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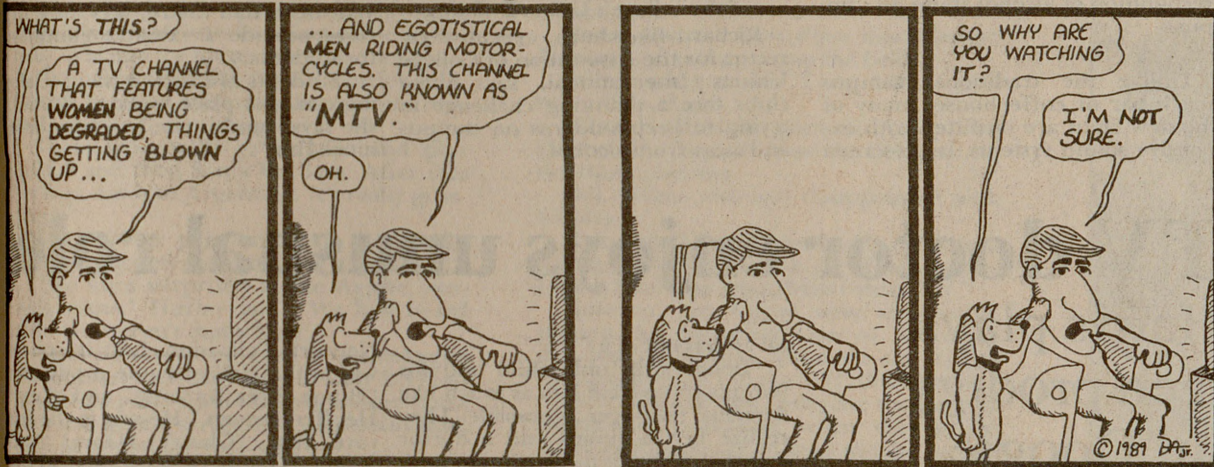
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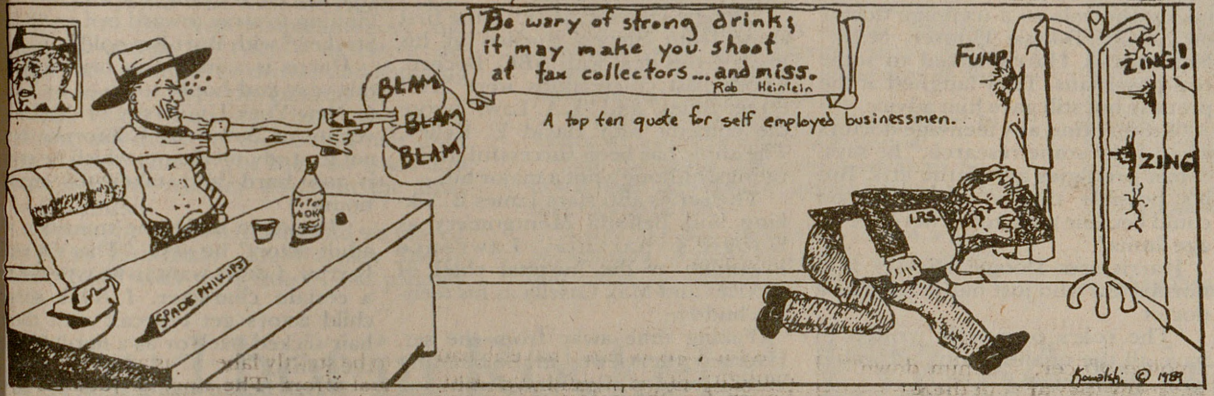
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Escort

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calls a night. "On nights like those, we might pull out cadets from other outfits to help us," Robinson said, "but the Guard Room is never left empty."

The Guard Room is staffed in shifts by separate outfits, with each outfit working for three days and being responsible for having someone there 24 hours a day.

Sean Sadler, a sophomore cadet from Nash, says many callers get perturbed when they are asked to wait a few minutes for an escort.

"It's hard to explain to some of these callers that even though there are 2,000 cadets, there are only a few members working the Guard Room late at night," Sadler said. "They just don't understand why they have to wait."

Not all nights are busy — especially on the weekends.

Nevertheless, there are always people like "Trisha" who rush in after midnight from nightmare dates.

"My date is such a jerk!" Trisha screamed when she flung open the door of the Guard Room on a Friday night. Apparently, after her date to a formal had tossed down a few too many, he told her to put out or get out.

She got out. And it was a long walk back to her dorm room.

Sadler not only walked Trisha back to her dorm, he also linked arms with her in true Corps of Cadets fashion whenever they passed a group, because Trisha was afraid that strangers would view her as if she was an abandoned date.

The Corps does not escort everyone who calls, however.

Ken Wickham, a junior cadet from Austin, said the Guard Room often gets calls from large groups of students. "If there are five or six girls in a group, why do they call for an escort?" he asked. "In those cases, we can't offer our services."

Most of the time, however, the Corps welcomes anyone who needs them.

"Our sole purpose is to escort female students on campus," Robinson said. "We'd rather have something to do than stand around here late at night, anyways."

Robinson also wishes that the escort service numbers were posted around campus telephones.

"Some girls don't know about it, in which case they call up their boyfriends to come get them," Robinson said. "Their boyfriends don't always appreciate it if they live far away from campus."

The campus bus operations (more commonly known as 847-RIDE) picks up a lot of people. In fact, bus driver Jackie Jones said the 847-RIDE usually picks up anywhere from 100 to 150 students a night.

A student gets a ride by calling the number, which is answered (on a cellular phone) by the bus driver. The driver then will pick up the student anywhere on campus. The bus looks just like an ordinary shuttle bus except for dial-a-ride stickers on the sides.

All of the campus escort services provide a much-needed service to A&M females. According to the Department of Student Affairs, there were 34 cases of physical assault and four cases of rape last year on campus.

Perhaps by using one of the three free campus escort services you could be safe — instead of being a statistic.

The campus police number is 845-2345, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Corps Guard Room number is 845-6789, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The bus operations number is 847-RIDE. It is in service Sunday through Thursday from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Do you have any of the following concerns?

- Improving an academic skill
- Finding a tutor
- Locating programs for academic assistance
- Establishing and clarifying academic goals

If the answer is YES, you may wish to utilize one of the following services.

ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE SERVICES\*

• **Academic Assistance Information Clearinghouse**—Located in the Student Counseling Service, this Clearinghouse consists of a file that contains the names, phone numbers and qualifications of people willing to tutor courses offered at A&M. It also contains information from many academic departments explaining procedures for obtaining extra academic help. Come to the Third Floor, YMCA Bldg., 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, to use this service.

• **Academic Burnout Prevention**—An academic life-style that includes social activities and physical exercise, as well as study, is generally considered the best method for maintaining academic motivation. Student Activities, Room 208, Pavilion (845-1133) and the Memorial Student Center Student Programs Office Room 216 (845-1515) will guide students to campus activities that fit the student's interests and social needs. The Intramural-Recreational Sports Office, Room 159, Read Building (845-7826) will guide students to physical activities that may help meet both a student's social and physical activity needs.

• **Concentration Problems Assistance**—Difficulties with concentration usually result from failure to establish a good study environment, from unfocused academic and life goals or from relationship and other personal problems. The Student Counseling Service (845-1651) and the Counseling and Assessment Clinic (845-8021) offer both individual and group programs to help students with these concerns. Most services at the Student Counseling Service are free to currently enrolled students who have paid the student services fee. The Counseling and Assessment Clinic does not charge a fee for services to students.

• **English Writing Lab**—Located in 152 Blocker Bldg., the Writing Lab offers help with acquiring effective writing skills. Call 845-2568 for information about current programs.

• **Handicapped Student Service**—Programs and services to help A&M students compensate for learning disabilities of a physical, mental or emotional nature are provided by this office located in Hart Hall, Ramp B (845-1637).

• **Learning Resources**—This service is located on the sixth floor of Sterling C. Evans Library. Over 120 microcomputers, 500 software packages, and a great variety of audio-visual equipment and materials are provided for students free of charge. Facilities and staff assistance for using these resources are also provided.

Among the self-help materials available are programmed instructions for learning to use microcomputers and microcomputer software. In addition, short courses in the use of specific software packages are offered. A fee of approximately \$3.50 per hour is charge for these courses and most courses are 10 hours long. Call 845-2316 for information

• **Help Sessions**—Tutoring for all students needing assistance with course work is sometimes provided individually. Please call each department.

• **Mentors**—A large university like TAMU, filled with busy people can seem very impersonal. Mentors consist of more than 300 A&M faculty members who have volunteered to set aside part of their week to "just talk." This is an excellent opportunity for students who wish to have the guidance of someone on the inside of academia. Call your departmental office and ask about the Mentors Program.

• **Old Exam Files**—Professors and Student Government have placed copies of old exams in a file at the Sterling C. Evans Library Reserve Room. A call number, accessed through the computer terminals, is needed. Instructions are provided near the Library terminals.

• **Professors**—Very often, the most effective resource for academic assistance that students have available to them is the professor of the course in which they are having trouble. It is wise for students to visit with each of their professors, especially if they have any questions. A professor can often help a student early in the semester, but the week before finals is likely to be late for anyone having serious difficulties. Professors have office hours and a student should arrange to meet professors during that time.

• **Study Skills Improvement**—The Department of Educational Psychology offers a course each semester called "Improvement of Learning" (EPSY 101). The Student Counseling Service, 3rd Floor, YMCA Bldg. (845-1651) offers to currently enrolled students, on a weekly basis, both individual and group study skills assistance.

• **Test Anxiety Remediation**—The Student Counseling Service (845-1651) has group anxiety management programs. Most services at the Student Counseling Service are free to currently enrolled students who have paid their student services fee.

• **Texas Rehabilitation Commission**—Provides assistance to Texas A&M University and Blinn College students with permanent or handicapping disabilities. Examples of the disabilities covered are learning disabilities, orthopedic deformities, emotional disorders, diabetes, epilepsy, heart conditions, etc. Call 845-0350, or go to Room 146, MSC for information regarding scholarships, financial assistance, tutors, diagnosis, treatment, and other services.

• **Volunteer Tutoring**—Phi Eta Sigma (Honor Society) offers free tutoring in most freshman courses. Go to the Student Activities cubicle area, Room 216, Pavilion for more information. Many departmental undergraduate honor societies will also offer free tutoring in freshman and sophomore courses. Contact the honor society's president through the appropriate academic department office or through Student Activities.

• **Academic Skills Program**—This program is designed to meet the academic needs of Texas A&M University students whose Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) test results indicate basic skill deficiencies in the areas of math, writing, and/or reading. Various college credit developmental courses taught by specialists provide students with instructional aid and support while helping them successfully prepare for the TASP test and other academic coursework. Academic counseling and information regarding the TASP test are available. Contact this program at 305 Academic Building, or phone 845-2568 for further information regarding these services.

\* All services are subject to change. Please contact the service of interest for the most current information.

or  
**Student Counseling Service**  
**Career and Academic**  
**Resource Center**  
**Third Floor, YMCA Building**  
**845-1651**  
 or  
**Department of Student Affairs**  
**103 YMCA Building 845-3111**

Ritz Hotel opens high-tech gym

PARIS (AP) — Imagine a gym with faux marble panels and soft lighting diffused by art deco fixtures. Or a Greco-Roman pool surrounded with mosaics, frescoes and columns, where swimmers do laps to music by Bach or Brahms.

Welcome to the new health club of the Ritz Hotel, the most sybaritic workout place in town. It's part of a \$150 million renovation that began 10 years ago when Egyptian Mohammed Al-Fayed bought the hotel from the Ritz family.

What would that faithful Ritz barfly Ernest Hemingway have said of his old haunt with its new gym? (They've named a bar for him, but it's not the one he "liberated" in 1944 after World War II.)

The macho sportsman might have had a good belly-laugh at the cosseted comforts of the basement gym in its delightful decadence.

Also in the cellar are the posh Napoleon III style disco and restaurant, the Escoffier Cooking School in honor of the first great Ritz chef, and a vast new tiled kitchen.

But the sports center is the proud new jewel in the Ritz crown.

"It's great for recovering from a four-course lunch or a hard night at

the disco," said hotel spokesman Helmut Profunser, donning blue shoe covers for hygiene to shuffle with a visitor through the marble halls with their gracious statues.

It hardly resembles a setting for sweating.

In the exercise room, machines are clad in terry cloth for client comfort. Discreet ozone dispensers emanate negative ions to purify the air and pep up puffing weightlifters or joggers.

The squash court's viewing gallery is thoughtfully equipped with an in-house TV camera, providing players with cassettes for viewing their own performances.

For jet lag, the Ritz recommends a session of "pressotherapie," in a computerized legging that is supposed to revive the circulation in tune with the heartbeat.

The weary can wrap up in algae and tinfoil or climb into a huge metal egg that spurts out steam to open the pores, water and cream to soften the skin, and a final tonic shower to invigorate the body.

"It tires you out, then wakes you up by aftereffect," said Profunser.

If that's not enough, you can try the "hydroxer" water massage bath, which looks nastier than Macbeth's cauldron as it roils with murky water full of mineral salts and globs of powdered algae. Profunser assures people it's the answer to fatigue and weight-loss encouragement.

Another high-tech gadget, the Cellu M-6 suction roller, is guaranteed to reduce cellulite — if applied regularly and often.

There are a team of attractive beauticians for facials, the hotel's in-house masseuses and UVA suntanning equipment.

Of course, all this splendor isn't cheap.

The club's annual membership for non-hotel residents is \$3,000, with fees added for certain treatments. A massage, for example, is \$33 and a complete pampering is about \$225.

But what's that to the Ritz's elite clientele? After all, a night for two in a swanky converted maid's room under the eaves is \$600 while a night in the awesome Napoleonic Imperial suite overlooking the Place Vendôme can be had for a mere \$9,000

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