



"I wouldn't even be at A&M if he had not helped me get admitted!"

### — Listen Up —

**Editor:**  
Last night was the first Silver Taps of the year. I was rather surprised and disappointed when after it was all over, when walking back to my apartment the lights of the Academic building came on and the civilians walking back started talking. I guess this is one of the traditions going to pot. I was hoping if any of them went it would not be this one. Hopefully with the next Silver Taps the above things can be taken care of. I'm sure they could if everyone pulled his head out and really came to Silver Taps

for what it is and not just because his buddy is going or it's the thing to do.

Leilani Sanders '73  
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**Editor:**  
Just a word to congratulate the administration on bringing Randy Matson back to A&M. This man has done so much for all Aggies through his efforts. There is just no way to express how grateful we should be to him and I, as well as many others, are very proud to have him back among us.

John Rapp '73

## Batt News Summary

**By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS HONOLULU**—With a billion-dollar trade package ready for their ratification, President Nixon and Japanese Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka joined in summit talks Thursday ranging from economic competition to the balance of power in the Pacific.

Nixon and Tanaka had before them an agreement worked out before the summit calling for Japan to import on a crash basis slightly more than \$1 billion in U.S. products such as enriched uranium, airplanes and agricultural products.

**PARIS**—North Vietnam and the Viet Cong concentrated their fire at the peace talks Thursday

on U.S. support of President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam.

Hanoi's representatives called it "the only obstacle now" to peace.

**MIAMI**—Dade County State Attorney Richard Gerstein said Thursday he has turned up secret film which indicates there may have been more than one break-in of the Democratic National Headquarters at the Watergate Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Gerstein said that a Miami Commercial photographer has testified he processed film showing what appeared to be Democratic party documents one week before police nabbed five men

### Comment—

## Employees--Yes; Officials--No

By MIKE RICE

On November 7, an amendment will be brought before the people of Texas to permit state employees to serve as non-paid elected officials on any board in the state without forfeiting their state salaries.

Although no one political party has any more to gain than another one, voters should look closely at the situation out of political gain, but for the benefit

of all concerned.

In College Station, four members of the school board and city council were forced to resign because of their positions on the staff at Texas A&M. The same thing is happening all over the state.

The real kicker to the situation is that these employees could have held their board positions if they had been appointed and not elected. These are only four of the

350,000 Texas disenfranchised by an article in the State Constitution.

There are many arguments for the passage of this amendment, the first of which being state employees are entitled to the right to enjoy the same privileges as other citizens by being given the right to serve in non-paying elective offices.

The amendment would also allow communities to utilize the abilities of well-trained state employees at no additional cost in salaries.

Finally, in some cities, the state employees make up a large percentage of the population and this amendment would allow these people to serve in their communities without giving up their salaries.

The provision against holding two state offices seems to come from an old common law principle that no person may do this because of incompatibility. Looking at the situation realistically, one would have to say this idea is outdated.

The new idea shouldn't be looked at in the perspective of whether or not passage of the amendment will help the other party. Rather, it should be looked at for the total effect it could have on Texans in future years.

### Refrigerators For Corps

Refrigerators will be distributed in the corps area in the same manner Krueger-Dunn machines were rented out—using a U-Haul truck to move the machines, said student distributor Steve Hill.

Dorms one through four will get their refrigerators Monday; dorms five through eight on Tuesday; and dorms nine through 12 on Wednesday.

Times for distribution will be announced in the dorms over the weekend, said Hill.

### 'Morning After' Birth Pill May Become Future Reality

**SAN ANTONIO**—In an award winning report, four researchers say an experiment with rabbits indicates a "morning after" birth control pill may be a future reality.

Staff members of the University of Texas Medical School here, the four concluded that an effective contraceptive could be developed.

Dr. Carl J. Pauerstein, director of the project, explained that a key factor is the timing of the arrival of the ovum, or egg, in the uterus.

"Timing is critical to successful implantation of the ovum in the uterus—if it gets there too soon, implantation is inefficient," Pauerstein said.

He said the UT experimenters found the rate that the ovum travels is controlled by both the nerves and the muscles of the fallopian tubes, which conduct the egg from the ovary to the uterus.

The researchers further found that by injecting rabbits with the female hormone, progesterone, and a chemical compound called phenoxybenzamine, the fallopian

tube could be relaxed. This would cause the ovum to speed through to the uterus in less than 24 hours.

"Hastening passage of the ovum, so that instead of staying in the tube the usual five to seven days in humans, it gets through in one day," said Pauerstein, "would prevent implantation and thus should make an effective contraceptive."

He added that it "could take the form of a pill taken after intercourse which would avert pregnancy by harmlessly passing the mature ovum through the fallopian tubes too quickly for it to implant properly."

The report has been selected as this year's outstanding research contribution by the Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. The researchers will be honored by the group at its annual meeting in St. Louis on Sept. 22.

Co-authors of the paper are Dr. Joseph Martin, an assistant professor; Dr. Ben Fremming, chairman of laboratory and animal medicine; and Dr. Barrie Hodgson, a physiologist and pharmacology instructor. Pauerstein is associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the medical school.

### Bulletin Board

The India Association will meet Saturday to show the Hindu movie "Andaz." The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Zachary Engineering Center.

Alpha Zeta will meet on Sept. 4, in Room 112 and 113 of the Plant Sciences Building. The program will be presented by Dean L. S. Pope.



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