

# Students deserve praise

Last night, the first Silver Taps of the school year was held, paying final tribute to Aggies who died during the summer. We sincerely hope no more such ceremonies will have to be held this year, but past experience indicates otherwise.

Last night was a rainy, dark night. School had just begun. Yet, we saw a good many students present at the ceremony. There were cadets, civilians and coeds. Some had umbrellas, but many stood in the rain and got soaked. They knew they would, but they attended anyway.

We think it is a good sign, and we commend those who attended for the spirit they displayed in upholding one of the finest traditions at A&M. We realize that some traditions are dated, and really need to go, but some—like Silver Taps—are good ones and should be continued.

For those new to the campus, Silver Taps is the Aggie's way of paying last respects to those who have died while enrolled as

students here. The day Silver Taps is to be held, a notice is posted on the flagpole in front of the Academic Building, and the flag is flown at half-staff. That night at 10:30, all lights in student living areas are extinguished, and students silently walk over to the area in front of the Academic Building.

The Ross Volunteer (an elite corps organization) Firing Squad marches over, and fires a 21-gun salute to the dead student. Members of the Aggie Band play Taps three times, and students return quietly to their rooms.

Those who still must study usually try to keep the light from showing too plainly from their window. In the corps area, no talking or lights, except for studying, are allowed until the next morning.

Again, we think those students who placed a higher value on attendance than on keeping dry are to be commended, and we hope this tradition will continue as long as A&M exists.

## Hang it on!

Hang it on. The label. Corps. Civilians. Cowboys. Longhairs. Shorthairs. Maggies. What does it tell you? Nothing really. Nothing about what the labeled person thinks or believes. Only how he dresses, looks. Superficialities. The surface. Look at the label.

Look deeper. You may find something important. A person. An individual. A unique lifestyle. Aggies are "traditionally" friendly and spirited. A new tradition, openmindedness, is vital if the other two are to survive.

—Fran Haugen

### tonight on the tube

Numbers in ( ) denote channels on the cable.	5:00 3 (5) General Hospital	7:30 3 (5) Beverly Hillbillies
3:00 3 (5) Gomer Pyle	15 (12) Misterogers' Neighborhood (NET)	15 (12) NET Playhouse
15 (12) Sesame Street (NET) (Tuesday repeat)	5:30 3 (5) CBS News	8:00 3 (5) Everly Brothers
3:30 3 (5) Town Talk	15 (12) Sesame Street (NET)	9:00 3 (5) Hawaii Five-O
4:00 3 (5) Dark Shadows	6:00 3 (5) Evening News	15 (12) The Toy That Grew Up
15 (12) University Instructional	6:30 3 (5) Where's Huddles?	10:00 3 (5) Final News
4:30 3 (5) Bewitched	15 (12) Campus and Community Today	10:30 3 (5) It Takes a Thief
	7:00 3 (5) Gomer Pyle	11:30 3 (5) Richard Diamond
	15 (12) What's New (NET)	

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## CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"Can you believe it? Off of one man, too!"

**San Antonio draws sewage reprimand**  
The City of San Antonio drew a sharp reprimand from the Texas Water Quality Board for dumping 12 million gallons of raw sewage into the San Antonio River on Aug. 3 (in anticipation of a heavy rain).  
Board sent the matter to the attorney general to determine if a penalty suit should be filed and handed down an order threatening an injunction if the violation ever happens again. Dissatisfied with the city's lack of an emergency corrective plan, Board directed its own staff to come up with something to give San Antonians in certain areas relief from overcrowded sewage facilities pending passage of a bond issue for vast new lines.

### Bulletin Board

TUESDAY  
Rugby Club of A&M will meet at 8 p.m. in room 2C of the M&M to elect officers.

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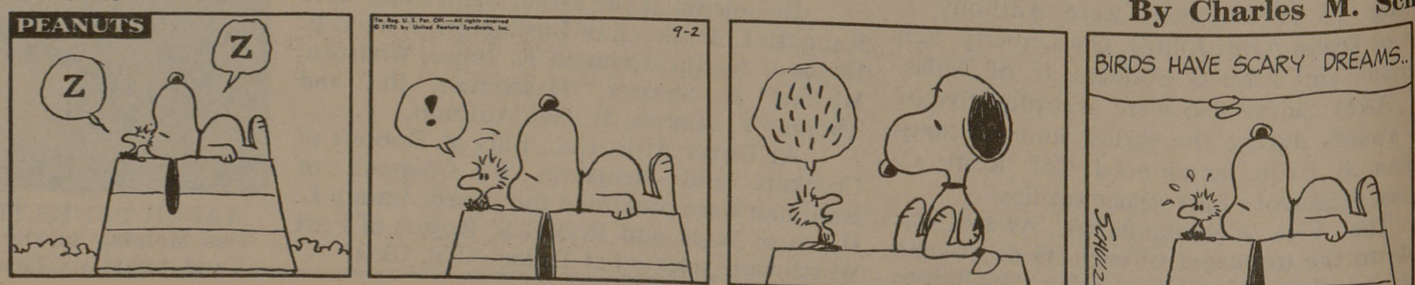
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