricting not quite so imminent.

Some state officials are beginning to predict, hesitantly, that the federal courts will let the matter rest until after the 1970 census.

All of which makes most of the senators and representatives happy about the 1970 elections. Those unhappy are republicans who think they would have a better chance in a redistricting shuffle and the big city legislators.

Even if legislative redistricting takes place now, on the basis of 1960 census figures, the 1971 legislature likely would be rurally dominated also.

The 1970 census figures that will give a big boost to the metropolitan areas that have grown so rapidly the past decade will not be available until the late spring of 1970, long after the

filing deadline for election of those 1970 legislators.

The direct key to the Texas legislative redistricting problem lies with a three-member federal court in Houston which has before it a suit claiming the 1967 legislative redistricting law was discriminatory particularly to the big cities. This court also has the say over Texas congressional districts.

The Supreme Court has already ruled, in a Missouri congressional redistricting case, against overall deviation of more than 6 per cent population between districts.

The pending Houston suit claims a variance of 24.2 per cent between the largest and smallest legislative districts.

There is a variance of considerably more than 6 per cent between congressional districts also.

However, despite frequent predictions of a Houston court ruling in favor of immediate redistricting, there has been no word from the three federal judges. The suit is not even docketed for hearing on any certain day.

Sen. Oscar Mauzy of Dallas, one of the originators of the suit, "still expects a hearing in

about 10 days. "This court, like every other court, has a tremendous backlog. It's a little more complicated than the average case."

"You better get your vacation before the middle of November," Mauzy advised a reporter.

Some other state officials do not agree but they are hesitant to be quoted by name.

"I think Mauzy and some of the others better be thinking what would happen to their districts if there was redistricting and the Republicans got a better deal than the Democrats. You know there are some republicans in high places these days," said one official.

Another official said he thought the judges are taking a long practical look at the redistricting matter. Any boundary shuffling done now would be on the basis of outmoded 1960 census figures. Then before legislators elected under those rules could take office the 1970 census figures would be available and another reshuffle would be in order.

"But I'm not betting there won't be a special session in November," the official said. "I'll just bet if there is one, it will be called by the federal court and not by the governor."

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