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New destination

Battalion photo by Clay Cockrill

Cadets and their dates surround the Texas Aggie Band as it marches to Friday's Midnight Yell Practice on the intramural fields behind Duncan Dining Hall. Usually held at Kyle Field, Yell Practice was forced to move by the renovations on the stadium.

## 50 seniors named to honors program

Fifty of Texas A&M University's top seniors have been named to the 1979-80 University Undergraduate Fellows Program which allows qualified students to conduct research for classroom credit, said Dr. Mel Friedman, coordinator.

next fall and who have an overall grade point ratio of 3.5 or better when application is made procure a recommendation from their adviser, department head and academic dean.

This year's program, the fifth, kicks off at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 12 when the seniors, their faculty advisers and University Undergraduate Fellows administrators meet to discuss upcoming activities.

Then, prospective Fellows are required to write a research proposal, conduct a total of six hours of research in two semesters, write up research results and present them in a professional manner at a mid-April meeting. The best of these are singled out to receive special awards, but all University Undergraduate Fellows receive recognition in ceremonies and on their official college transcript.

As in past years, the Fellows hail from different disciplines — this year representing 29 departments in nine of the academic colleges.

To be eligible for the program, students who will be seniors the

## Closed plant still pollutes Ohio river

**United Press International**  
CLEVELAND — The Diamond Shamrock Corp. closed its suburban Cleveland chemical plant three years ago, but its abandoned waste basins continue to pour chemicals into the Grand River, the Cleveland Press has reported.

Recent results from routine state Environmental Protection Agency river samplings have shown that large amounts of chemicals are still filtering through from the company's waste basins.

State EPA pollution engineer Bob Wysensky said although the chemicals were present in large amounts, the concentration was greatly reduced from previous samples.

However, the paper reported that EPA figures for 1979 indicate there have been days when vast amounts of dissolved chemical solids came down the river and equaled some of the worst days when Diamond operated its plant in Painesville Township.

The chemicals, mostly nontoxic chlorides, are filtering down into the river by rainfall washing them through the soil. But one chemical,

deadly chromate, has increased its presence in the river, so much so that state EPA officials are considering further investigation, according to the Press.

Wysensky said chlorides by themselves are not harmful to humans but they can and once did turn parts of the Grand River into a salt-water environment, which could not be endured by freshwater fish and wildlife.

However, a John Carroll University biology professor, who examined the river at the request of Diamond Shamrock in 1977, said a great diversity of fish has returned to the river, and there is little evidence they are chemically contaminated.

A federal study of pollution in Lake Erie in 1968 listed Diamond Shamrock as one of the 20 largest producers of industrial waste water in an area ranging from Detroit to Buffalo.

The federal report showed that 3,000 tons of dissolved solids a day went into the Grand River. Another 37,000 pounds went directly into Lake Erie.

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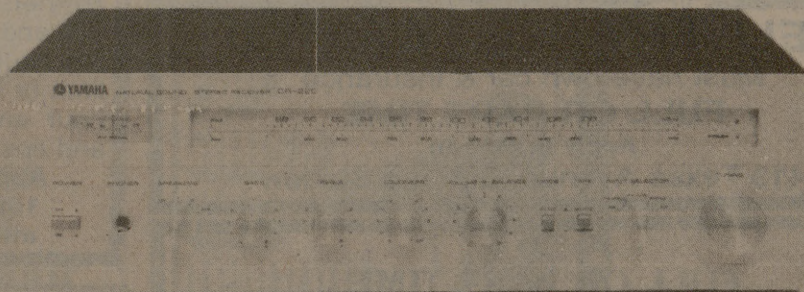
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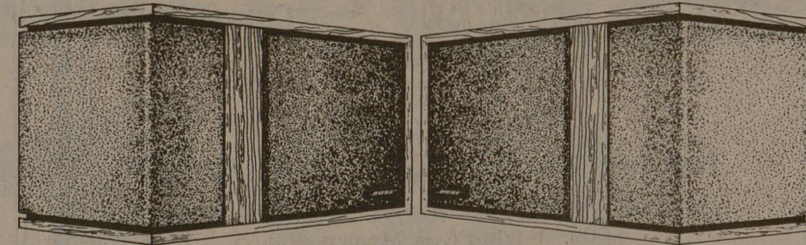


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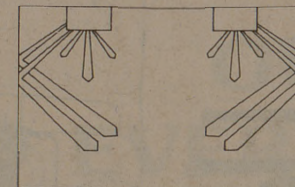


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