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The last rays of day fade over this insect-like ditch digger on the banks of the Bryan Municipal Lake.

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**Group regulates officer candidates**

By TRACEY WILLIAMS  
Battalion Reporter

The requirement agreed upon by the representatives of the two organizations says a candidate must be an active member of the organization for one semester prior to the time he takes office. The term "active member" was not defined.

Before the compromise, representatives of OSA had opposed any type of membership requirement, while the representatives of Hassle-Free had supported a one-year membership requirement.

The other requirements of candidates running for an executive office are that they must live off campus, have successfully completed 30 credit hours and maintain a 2.0 GPR throughout the term of office.

At the meeting on Feb. 23, it was agreed that an executive officer must maintain a 2.25 GPR throughout the term. The decision to lower the requirement to a 2.0 GPR was made after Witt said that she found out a 2.25 GPR requirement was not necessary to take part in campus-wide elections.

Other decisions made at the meeting defined the duties of the vice president, secretary and treasurer.

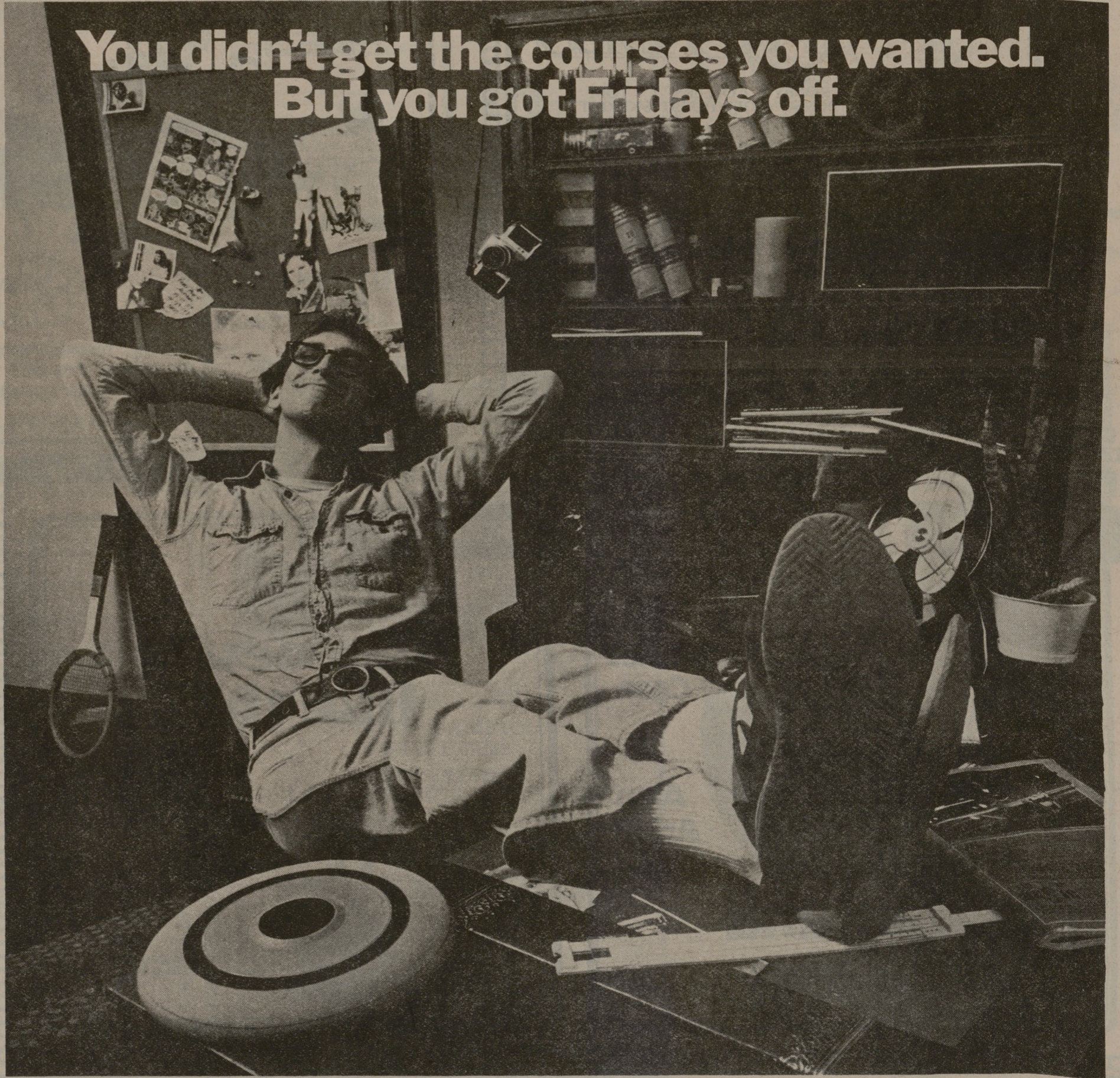
Compromise and flexibility were two important concepts in Thursday night's meeting between representatives of Hassle-Free and the Off-Campus Student Association as they continue their plan to merge.

Both organizations represent the 22,000 students at Texas A&M University who live off campus. Thursday's meeting was the fourth session in which the proposed merger was discussed.

Glenna Witt, student development coordinator and an adviser at the meetings, told the representatives that they need to "take back more of a feeling of compromise and flexibility" to their groups.

"Don't be so rigid, and don't worry if everything you do isn't entirely perfect," Witt said. "You need to make more compromises, and you need to remember that these ideas aren't set in concrete."

The major compromise decided was membership requirements of candidates for president, vice president, secretary and treasurer in the new organization.



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