

# HOW TO SURVIVE YOUR COLLEGE DAYS

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## G. BROWN

Everything you always wanted to know about "How to Survive Your College Days (Daze)" is described by G. Brown. This survival guide begins by explaining how to prepare for college, but since you're already here forget that chapter.

Everything from dorm food to drugs is discussed. You'll find helpful tips on studying as well as humorous advice about the college social scene. For a good laugh, we highly recommend this book.

A few samples of the book's contents:

### Dorm Pranks

"Dorm life is supposed to instill a sense of humanity, to expose you and other know-nothings to the notion that *everyone* — regardless of looks, sex or background — has the same basic insecurities, whacked-out senses of humor and occasional urges to be a devious a--hole. Toilet papering someone's room is still a classic maneuver ... focus on quantity ... P.S. It's only funny once."

The author also recommends simply sliding the edge of a manila envelope full of shaving cream under the door of the intended victim's room. Jump on the envelope as hard as you can.

### Drugs

"Nobody needs to do drugs," the author says, "but most kids can't resist the undeniable social charm of killing time and brain cells between classes. Stick with prudent usage. Without a doubt alcohol has come full circle and once again is the favorite let's-get-messed-up choice on campuses. There's no way to dispense advice on the entire social spectrum of drinking — throwing up is something you can learn to do on your own."

### Sex

"Everyone gets a chance to experience sexual bliss sooner or later. Don't feel pressured to make anything happen; things like your loss of virginity occur on their own timetable. You'll probably be drunk and so will your partner. Try to have the presence of mind to know what circumstances will greet you when you wake up (who's bed you're in, where you left your underwear and so on.)"

### Dorm rooms

The author expounds on the virtues of your bed. He hasn't heard about the Aggie bag monster, but he advises "...avoid the temptation to sleep 14 hours a night just because you have the freedom to do so."

The book also provides decorating tips for your dorm room.

"Collecting beer cans and bottles is a certified dormitory sport — you can wind up with a truly colorful display plus a graphic record of your consumption."

The author gives recommendations in case you inflict damage to your room. Gleam toothpaste works better and more cheaply than spackling paste to patch holes put in the wall and a strip of contact paper can cover the offending hole and turn the door into any apparent wood grain you desire.

### Cheating

Aggies do not lie, cheat or steal or tolerate those who do. The author has never heard of the Aggie Code of Honor, but he doesn't necessarily recommend cheating. "When the time comes to consider cheating, you'll know it right away," he says. "The biggest symptom is a total lack of preparation for an impending test. You won't be the first ... who has had the bright idea to beat the system. If you do get caught, the repercussions will be far worse than the D or F you would have received on the exam anyway."

## 'Deficit spending' game is neither fun nor legal

by Angel Stokes

Battalion staff

The semester is half over and the money is all gone. Now it's time to play "Deficit Spending."

How do you play? It's easy. All you need is a checking account and some sort of cash flow. The best players are those who have insufficient funds at least three weeks out of each month.

The object of "Deficit Spending" is to continue writing checks for necessities — beer and munchies, concert tickets, gasoline and MTV — without getting a note from the bank.

Although getting mail may be the high point in an otherwise drab existence, letters from the bank are to be avoided. If you should get caught, the bank adds an exorbitant service charge to the existing deficit.

And depending on how long

and how badly you've been playing "Deficit Spending," the bank may send the check back to the merchant. This scene sends shudders through confirmed players because not only do they have to deal with the bank, but also with a blood-thirsty merchant — who also adds a service charge.

A word of caution: getting caught too many times is illegal and can ruin a budding credit rating.

If you're tired of playing "Deficit Spending" or don't want to begin, then the Student Financial Aid Office could become your next hang-out.

Through creative financial aid, you can stay in school, buy books, pay rent and other school related expenses.

Short-term loans are available for up to \$750 with six months and 30-day little loans for \$50.

Students needing small loans must fill out an application at the

Pavilion and bring a Texas A&M identification card and a paid fee slip. Students receive the money when they fill out the card.

Besides these loans, specialized loans are available through certain departments. The Wilson Lindsey Loan is available for chemical engineering majors and two loans — the Aggie Band Loan Fund and the Mike Carpenter Loan Fund — are available for Aggie Band members.

These loans are initiated through the departments, loan coordinator Anedith Hess says, but must be approved through the Student Financial Aid Office.

The MSC Overseas Loan Fund — available for foreign travel and the Silas Ragsdale Loan — available for journalism majors are special, she says, because they don't come through the office. Those loans are handled directly through the departments.



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'Crashing' while studying is common if time isn't managed properly.

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by Ann

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