

Careful Driving Must Be Observed

"I shouldn't have skipped this afternoon's class. But who can wait when a long evening in Dallas and Ft. Worth calls?"

"The weather's fine, the road straight and smooth. Look at that deer! What a beauty, and in broad daylight."

"Watch out! A farm truck! Where? There!"

Too late. You're dead.

But being among the 52,000 people each year to die in the twisted hulk of razor sharp metal and glass is too easy. Few fear a quick death.

Your friends aren't as lucky. One is thrown from the car. His skull is fractured. He's alive. A vegetable.

Your roommate is fortunate. Your wandering eyes have only cost him an arm.

How could it happen to you? You're not the type to speed, well, not over 80 mph. You wouldn't stop to buy beer with a false I.D. and then drive on. You wouldn't think of flooring the accelerator to clear that yellow light.

And who needs seat belts? They're for airplanes or people who can't handle their cars.

Your car's a beauty. A \$3,000 investment, but well worth it. A GTO with 300 horses, racing stripe, wide tires, and dual carburetors.

"Thanks for the car loan, dad. Thanks for paying for my education. Thanks for the years of schooling, love and attention, for the 'cush' packages and for the pleasant weekends at home."

"Think mom, they paid tribute to me last night. Silver Taps is a great tradition. We just gathered for another Aggie last week, and the week before for yet another."

"I'm not alone. Next week another will probably join me."

It could never happen to me.

Even Phil Hill knows that a two ton-metal missile traveling at 70 mph can't stop on a dime. In a sudden stop, muscles in the arms and legs are incapable of breaking your momentum, unless it's by breaking those arms and legs.

Maybe you won't kill yourself. Another driver could do it for you. Maybe he'll be the one to run a light, or drive after a party while drunk, or maybe his date will distract him.

Traditions set A&M apart from other universities. Silver Taps is a fine but grim ceremony.

Have fun in Ft. Worth. March tall. Yell for those men on the football field. Swing at those parties.

But drive as though your life depends on it. It does.

John Hotard

Kid Loses Stand; Battle Shapes Up

These are the times that try men's souls.

In the course of our nation's history, brave men have rallied to protect free enterprise. Today, a new crisis has arisen. The Brevard County Health Authority—better known as the BCHA—has shut down, in the name of public health protection, a kid's thriving enterprise. Citizens, HEAR ME OUT!

Billy Churchill is 11. He lives in Satellite Beach, Florida. During August and September, he earned \$27. He put \$12 in a college fund and bought a dog with the other \$15.

Billy Churchill runs—or rather, he DID run—a sidewalk refreshment stand.

Last month, the county closed him down.

Why?

He didn't have separate bathrooms for male and female customers.

SEPARATE BATHROOMS???

"I'd let Billy's customers use our two bathrooms if they'd let him reopen his stand," Mrs. Churchill said.

The county clamped down on Billy after a neighbor complained that he was selling frozen refreshments without a permit.

The health department said that the stand would have to be shut down because it did not have the separate facilities.

Billy's father is going to take the issue to Governor Kirk—then to Washington, if necessary. This case will probably go all the way to the Supreme Court. They'll rule in favor of the county.

This will mean that kids across the country will have to shut down their lemonade stands, not to mention all "drive-in groceries, sidewalk fruit stands and traveling circuses" as Mr. Churchill put it.

I can see it now . . . Final Review at A&M. As the TV cameras show the Corps passing by, they pan the reviewing stands, and there, each in its appropriate corner, are two Rent-A-Johns.

The White House will get the word: Either put segregated outdoor rest rooms in the Rose Garden or no more tea parties. This also goes for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Down on the Lower Pedernales, LBJ will say to the Prime Minister of Lower Sloberia, "Down theah is the South Fawty wheah I hold muh Bahbeecues. See those two buildings in that clump of mesquite down theah? Those are muh segregated rest rooms."

The Battalion is organizing the national headquarters for SOULS (Save Our Unintegrated Lemonade Stands). Contributions are now being taken.

Give today and help Billy in his fight for free enterprise.

THE BATTALION

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CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"Before you go further, let me say I'm in complete sympathy with you, but those marks on my bulletin board represent men whose rides leave early Friday! Don't any of th' guys with cars have Friday classes?"

— Sound Off —

Editor

The Battalion:

The following letter is directed to that person who took a basketball marked, "PE 5", from the annex gymnasium on Monday afternoon. Perhaps you feel that you have, "put one over on the school." Perhaps you are an Aggie fish who feels that it is "good bull" to get a new basketball for your outfit to use in intramural practice.

But, no matter who you may be, you have not, "put one over on the school," and what you have done is certainly not, "good bull." The ball you have taken will be paid for, not by A&M, but by cadet Charles Wofford to whom the basketball was checked out.

If it is "good bull" to steal from an Aggie buddy, then Aggie traditions have changed in recent weeks.

This letter is written by an attendant at the Physical Education dressing room. I do not know cadet Wofford personally. My only purpose in writing to Sound Off is to air one long held gripe. That being that some Aggies, who would never think of stealing anything from a person, will take highway signs and markers, (and basketballs), perhaps never realizing that somebody must pay for them. In this case an Aggie is out \$12.

Bill Turney '66

Editor

The Battalion:

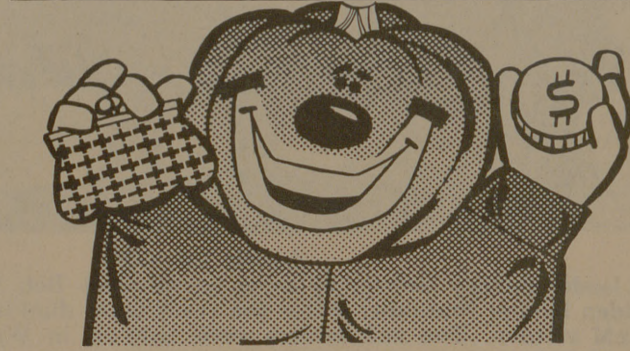
To the attention of: Charles M. Lamascus, Jr. Class of '68

Sir, about your reply to dress to be worn to Silver Taps. Would you wear bluejeans, T-shirt, or even cut-offs to a tradition marking the death of a close friend or brother? Maybe you wouldn't mind having someone at your friends' Silver Taps dressed sloppily, but I would and do.

Dressing neatly for Silver Taps has been an understood and honored tradition here at A&M longer than both you and I will be here combined! Why destroy this tradition? A&M has too few tradi-

tions that both Corps and civilians honor anyway.

Yours,
Frank M. Jamieson
Class of '70"



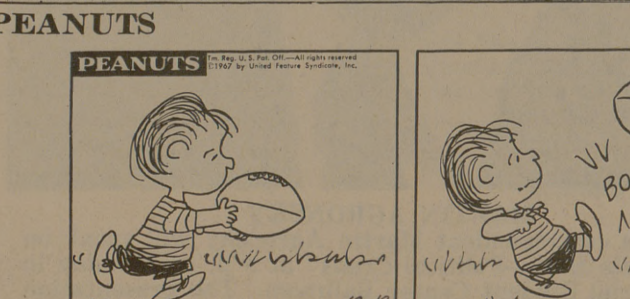
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TODAY

The Fort Bend Hometown Club will meet in Room 3A of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

The Orange Hometown Club will meet in the Rotunda of the Academic Building at 7:30 p.m.

The Houston Hometown Club will meet in Room 201 of the Physics Building at 7:30 p.m.

The Election Commission will elect officers in the Art Room of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

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.

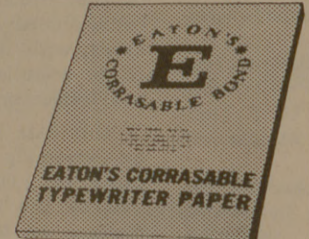
The Finance Society will have a barbecue at the Aggie Club at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from club members.

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

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By Charles M. Schulz

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