

From the editor...

When the U.S. first invaded Panama I didn't think much of it, other than, "Oh, well. We finally decided to get Noriega." After all, I've been out of the Army for almost two years now. Why should I worry?

But as I left for work that night I suddenly remembered my friend Bob Lawrence, who is a sergeant in the 82nd Airborne Division. Bob and I had served in the same platoon together at Fort Campbell, and we are still good friends. "Did Bob have to go?" I thought. Then I began to worry. After all, the thought of a close friend being shot at doesn't make me very happy.

So all night as I helped in the Christmas rush at UPS I had visions of Bob in Central America, doing three-to-five second rushes through the streets of Panama City and acting as the "cutting edge of U.S. foreign policy." The only comforting thought was that Bob had been stationed in Panama for two years and at least knew the area.

After I got home I called Bob's house at Fort Bragg, hoping at least to talk to his wife. I was awfully surprised when Bob answered the phone.

"Bob? Are you o.k.? You didn't have to go to Panama?"

"No, dammit, I didn't get to go. I've been in the Army for six years and I'm still here. Mystifying little brother has been in six months and he got to go." Not quite the reaction I was expecting.

Bob had actually been jealous of his brother, and the others who would get to wear a "CIB," the Combat Infantryman's Badge worn by those who had served in a combat zone. I thought soldiers were supposed to dread actually going to war. I don't think the fact that I feared the thought of armed conflict during the four years I was a "grunt" makes me any less of a man. It is the fear and loathing of war that is supposed to keep mankind from engaging in conflict. Soldiers aren't supposed to relish the thought of taking lives. And are little bits of metal worn on a uniform really worth the risk in earning them, let alone the cost in lives?

I do believe the invasion of Panama was a good move on the part of the Bush administration. For those who don't agree, just ask any Panamanian citizen; they're all ecstatic at being "liberated" from a drug-using/pushing tyrant. But the attitude that war is something to be looked forward to is completely wrong. It is a dangerous product of the violence of society, typified in the "Rambo" movies and other action/adventure flicks. The actors "killed" in these movies get up and walk away when the director says, "Cut!"

I wonder if Bob is jealous of the twenty-plus Americans who got to go to Panama but came home with flags draped over them?

Flatulence a necessary, if funny, act

Animals of all species flatulate. A natural and necessary act, and among humans, sometimes embarrassing, more often funny, considering the time, place and circumstances.

Since time immemorial, great writers have written about the phenomenon: the Greeks, Chaucer, John Donne, Shakespeare, and our own Mark Twain.

In "1601", Mark Twain tells the story of an incident in the court of Queen Elizabeth. An informal gathering of courtiers and noblemen and ladies were socializing in a closet, or chamber, paying homage to good Queen Bess. The usual chit-chat was going on, very much like a modern cocktail party.

Suddenly, a sound of thunder-clap proportions filled the room. In the words of the narrator: "I, being her majesty's cup-bearer, had no choice but to remain and behold, rank forgot, and ye high holde converse with ye low as upon equal terms, a grete scandal did ye world heare thereof.

"In ye heat of ye talk it befell yt one did breake wind, yielding an exceeding mightie and distressful stink, wherat all did laugh full sore, and then": Faces blanched and horror was written in their expressions. An odiferous gas assailed the nostrils of the guests and the Queen. No one left, although that was the general inclination. As pandemonium was replaced by calm and interest in what the Queen would say, Queen Bess spoke in most magisterial tones.

"Who did that?" No one spoke. She surveyed the group. One by one. Those near her shrugged their shoulders as if to say, "Search me". A determined, royal look came over her face and she pointed to Lady Alice, who disavowed the performance. As did Lady Margery, Ben Jonson, Lord Bacon, "Will Shaxpur." Each applauded the flatulationist. "Would that I could claim the

deed as my own but in all honesty, I cannot." One by one the Queen nodded to each in the room. One by one, the courtiers responded in kind, each praising the exploit of the member of the group responsible.

"Then there was silence, and each did turn toward the worshipful Sir Walter Raleigh, the browned, embattled, bloody swash-buckler who rising up did smile, and simpering say -

"Yes your Royal Highness, 'Twas I, your humble servant that did it; but indeed it was so poor and frail a note, compared with such as I am wont to furnish, yt in sooth, I was ashamed to call the weaking mine in so august a presence."

"With that he delivered himself of such a godless and rock-shivering blast that all were fain to stop their ears."

The cup-bearer narrator goes on to say that Sir Walter apolo-

gized that he was weak that day. Then the conversation moved on to other ribaldries and customs of the day.

The New College Edition of the American Heritage Dictionary of the English has this entry: fart (FART) intr.v. farted, farting, farts.

VULGAR. To expel intestinal gas through the anus; break wind.-n. 1.Vulgar. A usually audible anal discharge of intestinal gas. 2. VULGAR SLANG. A mean, contemptible person. [Middle English farten, Old English feortan (unattested). see perd- in appendix*]. perd-to fart. Germanic *fertan, *fertan, in Old English *feortan to fart: FART 2.Greek perdis, partridge (which makes a sharp whirring sound when suddenly flushed): PARTRIDGE. See also variant root pezd. [Pok. ped--819.

I put that last paragraph in to give this essay a bit of class and erudition to satisfy any possible qualms about the subject matter. In the Halls of Academe one can get away with murder if intelligent research effort is indicated.

The Laugh Clinic

Joseph Patrick Lee

Missing Links

by Paul Henry



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More news...

ASG Position opens

by Aaron Brown
 Staff Writer

A senatorial position on the ASG has opened up due to Mackeeba Shaugnessy's failure to maintain academic standards last term.

Troy Kerr, another senator, was placed on probation, also due to his performance last term.

"I didn't take it as seriously as I should have," commented Kerr, "I hope to improve this semester." Shaugnessy was unavailable for comment.

The reason for the actions taken by ASG are a result of a failure by both Shaugnessy and Kerr to maintain a 2.5 GPA or a Cumulative of 2.0 GPA or better. Kerr had grounds for an appeal since he completed a required three credits in order for a possible reinstatement. The appeals board (consisting of ASG Advisor, two ASG Senators, an ASG Officer, and one Counselor) decided to uphold the appeal, after Kerr presented his case. Shaugnessy could not file an

appeal since she did not meet the requirements.

This action is more positive than past fall semesters for ASG. In previous years, the ASG has lost at least five senators or more, according to ASG President Garrett Lytle.

"On average, everyone did a pretty good job," stated Lytle. Lytle hopes that the turnover of ASG senators remains low.

The position of senator is open for anyone who wishes to apply. Applicants must be registered for a minimum of eight credits per term, and maintain a 2.5 GPA for the term of a cumulative GPA of 2.0.

The opening will be available from Jan. 8th thru 12th, with interviewing to commence Jan. 16 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Jan. 17 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.. Selection will be on Wednesday. ASG wants to fill the position by the 17th, so the senator can attend a seminar commencing on Jan 19th.

"Fall term ... (can be) a bitch," Lytle concluded.

