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The Legend of the Poinsettia
"... And they presented Gifts unto him."
As the people flocked to church on Christmas Day to lay their gifts of adoration upon the altar, a maiden stopped outside the church to pray. She had no gift to bring the Christ child except her great love for him — a meager token she thought, among so many riches. And as she knelt she wept, and where her tears fell, the weeds changed to rich, red flowers. She gathered them up and placed them upon the altar — and they outshone all the gifts of splendor and gold. Since that day the poinsettia has bloomed to bring us the true meaning of Christmas. Rarer than gold, is the gift of love.

a political forum presentation
Birth Of Party Movements
an analysis by **Dr. Harvey Wheeler**
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1969
8:00 P.M.
ADMISSION FREE
ASSEMBLY ROOM
MSC

By Charles M. Schulz
PEANUTS
MISS SWANSON, I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE FOURTH PROBLEM.
OF COURSE, I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND THE OTHER THREE PROBLEMS, EITHER...
ACTUALLY, I DON'T UNDERSTAND MATH AT ALL.
LET'S FACE IT... I DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND SCHOOL!
SOMEONE IS SPOILING FOR A SNOWBALL FIGHT...
PLOP!

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Could you finish your drink before the next yell, please?"

Bulletin Board

TONIGHT
Marketing Society will have a gripe session and take pictures for the Aggeland at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3B-C, MSC. Members are requested to wear coat and tie.
University Women will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 2A-B, MSC.
Range and Forestry Club will hear a program on the vegetation of north central North America at 7:30 p.m. in Room 103 Plant Sciences.
Petroleum Engineering Club will hear E. N. Patton Jr. from Amerada Hess Corp. discuss "Pressure Build-Up Analysis Near a Barrier" at 7:30 p.m. in Room 211 Doherty.
WEDNESDAY
Eagle Pass Hometown Club will have pictures taken at 8 p.m. on the MSC steps.
THURSDAY
Dewitt-Lavaca Hometown Club will discuss Christmas party plans and have the club picture taken at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor lobby of the MSC.
Brazos County Post 4692 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will have a social at 7:30 p.m. in the Post Home.
Tonight on KBTX
6:30 Lancer
7:30 Red Skelton
8:30 Governor & JJ
9:00 Marcus Welby, M.D.
10:00 TX Final News
10:30 Hollywood Palace
11:30 The Detectives

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the class of '73. Instead of having just one class activity (the Fish Ball), we should sponsor many joint activities. These could include service and fund-raising projects to instill a sense of identity in the class of '73.
This plan can only be initiated with everyone's support. We must build an identity for the class as a whole, not for individual factions.

On Wednesday, December 10, a decision will be made concerning the success of our class. Make the correct decision and elect Bill Darkoch as the President of our class.

Bill Darkoch
Class of '73
★ ★ ★
Editor: The class of '73 is the largest group of freshmen A&M has ever had. It has the greatest potential of any past freshman class, but it needs leadership. We, the campus leaders listed below, give our support to Steve Nesbitt, candidate for president, Sam Walsler, vice-presidential candidate, and Rod Dickinson, candidate for secretary-treasurer.

Mark Olsen, Moore Hall president; Kent Caperton, Student Senate Vice President; Gordon Smyth, Davis-Gary Hall President; Tommy Henderson, Civilian Student Council Second Vice President; David Alexander, CSC First Vice President
★ ★ ★
Editor: The time has come for the Student Senate to assume its role as a truly representative student government, recognizing and responding to the needs of the TAMU student body. Operation Feedback was a step, but just a small one. There is so much work to be done, so many hours to devote.
Charles Hicks, candidate for Junior B.A. Representative, is the man willing to dedicate the time and energy so necessary to move

the Senate forward. His concern for Texas A&M has led him to continuously ask questions and seeks solutions, even though not having been a senator. Through this, he has gained an understanding and insight to the problems which confront Texas A&M University and has formulated definite ideas about how the Senate can work to solve these problems.
If you are truly concerned about student government at Texas A&M University and want it to become a real student government, vote for Charles Hicks, Junior B.A. Representative, when you go to the polls at Francis Hall on Wednesday.
Gerry Geistweidt
Student Senate President
Kent Caperton, Student Senate Vice-President
★ ★ ★
Editor: With the elections on December 10, the freshman class will gain a voice in the Student Senate. To assure a voice that will speak the wishes of the entire class, candidates who are close to the issues and responsive to the needs of the students must be elected.
Mike Lindsey is my name, and I am a candidate for a freshman seat in the Student Senate. This means that I feel I am capable of representing more students than I could possibly remember.
I am a freshman, however, and I am faced with many of the same problems that confront you. And I always keep an ear open for news of issues close to the students. If you would like to discuss some problem or issue that you have found, please feel free to drop by my room, number 10 in Milner Hall.
On December 10, the Class of '73 will make some decisions that will determine its direction for this year and probably many more. I hope that one of your decisions will be Mike Lindsey for freshman senator.
Mike Lindsey '73

A Senator Speaks

Student Life Committee

By Collier R. (Doc) Watson
Student Life Committee Chmn.
The Student Life Committee is the largest standing committee in the Student Senate. It contains 27 senators who perform various tasks in accomplishing the senate's goals of serving the student body. There were originally only two permanent subcommittees under Student Life—one for the Aggie Muster and one for the Aggie Mother of the Year. But the Life Committee has since become the "trouble-shooting committee" of the Senate. The subcommittees have been expanded to include such pertinent issues as football seating, Legal Rights Commission, Telephone Committee, and the Grievance Committee.
The following are reports by these subcommittee chairmen about the progress they have made this year.
Legal Rights Commission
—David Zoellner
The Legal Rights Commission was created in October, 1969, and since that time has proven itself to be necessary and, through the hard work of those concerned, successful. Since its inception, the commission has received and dealt with "cases" pertaining to misdemeanors, such as: minor in possession, speeding, avoiding arrest, littering, etc., and to problems involving the University rules and regulations.
In the meeting with A&M President Earl Rudder, a conference with Bryan-College Station mayors and police chiefs was proposed. At this conference, the Commission's policy will be read, after same has been approved by the Texas State Bar.
An advisory group is being assembled which will help in handling matters for which the Commission may not qualify.
The Commission is still in the development stage and will soon be fully organized to efficiently handle the many requests for aid.
Grievance Committee
—Marcus Hill
The Grievance Committee was formed to give Aggies a place to go with constructive criticism for our student government to

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turn so he can get credit to plant a crop. Captain Tim returns, but it is only to tell Lester that he is to be evicted. Captain Tim no longer owns the land.
Other members of the cast are Pat Castle as Lov, Randy Durham, as Peabody, Ruth Dennis Turner as Payne.
"Tobacco Road," directed by C. K. Esten, director of the Aggie Players, will run Tuesday through Saturday night at 8 p.m. in Guion. Hall.

Editor: Attention All Jr. B.A. Majors: Wednesday is election day for you to select a new senator to the Student Senate. I'm not going to promise anything except hard work on my part. I promise I will represent every student to the best of my ability. If you have any questions please contact me —Dorm 9-326 or phone 845-5467. Your vote will be appreciated.
Robert Nelson '71
★ ★ ★

Editor: As candidates for freshman offices, we believe that we have the duty to tell the Class of '73 our goals if we are elected. First, we intend to establish a responsible freshman government. Second, we pledge to represent the needs and wants of the Class of '73. Third, we will work to make the freshman government one in which issues and problems are acted upon with fairness and responsibility and in which constructive action is implemented.
Vote for:
Mike Jiga for Fish President
Mike Holley for Fish Vice President
Bill Hartsfield for Fish Senator
Paul Puryear for Fish Senator
★ ★ ★

Editor: My name is Bill Darkoch. I am a candidate for the office of President of our freshman class. Many of my opponents have already stated the need for "unity" and "co-operation" between the factions of our class. The problem is recognized by all, but what many fail to state is by what means they plan to achieve this goal of class "unity."
I have such a desperately-needed plan. A few of the ideas contained in my plan are as follows:
A newsletter to provide communication among us. It would consist of items of interest to freshmen, letters voicing everyone's opinions, and would also serve as a place to expose the problems of A&M as they affect

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