

— Sound Off —

Editor
The Battalion:
 In reference to Mr. Lamascus' letter, I most heartily agree. Why shouldn't we be allowed to wear what we want to wear? I think if we want to wear T-shirts, cutoffs, and things it's no one's business but our own.

Also, if a guy needs a cigarette, why not let him smoke? After all, a lit cigarette does not reflect what he feels in his heart. And besides that, what's wrong with talking before and after, or even during the service? One must remember Taps is not held in a church, but out of doors.

Too, why not turn on the lights during Silver Taps? It would be so much easier for those who wanted to study. In fact, why even have a Silver Taps if it is going to necessitate going out of one's way to put on a shirt and pants and to give up smoking and talking for 30 minutes?

Lamascus, why don't you and your groovy friends just stay home if there's another Silver Taps? I'm sure the deceased Aggie would want it that way.

Very sincerely,
 Richard P. Grimes '67
 Fifth Year Man

Students Stage 'Smoke-In' At Florida Baptist School

DELAND, Fla. (AP)—Stetson University students are huffing and puffing to blow down a rule and get back their cigarette machines.

They thought a smoke-in Tuesday night with 200 or 300 students might do the trick.

Dave Finley, a 20-year-old political science student from Sebring, Fla., who is spearheading the campaign, said, "We'll be passing out free cigarettes" and playing "a little music" to boost attendance.

"It's a pretty good walk to buy

cigarettes," Finley said. "We're just trying to get them sold on campus."

The administration of the co-educational Baptist school banned the sale of cigarettes on campus after the U. S. surgeon general's report on smoking and health, but continued to permit puffing in dormitories and some classrooms. South Baptists generally frown on smoking, but Bill Baggett, the Stetson dean of men, said the cigarette sale prohibition "was not on any religious grounds at all."

Finley campaigned for the Student Senate on a platform including a plank calling for removal of the sale ban. After his election, he introduced a resolution requesting return of cigarette machines to the campus.

The Student Senate passed the measure, but the Student Affairs Committee—composed of students, faculty members and administrators—voted it down 8-7.

Then Finley decided to hold a smoke-in. "It's just a way of showing student support for the idea," he said. "I'm going Friday to talk to the president of the university about it."

The president, Dr. Paul Geren, said Tuesday he has the senate request under consideration, but had made no decision.

Stetson, about 25 miles west of Daytona Beach, has an enrollment of 1,700.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"It's a new bumper sticker to go beside your 'The Aggies Are Back' sticker."

Bulletin Board

TODAY

The Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

THURSDAY

The San Antonio Hometown Club will meet in Room 145 of the Physics Building at 7:30 p.m.

The Corpus Christi Hometown Club will meet in Room 3C of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

The Rio Grande Valley Hometown Club will meet in the Birch Room of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

The Mid-County Hometown Club will meet in Room 2D of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

The Deep East Texas Hometown Club will meet in Room 3C of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

The Finance Society will have a barbecue at the Aggie Club at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from club members.

The Williamson County Hometown Club will meet in the second floor lobby of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

Group Begins Study Series On Religion Against Crime

The Wesley Foundation will begin a series of programs tonight on "Crime and the Church's Responsibility."

These programs will make a serious attempt to understand this great social problem of crime in America today. This problem will be explored from several points of view as the following schedule indicates:

Wednesday, October 18—Dee Kutach, Director of Rehabilitation, Texas Department of Corrections;

Wednesday, October 25—"Operation Teenage," a group of inmates from the Department of Corrections will speak of their experiences in crime;

Wednesday, November 1—Frank Rooks, F.B.I. agent from Houston; and

Wednesday, November 15—Judge Tom Reavley, 167th District Court in Austin.

These programs will begin at 7:15 p.m. with a brief worship service and the program proper will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Kutach, Rooks, and Judge Reavley are not only highly competent in their professional fields, but also each of these men are active churchmen and are closely related with the Methodist Student Movement. "Operation Teenage" has been included in

order to give our students an opportunity to talk to these people who are able to speak quite openly and honestly about their own experience in crime.

Speakers are given complete freedom, except that they speak about the problem of crime as they see it from their own professional stance, and as churchmen attempt to raise questions about their role in the solution of this problem. Ample time will be allowed for questions and discussion from participants in the program. Any interested persons are welcome to attend these programs.

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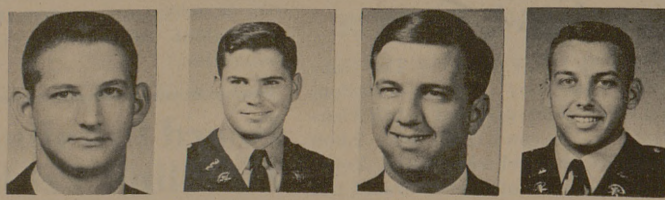
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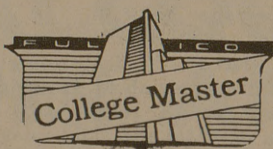


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