

Signs announce Silver Taps

by Pat Allen

Battalion Reporter
The Texas A&M Traditions Council will post signs today to remind students of Silver Taps, Cyndy Davis, president of the council, says.

The three wooden and bronze signs will be posted, one on the grass in front of Sbis Dining Hall across from the Fish Pond, one on Spence Street on the grass across from the Memorial Student Center next to the Planned for the Future statue.

"We tried to pick three real high-traffic areas," Davis said. "We thought about posting them at the bus stops, but a lot of students don't ride the bus. So we picked locations where we think the signs will be seen the most."

The idea for the signs began in the summer of 1981. Ken Johnson, the student body president at that time, along with Traditions Council President John Hawrylak and Silver Taps Chairman David Imes, wanted to do something to encourage student involvement in Silver Taps. They felt that since two-thirds of Texas A&M students lived off-campus, a visual reminder of the ceremony would increase participation.

"We considered everything at first," Imes said. "Our main concern was something classy, yet low-cost. We thought about a multi-colored poster or a nicely designed flyer, but Gen. Simpson put his foot down on anything made of paper. He didn't want anything that could be torn or tarnished, anything that would take the dignity away from Silver Taps."

General Ormond R. Simpson is assistant vice president of Student Services and a former Silver Taps bugler.

"Gen. Simpson sent us to Helen Bowers, head of Educational Information Services, and she suggested making the signs out of wood, and

sent us to the art department," Imes said. "So in the spring of '82 we approached Steve Turnipseed, an assistant professor of environmental design."

Turnipseed assigned the design for a sign and a way to display it as a class project. Imes showed the finished designs to students in his classes and professors.

"Everyone seemed to like the one designed by Robert Doane, an environmental design major from Lake Jackson," Imes said. "I presented it to the Traditions Council and they really liked it so they approved it."

After approval by the Traditions Council, Imes took the design to environmental design professor Rodney Hill for advice on the building of the signs. Hill suggested the council take the design to Ornamental Castings in Bryan.

Steve Forman, the 1982 Traditions Council president, is responsible for the funding of the project, he said.

"Steve found out the Class of '83 had over \$2,000 in its treasury. He contacted the Class of '83 President, Joe Meyer, and Meyer said he would set aside \$2,000 for the project."

The signs say "Silver Taps Tonight," and will hang from wooden stands built by students in the Association of General Contractors. The Ross Volunteer Company will put up and take down the signs.

"Unless you pick up a Battalion, you don't know if it's Silver Taps," Imes said. "I'm glad to see the project come through because I live off-campus and I know many students who never know when Taps is being held."

"It's a unique ceremony, and I hope the signs will increase the turnout for the ceremonies in the future."

Petroleum economics talks begin today at Texas A&M

by Julie Ennis

Battalion Reporter
Results of the recent OPEC reduction in crude oil prices and its effect on the profitability of almost all petroleum related companies have brought engineers, researchers and businessmen to Texas A&M today for a petroleum economics conference.

The rollback in the price of crude has had a chilling effect on petroleum producers, the service companies and the lending agencies, assistant director of

the Texas Petroleum Research Committee and conference chairman Dr. Paul Crawford says.

That effect was reflected by a 50 percent reduction in the number of drilling rigs operating in the United States, Crawford said.

"In our local area the Chamber of Commerce reported that petroleum work was off by over 75 percent," Crawford said.

The petroleum economics conference will focus on projected near and long term prices

of oil and gas, he said.

The Texas Petroleum Research Committee is sponsoring the one-day conference for faculty, visitors and students at Rudder Tower.

Jessie L. Koontz, vice president of W.R. Grace & Co.'s Natural Resource Group, will be the keynote speaker at the conference. Koontz will provide information on projected oil and gas prices.

Bud Isaacs Jr., senior vice president and general manager of property acquisitions for

Lewis Co. in Denver, will discuss the acquisition of oil and gas. Lewis has invested a few billion dollars in recent petroleum acquisitions, Crawford said.

Methods of financing oil and gas ventures will be presented by Glen Carson, vice president of First City Energy Finance Co., in Houston.

B.P. Huddleston, president of B.P. Huddleston & Co. of Houston, will deliver the luncheon address entitled "How Financial Institutions View Petroleum Engineering Reports."

Other speakers include: Richard Adkerson, head of oil and gas for Arthur Anderson & Co.; Dennis J. Graue, vice president of Scientific Software-Intercomp; Martin Caylor, general manager of planning for Gulf Oil Exploration & Production Co.; Bill Osborn of Osborn Engineering Inc.; and Eddy Claycomb and Paul D. Lerwick of Williams Co.

The noon luncheon will be held in the Memorial Student Center. The cost for the luncheon will be \$10.

Pushcart makes fast food faster

by Charles P. Dungan

Battalion Reporter
It's handy, there's no line, and you can eat on the go.

"It" is the newest addition to the campus food service — the pushcart on the plaza in front of the Chemistry Building. The cart allows people to grab a quick snack when they don't have the time to hassle with a restaurant or cafeteria. It also fits the outdoor atmosphere of the plaza.

From 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., food service worker Bethalyn Williams stands under the red and white umbrella selling hot dogs and doughnuts to students, faculty and staff.

Response to the cart has been good so far, she says. Williams sells between \$200 and \$300 worth of food every day includ-

ing about 150 hot dogs and eight dozen doughnuts. Sales at lunch time have become so hectic that a second food service worker must be there to help keep up.

Williams enjoys working at the new stand. She says she felt like a guinea pig at first, testing the market for the department, but enjoys working outside and meeting people.

Williams says the most common comment on the stand is that it needs to expand. People want hot mustard, chili, sauerkraut and onions for their hot dogs, and they would like to see a bigger menu, she says.

Jay Maynard, assistant director for auxiliary dining services, says the favorable response has been a pleasant surprise for the department, which was not sure

how students would react.

Students from the Blocker Building have asked the food services department for a cart at that building, he says. A new cart has been ordered and should arrive in two to three weeks. The stainless steel carts cost about \$2,000 each and can keep food hot or cold.

Maynard says the food service department was not looking for more work in setting up the stand, but was trying to find out if there was a need for additional service.

The department serves about 50,000 meals a day, two-thirds being lunches. The 12 permanent facilities currently being operated cannot keep up with the lunch hour pace, he says. The new snack bars in Zachry

Engineering Center and the Pavilion have been working at capacity, he says. If the snack bar in Zachry were three times the present size it would still be full, he says. The problem is the number of people that want to eat at the same time.

"If we could stagger them we would not have a problem in feeding all of them", Maynard says.

Maynard says the first choice for a solution to the problem would be a new permanent establishment but the carts would serve the purpose until something can be built.

Bird expert to speak

by Elizabeth Hascall

Battalion Reporter
Saving and recognizing birds of prey will be the topic of a presentation tonight sponsored by the Wildlife Biology Society.

John Karger, executive director of Last Chance Forever, an organization that helps injured birds of prey return to the wild, will be the guest speaker.

Karger has worked to educate the public about birds of prey for many years, wildlife professor and friend of Karger Dr. Keith Arnold says.

Karger not only works with birds of prey but also has trained birds for television and movies, Arnold said.

Karger will discuss how to recognize birds of prey, what they are, why they should be saved and how to stop harming them, Arnold said.

Karger will bring several birds of prey and a chicken or pigeon trained to respond as a bird of prey, Arnold said.

Karger has worked with veterinarians from across the state, including some at Texas

A&M, receiving injured or sick birds that they have found.

Karger will speak at 7:30 p.m. in 110 Harrington.

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- THEFTS:**
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 - \$21 in cash was stolen from 230 Reed McDonald.
- BURGLARY:**
- A Pioneer AM/FM cassette stereo was stolen from a 1976 Pontiac. The vehicle was parked in the student lot west of Wolford Cain Pool.

INDECENT EXPOSURE:

- Two women were jogging near the Floral Test Gardens when they passed a man who exposed himself to them.

OTHER:

- University Police found the gate arm to the staff lot west of the Pavilion had been broken.

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