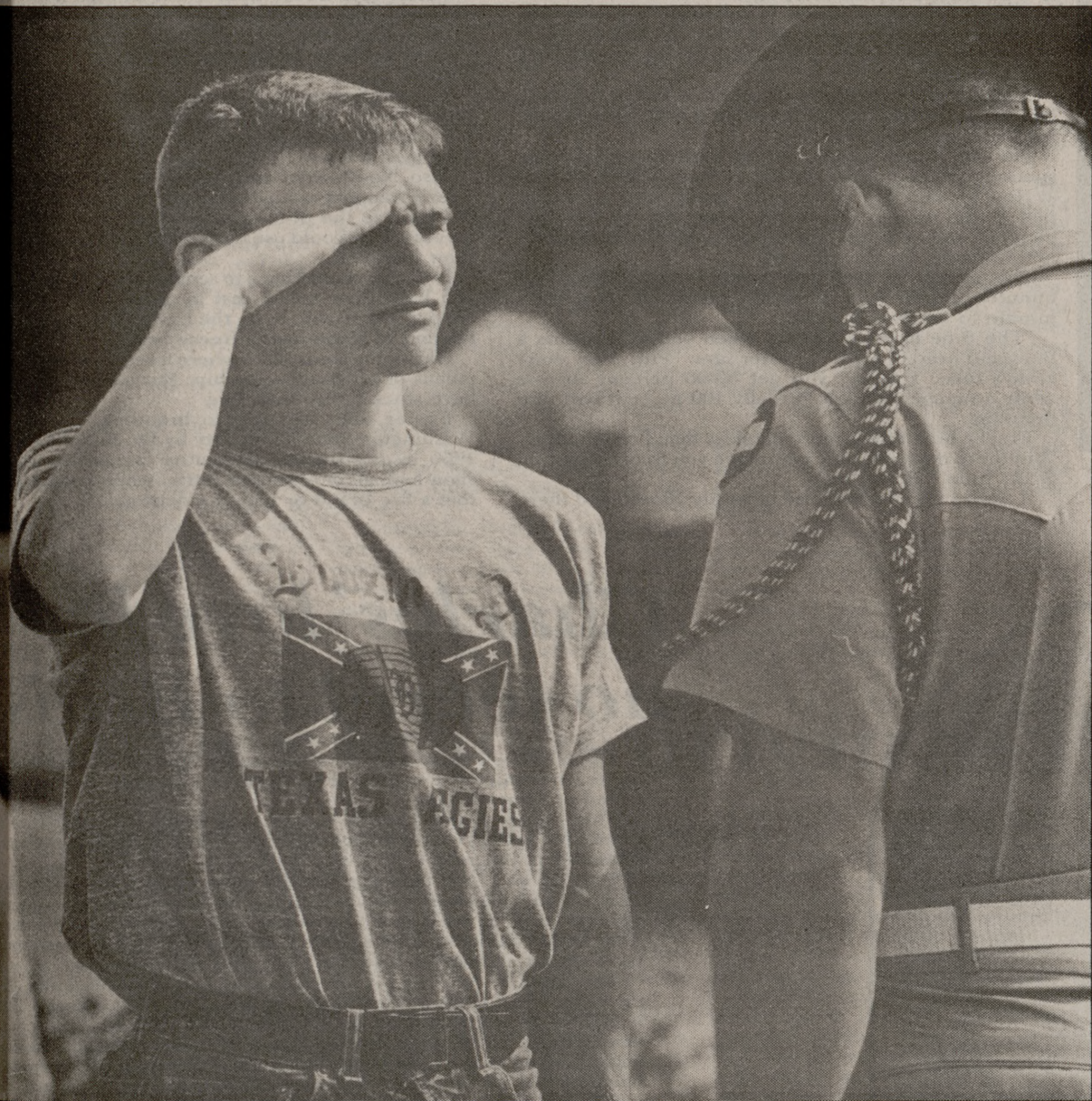


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Learning the motions

Staff photo by Pat O'Malley

Mike Mitchell, a freshman from Austin and a new member of Company B-2, learns the proper way to salute under the direction of junior Craig Davis. The instruction is part of

the Corps' Fish Orientation Week, held this week to introduce freshmen cadets to Corps life.

Patience must rule in long utility lines

The how-to's of hook up

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When 30,000 students all want their utilities hooked up at the same time, patience is the virtue of the day.

Most utility companies require students to make a personal appearance at their office to fill out applications and make deposits for service. It may mean waiting in long lines, but take comfort in the fact that almost everybody is in the same situation.

To speed things along, it helps to know where to go, what to do and how much money you have to shell out for each service.

Some apartments furnish water, electricity, cable or gas. Be sure to check with your apartment manager.

Electricity, water and sewer

College Station residents:

Go to the utility service window at College Station City Hall on Texas Avenue, across from the main entrance to the campus. Deposits are \$60 for electricity and \$10 for water. Garbage and sewer are included in the deposit, but gas is not.

Know your correct address and apartment number, or someone else could get his utilities turned on instead of you.

The deposit is not lost. When terminating service, your last month's utility bill is taken out of the deposit, with the remainder returned to you.

Your copy of the work order filled out by the cashier will tell you when your electricity and water will be turned on. Hold on to the work order in case of some dispute. The sooner you fill out the work order, the sooner you will receive service.

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Bryan residents:

Go to the Bryan utilities office at 300 S. Washington in Bryan. The electricity deposit is calculated on past consumption at your residence. The average deposit is \$65, which is returned on move-out or, for homeowners, within one year of beginning payments.

Water requires a \$10 deposit. Utilities should be turned on within a day or two, but when the crush of fall students hits, it could be longer. Gas is not included.

Gas

Residents of both College Station and Bryan should go to the Lone Star Gas office at 201 E. 27th in Bryan to get gas turned on at their residence. An application with approved credit (a credit card in your name and a valid ID) requires no deposit.

Without approved credit, the deposit is calculated at one-sixth of the past yearly bill at that residence. For an apartment, the deposit usually is \$25.

At the beginning of August, the gas company was running behind on hookups, but hoped to catch up be-

fore the influx of students at the end of the month.

Telephone

Off-campus students:

If application is made before Sept. 5, report first to Ballroom C in the Aggeland Inn on Texas Avenue to fill out an application. Hours are 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Saturday. Deposits vary, depending on your estimated monthly long-distance bill.

A parent or someone with good phone company credit can sign a form to waive your deposit. That makes them liable for any GTE bills you fail to pay.

After applying for service, go across Texas Avenue to the GTE Phone Mart in Culpepper Plaza to pick up your phones.

It should take two to three days to hook up your phone, but Marta Martinez, manager of the Phone Mart, said last fall it took longer to connect some phones because of the massive workload.

If you do not apply for phone service until after September 5, skip the Aggeland Inn and go directly to the GTE Phone Mart in Culpepper Plaza.

On-campus students:
Your phone will be hooked up, but you have to apply for long-distance service. Applications for a long-distance card will be taken Sept. 3-17 (except weekends) across from the post office in the MSC.

No deposit is necessary. You will get a long-distance identification number to be used until you are hooked up with the Centrex system, which should only take a day or two.

Cable television and Home Box Office:

Two services are available, Community Cablevision and Midwest Video.

On-campus students:

Midwest Video charges \$5.50 per semester for cable service in the dormitory. Collection is handled on campus. Community Cablevision charges vary according to the dormitory.

Off-campus students:

Go to the Community Cablevision office at 3408 S. Texas in Bryan or the Midwest Video Office at 3609 Texas Avenue in Bryan.

Both are scheduling hookups with about a month's waiting period. Both charge \$4 a month for a single outlet and \$2 per additional outlet.

Home Box Office (which shows movies after they've been released in the theatres and before they're shown on regular television) costs \$6 per month. Community requires a \$20 deposit, which is returned when the unit is returned.

Students can pick up "the box" at the office and install it themselves with no waiting period involved.

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