

THE SECRET LIFE OF WALDO F. DUMBSQUAT

By Don Hall, '76

"Duty then is the sublimest word in the English language. You should do your duty in all things. You can never do more. You should never wish to do less." — General Robert E. Lee

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Waldo F. Dumbsquat and his friends sat in the Arnold Hall Smackbar. *Puppy Love* played on the jukebox. *Ironman* would be on next.

"I hope a firstie walks through with his girlfriend," sighed Warren Heels.

"I thought you were a rock," commented Waldo.

"I'm actually an incurable romantic. I keep hoping Pegasus will fly away some day."

"Anyone want another slice of pizza?" asked Regs Buch.

"No thanks, I'm trying to cut down on my cardboard-hydrate intake," replied Waldo.

Regs sipped his soda. "I'm really beat today."

"Why?"

"I buffed all the floors in the squadron and washed all the windows. I hoped to earn a weekend privilege."

"Did you get a weekend?"

"No."

"ODP?"

"Nope."

"What did you get?"

"A late lights authorization."

Waldo pulled out his *Contrails* handbook and thumbed through it. "Let me quote from the passage on social life... 'Coming from a civilian world where weeknight dating and partying are frequent, the new cadet may feel the Academy's restrictions inhibit his social growth.'"

"Wow, I must have come from the *Otherworld*," sighed Warren.

"Cheer up, guys," exclaimed Waldo, "Tomorrow we can really make a day of it!"

"Doing what?" chorused the freshmen.

"Well, we'll serve a couple of WACQs, scope out the new chapel guides, play some fussball, order a sandwich from *Family's*, and then go to the Slim Whitman Allied Arts performance. What do you say?"

Warren lifted his 3.2 beer and said: "It doesn't get any better than this."

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