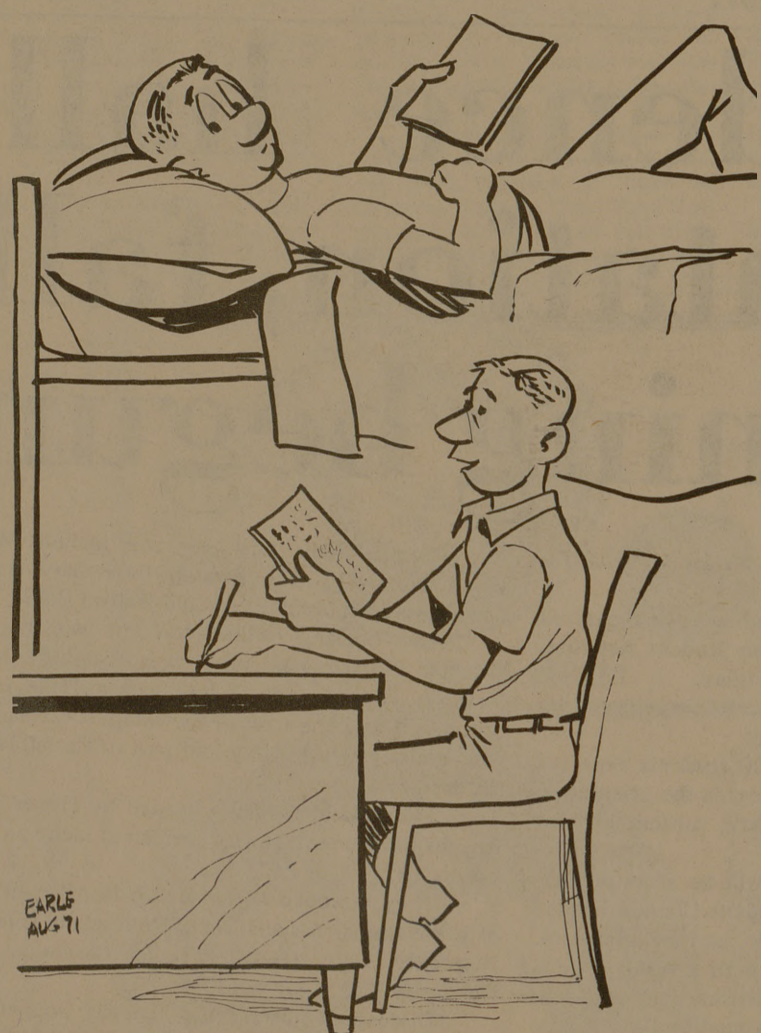


CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Want to know how many minutes until the end of th' year?"

Expect 'strange' things, new freshmen warned

Some 235 Texas A&M freshmen who departed Saturday for a three-day orientation camp were told to expect "some strange and wonderful things" during their four years at Aggieland.

The prediction was made by Edwin H. Cooper, assistant to Texas A&M President Dr. Jack K. Williams, during brief campus ceremonies before the students boarded buses for Lakeview Methodist Assembly near Palestine.

Sponsored by Texas A&M's Student "Y" Association, the special camp for freshmen is designed to provide a head start in the transition from high school to college. The program includes informal discussions led by members of the university's faculty-staff and local businessmen.

Cooper told the group to expect large numbers of faculty-staff and students who "are behind the times—they have old-fashioned sentiment for things like decency, human dignity, loyalty, pride, honor and respect for fellow man."

The entering freshmen, who begin classes Aug.

30, were told they will be besieged with leadership opportunities involving the more than 300 student organizations on campus.

"You will be encouraged by staff and student friends alike to become involved in the life beyond the classroom," Cooper noted, "and this is a major factor in development of the 'can do' Aggie Spirit which will live with you forever, and which will set you apart."

"You will be exposed to unique traditions," he added, "which will find you standing at football games, yelling at midnight, speaking to perfect strangers and standing quietly with your friends late at night paying tribute to a departed Aggie whom you probably didn't know."

The freshmen, including nearly 100 coeds, were accompanied to camp by 112 upperclassmen serving as counselors.

The group returned Tuesday to begin pre-school programs for the Corps of Cadets, civilian and women students.

6 AF officers appointed to ROTC teaching staff

Appointment of six Air Force officers to the Aerospace Studies Department ROTC instructional staff at Texas A&M University has been announced by Col. Robert F. Crossland, professor of aerospace studies.

They are Maj. Melton G. Holubec, Maj. Dean D. Duncan, Maj. Frederick J. Mitchell, Maj. Milton R. Halbert, Capt. Karl W. Koch, Jr. and Capt. Wayne L. O'Hern, Jr.

Assignment of the officers including Crossland as the new PAS and deputy commandant brings the AFROTC staff to 14.

Holubec, Duncan and Halbert have been named chiefs of senior, junior and sophomore aerospace studies divisions, respectively. Mitchell and O'Hern will teach junior courses, Koch freshman.

The six instructors have 70 years' total military experience with service in NASA's Kennedy Space Center and Lunar Receiving Lab, space and missile systems headquarters in Los Angeles, Okinawa, Morocco and Vietnam.

Three are Texas A&M graduates. Holubec completed agri-

cultural education studies in 1954, Halbert mechanical engineering in 1961 and Duncan industrial education in 1953. Four have master's degrees.

Holubec came to A&M from the Academic Instructors Course at Maxwell AFB. Formerly from Rowena, he also served on Okinawa and in Vietnam. The father of five received the M.S. at George Washington University in 1967.

Duncan previously was at Cape Kennedy in research and development staff work. The Santa Rita native had similar responsibility as project officer and engineer on the Holloman AFB, N.M., test track directorate. He completed the master's in engineering here in 1964 through the Air Force, after serving as a weapons controller on Okinawa and at Perrin AFB. Duncan has two children.

With degrees in bacteriology and microbiology from the University of Massachusetts, Mitchell worked at the Lunar Receiving Lab for the last three years. The 1959 UM graduate also served at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, in aerospace medical re-

search and at Nouasseur Air Base, Morocco. He is married.

Halbert bracketed a tour with the 7th Air Force in Vietnam with service at Edwards and Norton AFB, Calif. He completed the master's in engineering at Texas A&M in 1965 through the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT). Halbert has three children.

Koch transitioned from the AFIT program and master's work in history at Texas A&M. The Catonsville, Md., native served as an avionics officer at Okinawa and Little Rock, Ark., following graduation from Arizona State in 1963. He is married and has a two-year-old daughter.

O'Hern, in engineering management and space communications, has served the last eight years as project engineer for the Air Force Eastern Test Range at Cape Kennedy and project manager and engineer for a Defense satellite program in the Los Angeles headquarters. He is a 1963 electrical engineering graduate of Virginia Military Institute and received the M.B.A. at Florida State. The Florida native has two children.

16 Ags take national awards

Sixteen engineering design graphics students from Texas A&M won national awards in the 1971 American Society for Engineering Education design competition, Dr. James H. Earle, department head, announced.

Earle said the Aggies competed with students from engi-

neering colleges throughout the nation and Canada.

A Texas A&M team composed of LeRay Novacek of Wichita Falls, Mahendra F. Patel of India, Bill Pecor of Los Angeles, Bill Persohn of Dallas, Alex Pinyoz of Pasadena, David Popelka of Temple, and John Richard of Port Arthur were awarded first place in the freshman team design competition.

Their project was a manually operated bilge pump designed to remove water from a small boat. Another freshman design team

won third place at the national competition at Annapolis, Md., with their development of an automatic cattle sprayer system for control of common insects.

This team was composed of Weldon Clement of Belton; Bill Farr and Bill Golden, both of Seymour; Keith Hargrove of New Braunfels, Tim Hutcheson of Princeton, LeeRoy Jan of Rosenberg, Gary McFarlin of Canyon, Lawrence Redd of Three Rivers, and Jim Schiller of College Station.

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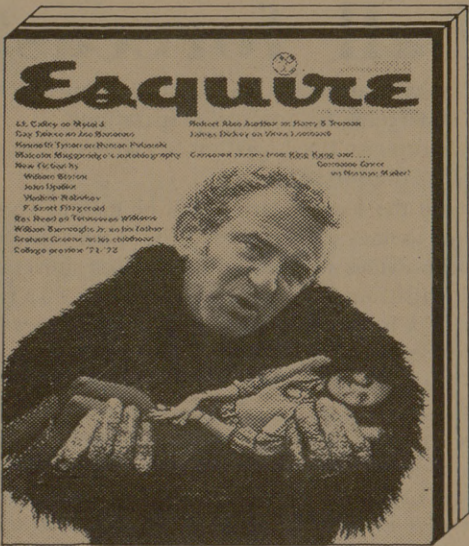
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