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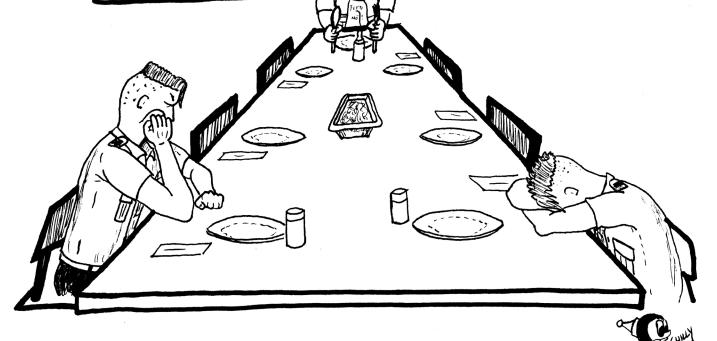
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WELCOME TO USAFA!





EDITOR'S PAGE

A lot of officers around here wonder how cadets become so cynical. These have to be the same officers laying down the policies because they obviously have no clue about anything. But the cynicism is in no way limited to the officer side of the house. Let me list the things that I know have contributed to my sour disposition I carry now into my firstie year:

- 1. Getting trained by Chief for not having a SERE patch while working "his" program. First of all, Chief, it's not SERE anymore, it's CST, or the Academy Survival School, or whatever, but the program formerly known as SERE that we all hated going through but wouldn't give up for anything is dead, buried, and already rotting in the ground. You have to have better things to do with your time. No, now I remember a classmate telling me about how Chief personally taught him how to salute on the terrazzo for almost twenty minutes. And he had to speak at the Ring dining in.... Chief Thomas wouldn't have been better, no, of course not.
- 2. Constantly fighting with Survival Admin over who got to use the CP fire pit and grill. The Best and the Brightest? More like the selfish and childish. Picture a group of about fifteen people, all twenty years old or more, arguing over the use of a grill. "No, you can't use this because we brought it all the way over here." The story could go on, but it's not worth printing it. To quote the experience by a fellow C1C, it was just common.
- 3. LtCol "Deaf Ear", who decided to make drastic changes to 2nd BCT against the warnings from cadets who said it wouldn't work; CE who said it wouldn't work; Logistics who wasn't told about anything and would have said it wouldn't work; and the generals, who when they found out it wasn't working, basically told him they knew it wouldn't have worked. Only a West Point grad... Also sir, thanks for the pat on the back, we all know who made BCT work this year...
- 4. C1C "Power Trip" A CST Evasion squad comm who decided to order his Admin folks to go chop wood in the forest with him, to put up all the partisan and aggressor tents in a killer rainstorm when all of those people were already out working on it, and enjoyed treating fellow firsties like 2 degrees, just because we got ramjammed into a 2 degree job. Lead from the front, or your tent...
- 5. C1C "You've Got To Be Kidding Me" A firstie who doesn't work a program as a two degree the summer before, then decides to apply for the highest position possible, Group Commander. Not only did this firstie apply, but was also given the job. Maybe it's just me, but I think that the top jobs should go to those who know what it's all about because they've been there. Just going through the program doesn't qualify you to instruct. If that were the case, I'd be teaching CE and the four degrees leading BCT, which probably would have been better anyway.

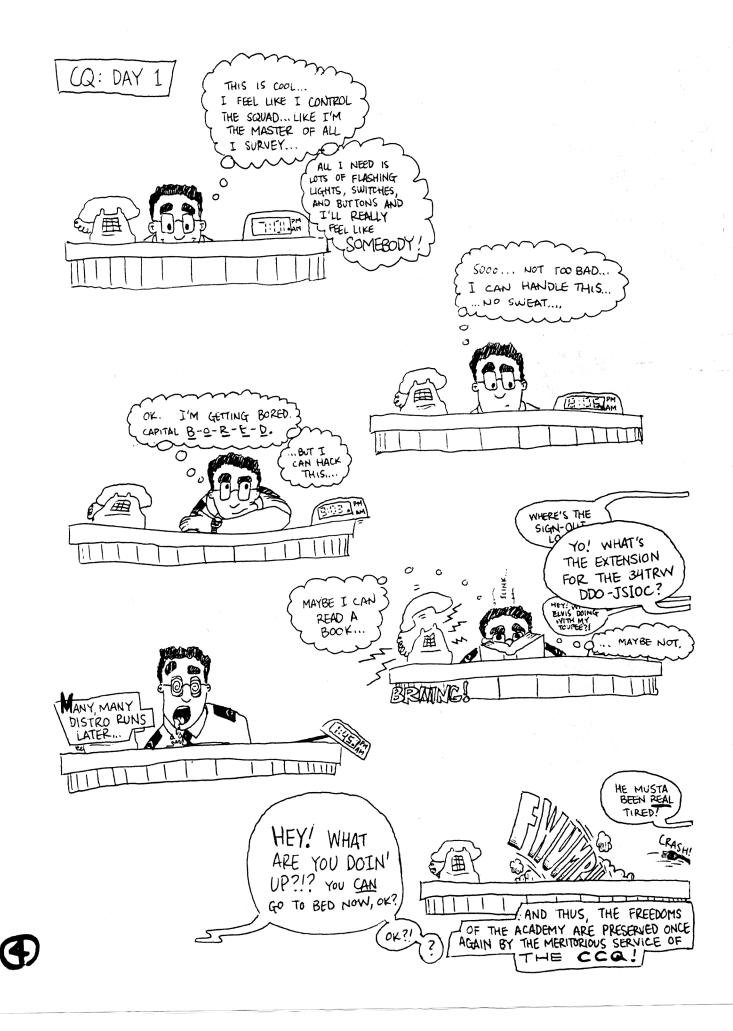
Well, I guess it's time to get down off my soap box and try to convert some of this brooding cynicism to a more humorous format. Unlike last year, you can expect a Dodo about once a month, not because I want you to have something to laugh at, but because I'm sick of always hearing, "When's the Dodo coming out?" And you know who you are... But, what it all comes down to is the fact that I only have one more year of this to put up with. To everyone else, you know the drill...

WILDMAN

DODO STAFF

A DEDICATION TO MEDICERITY

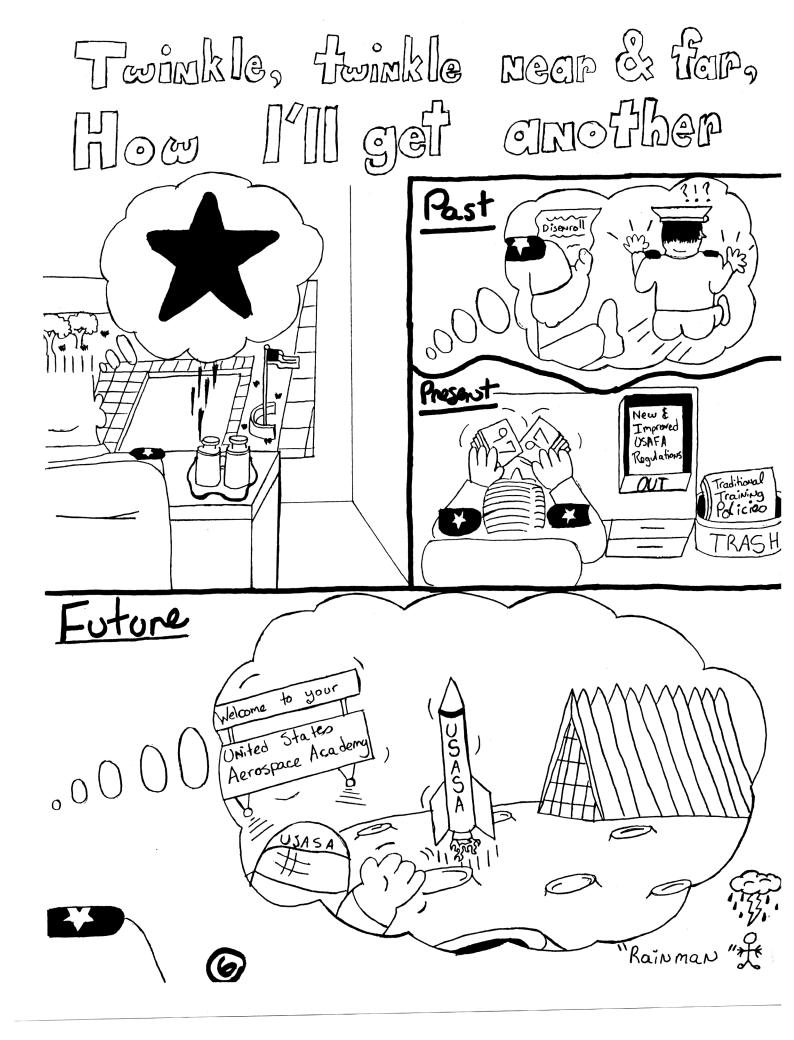
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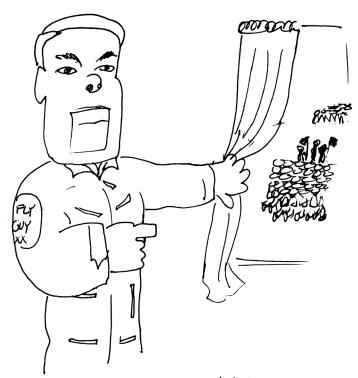








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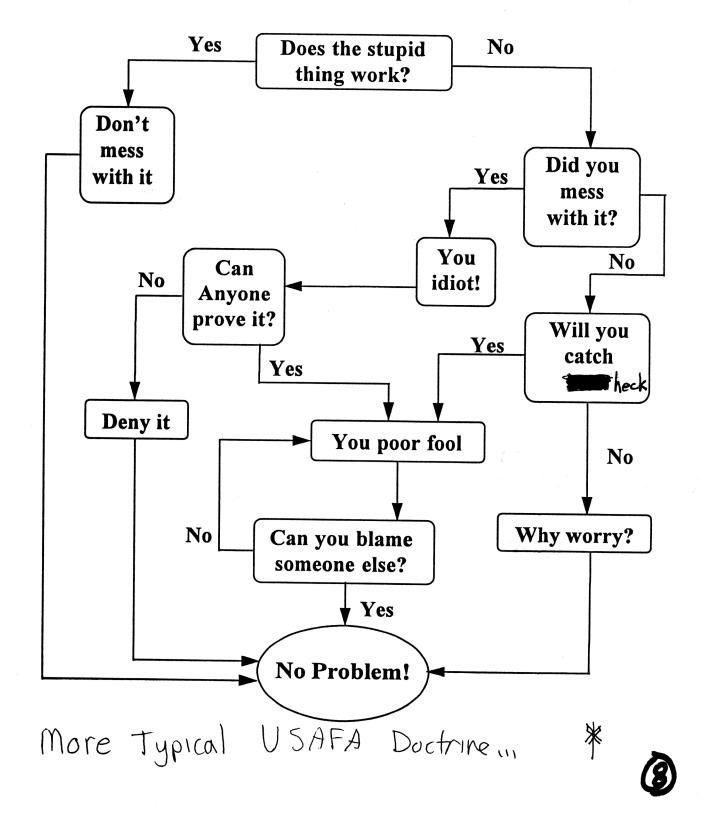


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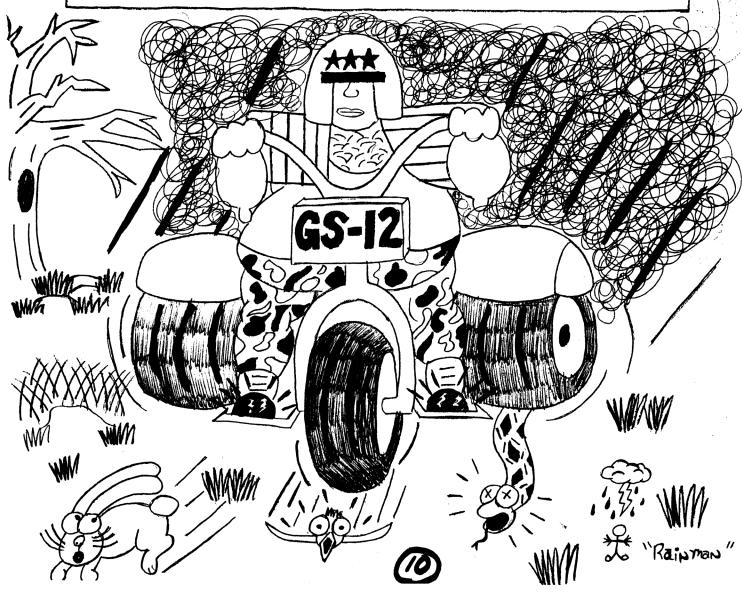






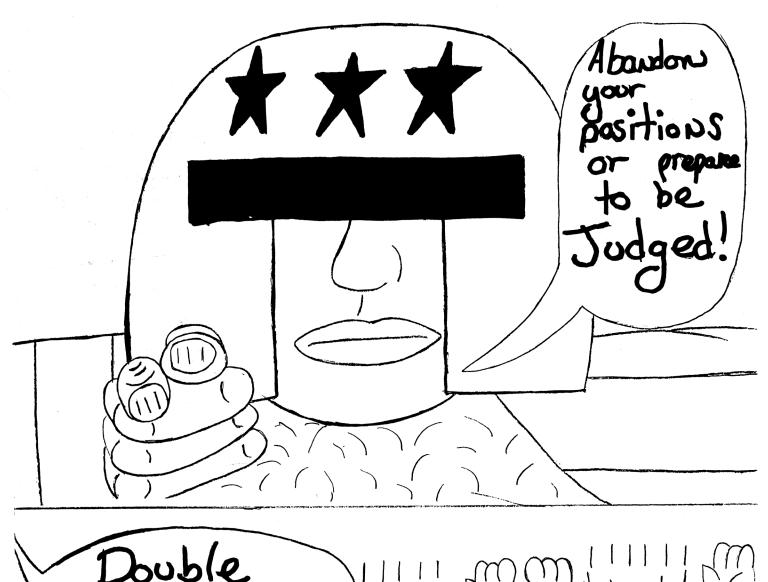
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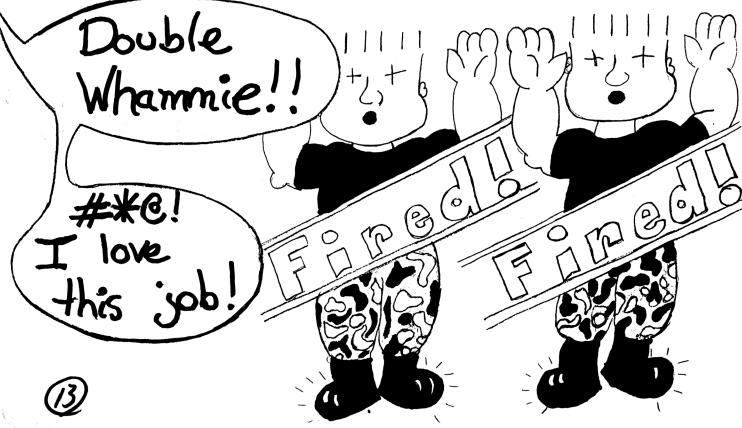
Late in the summer of 1995, 60 cadets volunteered (mostly) for a program known as CATM. Situated in the depths of Jacks Valley, CATM's "Cursul Range" was the domain of the marciless Judga Dunin & his Sergeant Enforcers. During a 3 week period, No CIC or XO retained his original position.











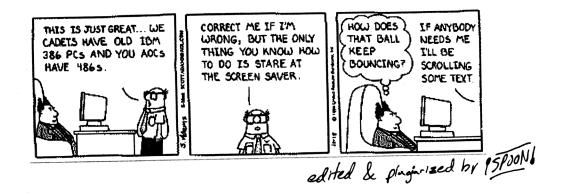


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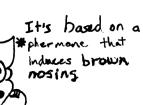
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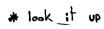




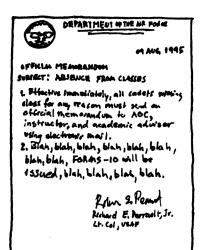












Fifty years later ... they're still dropping the bomb!

USAFA MOTIVATION:

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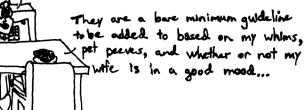






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THE EFFECT OF CST ON THIS YEARS TRAINING



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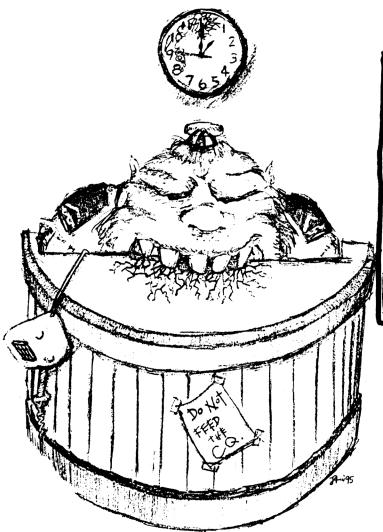
DO YOU KNOW

WHAT AN

ACADEMIC

SITUATION IS?







DODO INNARDS

WELL, WE'RE BACK...AGAIN. I BET NOTHING HAPPENED TO ANY OF YOU THIS SUMMER THAT MADE YOU JUST A LITTLE MORE CYNICAL THAN WHEN YOU STARTED IT. YEAH, RIGHT...ONLY IF YOU HAD 3 PERIODS OF LEAVE. ALL OF YOU WILL BE GLAD TO KNOW THAT USAFA LOGIC HAS PREVAILED THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER, AS ALWAYS.

LET'S TAKE MY SUMMER, FOR INSTANCE. I KNEW FOR SURE I WAS IN FOR A GOOD SUMMER WHEN I ENDED UP WITH SUMMER RESEARCH + LEAVE AT EGLIN AFB, FL FOR THE FIRST 2 PERIODS! NEEDLESS TO SAY, MY VACATION WAS RUINED ONE WEEK INTO THE TRIP WHEN I GOT A PHONE CALL TELLING ME THAT I HAD TO REPORT BACK TO USAFA TO SIGN OUT CORRECTLY. EVIDENTLY, SIGNING OUT TO "SUMMER RESEARCH, EGLIN AFB, FL" AND LEAVING THE PHONE * JUST WASN'T ENOUGH ... THEY WANTED THEY KEY TO MY ROOM, TOO! GRANTED, MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE LEFT IT HERE. BUT HAVING ME PAY \$450 TO FLY BACK HERE TO TURN IT IN, CHECK OFF MY ROOM, AND THEN SIGN OUT AGAIN SEEMS A LITTLE OVERBOARD WHEN I CAN MAIL IT BACK HERE OVERNIGHT FOR \$3. NOT THAT THEY REALLY NEEDED IT ANYWAY SINCE THE OLYMPIC PEOPLE HAD FULL RUN OF THE PLACE ANYWAY (MORE ON THAT LATER). HOWEVER, I MADE IT THROUGH THE PROGRAM AND RETURNED HERE EXCITED ABOUT MY FINAL YEAR AND SOON BECOMING AN OFFICER IN THE REAL AIR FORCE. THAT LASTED ALL OF ABOUT 2 MINUTES SINCE I WAS RESTRICTED AS SOON AS I SIGNED IN. NO BIG DEAL, I GUESS... I HAD TO GET MENTALLY PREPARED FOR MY 2 WEEKS OUT IN JACK'S VALLEY WITHOUT PASSES ANYWAY. IT DIDN'T REALLY BOTHER ME TOO MUCH SINCE I KNEW ALL MY FRIENDS IN SUMMER AC, SERE, ETC. WERE RESTRICTED TOO BECAUSE OF THEIR ROOMS. LESSON LEARNED ... '97, '98, '99 - BUY SOME PLEDGE DURING THAT NEXT SUMMER TRANSITION PERIOD. '99 - HOPEFULLY YOU'LL LEARN HOW TO CLEAN YOUR ROOMS BY THEN SINCE WE COULDN'T MAKE YOU DO IT THIS SUMMER (ONLY I OF THE MANY ANOMALIES DURING BCT). TO CONTINUE, DESPITE THE MANY CONCERNS/PLEAS ON THE BEHALF OF CADETS, CE & LOGISTICS, WE PRESSED ON TO "LEAD FROM THE FRONT." NOT THAT REEPING 1300 BASICS AND 450 CADRE (WITHOUT PASSES) WASN'T A GREAT IDEA TO BEGIN WITH, BUT LET'S JUST TALK ABOUT THE FIRST NIGHT: 400 SLEEPING BAGS, 20 TENTS, 60 LANTERNS. AND COMMON SENSE SHORT. THE TENTS THE CADRE DID HAVE HAD HOLES IN THEM. SOME EXTRA "DEPLOYMENT" BAGS WERE SCROUNGED UP THAT WERE PACKED IN 1976, RATED ONLY TO 50°, AND HAD SPIDERS IN THEM. AND LATRINES OVERFLOWED SINCE JACK'S IS ONLY CAPABLE OF HANDLING THE WASTE OF 1200 PEOPLE. NEEDLESS TO SAY. THE TRADITIONAL MARCH BACK TO THE HILL WAS MUCH ANTICIPATED, ONLY TO HAVE THAT CHANGED TO A 6 MILE HIKE ON THE ROAD THAT EVERYONE USES TO GET OUT TO THE VALLEY (THEY WERE AFRAID ABOUT HAVING THE BASICS MARCH ON DIRT. TOO MUCH DUST). WELL, SINCE WE HAD PAMPERED THE BASICS SINCE DAY 1. I GUESS THERE WAS NO SENSE IN UPHOLDING TRADITION AGAINST THE HORRIBLE EFFECTS OF DUST. BESIDES, I WAS USED TO THE WALK SINCE I WAS ONLY ABLE TO DRIVE HALF WAY BACK TO THE HILL, WALKING THE REST FROM THE RESERVOIR LOT. CW DID NOT HESITATE IN LETTING US KNOW EXACTLY WHO'S ACADEMY THIS WAS...THE US OLYMPIC COMMITTEE'S (AT LEAST FOR THE SUMMER). OFFICERS WERE EVEN STOPPED ON THEIR WAY TO WORK FOR TRESPASSING IN THE USOC'S END OF VANDENBERG. I THINK THEY SHOULD HAVE DONE MORE TO PROTECT US FROM THEM RATHER THAN PROTECTING THEM FROM US. THEY HAD MORE FREE REIGN AROUND USAFA THAN WE HAVE EVER HAD. I KNOW I'VE NEVER SUNBATHED IN THE AIR GARDENS. NOT TO MENTION THEM GOING THROUGH OUR ROOMS SINCE WE DIDN'T GET REYS TO LOCK OUR DOORS (I DON'T KNOW WHY...! DID MAKE THE EXTRA EFFORT TO TURN MINE IN, SO I KNOW THEY WERE AVAILABLE). BESIDES, THEY WERE ALL TANDER ANYWAY.

My return to the HILL was overshadowed by the works of Lt Col "Mathematician". Not that I minded helping out with moving Bed Units to get ready for renovation, I just didn't enjoy the excess work. Making 6 three-man rooms in Sijan could be done by just moving 6 bed units out of Vandenberg and adding them to 6 two-man rooms. Instead, we moved 4 bed units from 2 bedrooms in Sijan into 4 separate two-man rooms while filling those 2 empty rooms with 6 bed units from Vandenberg (a total of moving 10 bed units, nearly twice the amount of work). He was afraid that the TEMPORARY arrangement would look bad. Please realize: 1) its only TEMPORARY, and 2) we are the only people who see it and it doesn't bother us.

OH WELL! I HOPE YOU DIDN'T ENCOUNTER ANY OF THESE PROBLEMS OR ANY OTHERS (LIKE WITH THE PROGRAM FORMALLY KNOWN AS SERE), AND I'M SURE YOU DIDN'T. WITH A COMPLETE NEW SET OF POLICIES AND LEADERSHIP FOR THIS NEW SCHOOL YEAR, I'M SURE THESE SMALL IDIOCIES WON'T BE THE END.



CHILLY



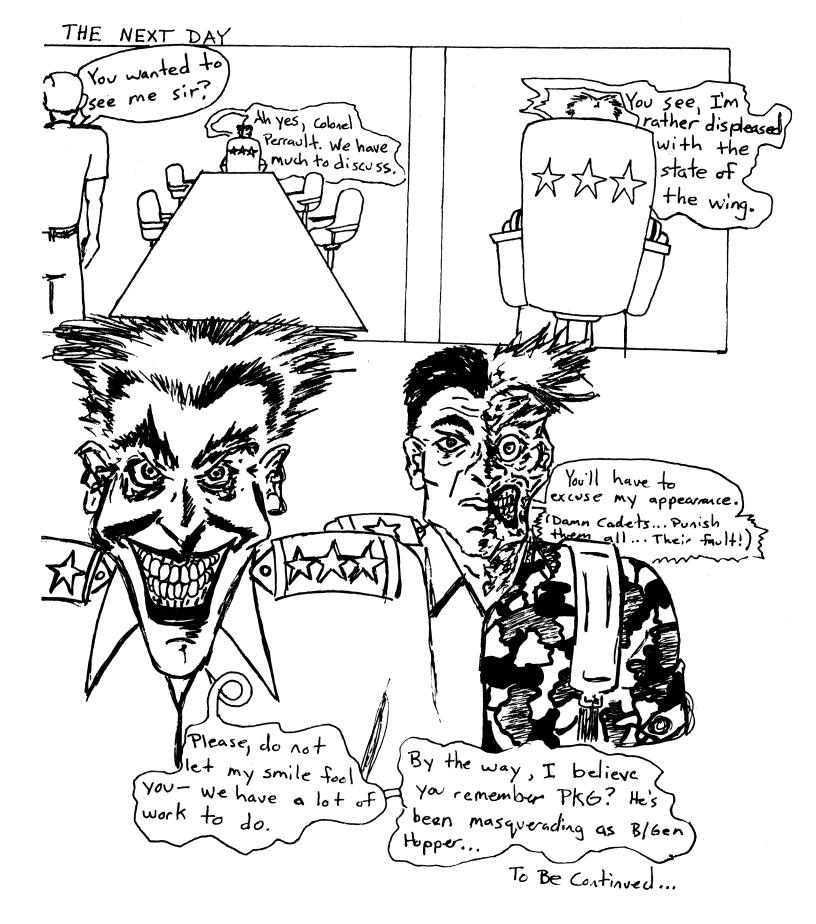
WildMan





The next morning, the Comm visits the Chemistry Department...





BCT DEFAIL 195

FREE SLAVE LABOR '95



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BEETLE BAILEY By Mort Walker

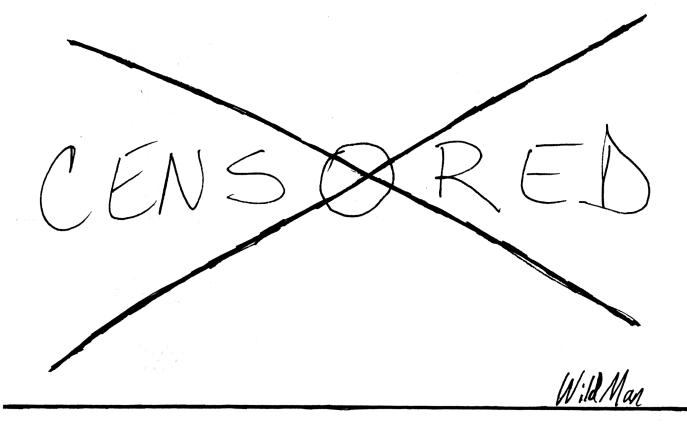






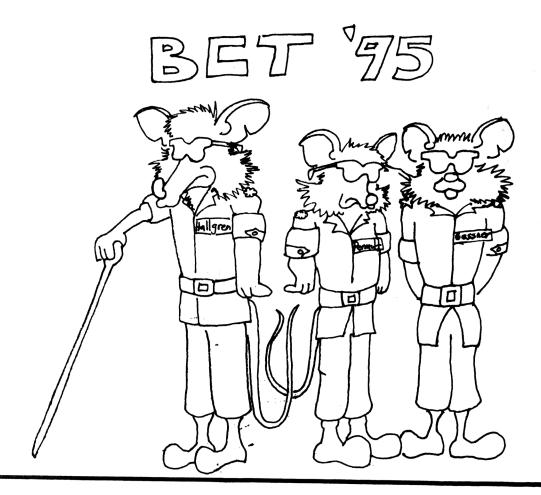


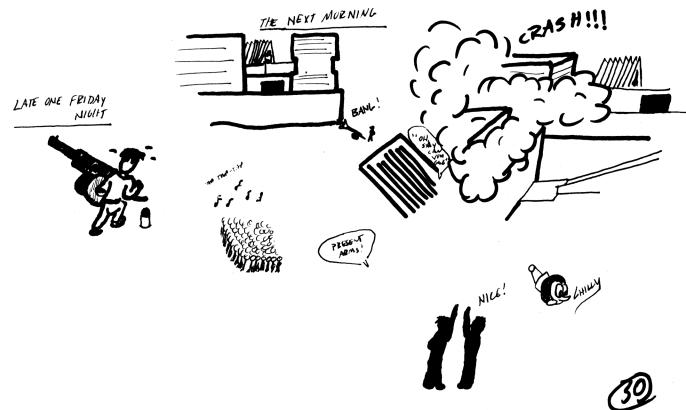
The Legend of the Minuteman Missile



Year, I'm going to try for a tavileer ...







DODO TAILS

I became frustrated with the USOC people who wouldn't let me go up the stairwell to KAFA. I found a neat trick that makes them very happy. First, I ask them politely if I can go up, explaining that I am a cadet and I have what I perceive as a legitimate reason to go up (I need find a piece of chewing gum that I left stuck under the toilet paper dispenser in Seagrams (excuse me, Cellblock) 7's restroom or something else of equal overriding national importance). I listen intently as they attempt to radio this in to Security Central on their nifty HT1000 hand held radios, and usually get a good laugh out of the dialogue. They invariably turn to me and explain that they're sorry I cannot go up. I act despondent for a moment, and then perk up as if I have a \mathfrak{BE} 100 Watt bulb of an idea. Pointing to the next stairwell, I ask, "Is that entrance guarded?" They blather some words reflecting their ignorance, I cheerily say "Thank you," and stroll off. I go up the unguarded way, and when I have finished my task, I take care to exit out of the original stairwell with the astute guard. I smile warmly at the guard, show him my gum (or whatever) and thank her or him for being so helpful. They just love it. By the way, they can't run very fast.

Taking CST is fun and not unlike summer camp. Aggressors no longer wear black BDU's, they exchanged them for Colorado Department of Tourism uniforms. Their job is now to carry around maps, greet students kindly, smile, and say, "You are here. Have a nice day!" Of course the scenario is not unrealistic in that the U.S. has major plans to plant over 2000 Department of Tourism personnel in potentially hostile countries around the world.

Note: the above paragraph is not classified and perhaps not true.

Teaching CST, on the other hand, is rather dangerous. You can get a class C hit now merely for being present whenever I quote movies like "Reservoir Dogs." My advice is, if I start quoting movies, instead of laughing, you should wrestle me to the ground and kick some sensitivity into me. Of course, Chief Cummerbund didn't want it to be a class C hit, he preferred disenrollment.

Note: the above paragraph is not believable but is true.

Have you ever seen one of those movies where the protagonist drives his vehicle (usually a 199x Oldsmobuick) through a fence with impunity? I've seen several, and in fact I suspect it is rapidly becoming a requirement in order to fulfill the popular description "Die Hard on a _____." Well I'm here to tell you that it doesn't really work. Granted my car isn't your typical movie hero transport, but it is a sedan and it rides a good foot or more above the ground. I should say, it rode a foot above the ground. Now, while the majority of the vehicle rides a foot off the ground, many of the parts beginning with the word exhaust are down to around half a foot. I'll have to have that looked into. At least the fence wasn't damaged, it was already lying face down in the grass.

Love, 5POON

IN KEEPING WITH THE IDEA OF TEAM CAPTAIN BOARDS, I FIGURE WE SHOULD MAKE ALL SHOULDER BOARDS MORE DESCRIPTIVE. HERE ARE JUST A FEW ...



TEAM CAPTAIN BOARD (THIS IS REVALLY IT, SUST IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T SEEN IT)



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DODO STAFF (SELF-EXPLANATORY)

