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Action On Name-Change May Come Next Monday

A&M's name-change bill might be brought out of subcommittee next Monday, J. Collier (Buddy) Adams of Lubbock told The Battalion early Thursday morning.

Adams is chairman of the five-man House State Affairs Committee subcommittee now studying the bill. The measure, authored by Rep. David Haines of College Station, calls for a college name-change to Texas A&M University.

The subcommittee will return the bill to the State Affairs Committee, Adams said. The State Affairs Committee's next scheduled meeting is next Monday night.

Rumors were circulating around campus Wednesday night that the bill had already come out of the subcommittee, but Adams said nothing materialized on the bill during a long, five-hour session of the committee Wednesday.

The Lubbock representative couldn't say for sure if the measure will be brought up next Monday.

"I just don't really know," he related. "The committee is not on a flat schedule and the proposal could come up at any time."

The State Affairs Committee has already held a public hearing on the bill, after which the measure was referred to Adams' subcommittee.

At this public hearing, Chancellor M. T. Harrington, President Earl Rudder, Century Study Director R. L. Hunt Jr., former student L. F. Petersen and student Joe Easley spoke for Rep. Haines' proposal.

The A&M System Board of Directors originally asked for the name-change legislation in late January.

ALL-DAY SESSION

Graduate Test Slated Friday

'Mother Of Year' Competition Opens

Nominations will be accepted through April 30 for this year's Aggie Mother of the Year, Frank J. Kiolbassa, a member of the student life committee of the Student Senate, announced Wednesday.

Students nominating their mothers or some other woman can submit letters to the committee explaining the reasons for their nominations.

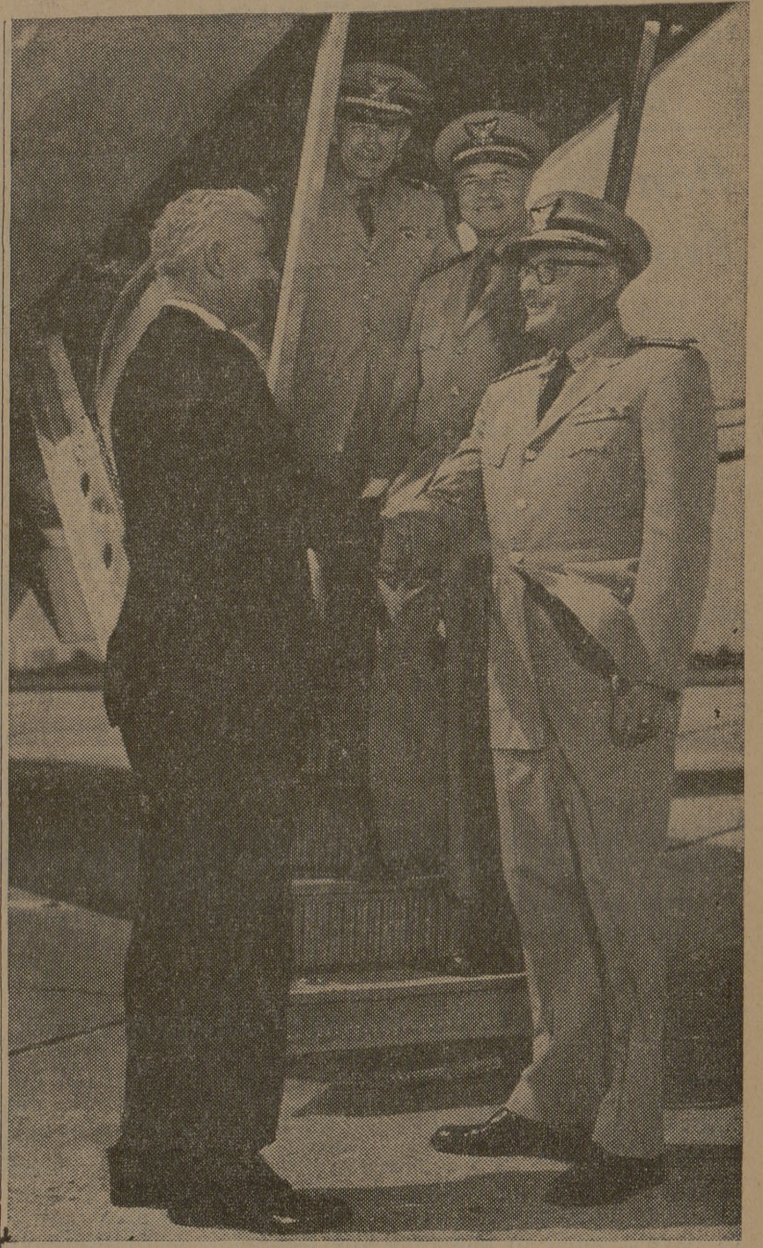
Letters may be turned in to the Student Program Office in the MSC.

Seniors, Grads Will Take GRE

Seniors and graduate students who have registered for the Graduate Record Examination will begin taking the tests at 8 a. m. Friday.

Engineering and architectural students will report to the Biological Science Lecture Room, agricultural and veterinary medicine students will go to the Animal Industries Lecture Room and business administration students will report to the Francis Hall Lecture Room. Arts and Sciences students will report to Room 231 of the Chemistry Building.

Testing will begin at 8 a. m. and continue until 5 p. m. under the direction of the Counseling and Testing Center with assistance from selected faculty members from various departments.



Academy Inspectors
Capt. Bennett M. Dodson, superintendent of the Texas Maritime Academy, greets three Coast Guard officers who were on campus to inspect the new academy's programs and facilities. The visitors, left to right, are Capt. B. D. Shoemaker, Capt. L. Parker and Adm. O. C. Rohnke, chief of the office of Merchant Marine Safety.

ON LATIN RELATIONS

Pan Am Speaker Optimistic

An optimistic picture was painted Wednesday night by Ambassador deLesseps S. Morrison, U. S. representative on the Council of the Organization of American States, as he described the changing face of Latin America to a crowd attending the first event of the scheduled activities of Pan American Week.

In opening his speech the former mayor of New Orleans pointed out that what is presently happening in Latin America is far older than either communism or democracy—it is the nature of man to seek a better life for himself and his children.

Hikers To Make 50-Mile Trek This Saturday

A challenge has been issued to all Aggies to participate in a 50-mile hike to Huntsville Saturday morning.

Bob Hood, leader of the Kennedy inspired physical fitness venture, said the group will begin the trek at 4 a. m. at the intersection of Highways 6 and 30 and proceed eastward until reaching Sadler's drug store in Huntsville.

Hood said that 15 men had signed up for the walk at a meeting held last Tuesday night.

Accompanying the hikers will be two cars carrying first-aid equipment, but the walkers will have to carry food, water and extra socks themselves.

J. E. Loupot has offered an engraved plaque to the Aggie first reaching the 50-mile destination.

All those interested in taking the hike may contact Hood in D-3 Walton.

is moving off the drawing boards and into reality.

The withdrawal of offensive weapons from Cuba by the Soviet Union was partly a result of the unanimous and united stand made by all 20 nations of this hemisphere, the ambassador stated.

The most important impression gained from his three recent tours of Latin America, Morrison said, "was that Castro's image in Latin America has taken a real nose-dive since last October."

"As long as sizable numbers of people in Latin America persist in viewing Castro as some sort of bearded Robin Hood, effective counteraction against communism will be hampered," he added.

Communism is not a static, but an active menace, the ambassador related. He pointed out, however, that in the field of political action, the Communists have recently suffered setbacks. The elections in Uruguay and Chile were held up as examples of this trend.

Morrison concluded by expressing the hope that the U. S. can achieve, not the power to dominate anyone, but "the power by our deeds to bring everlasting peace to this troubled world."

Pan American Week activities will continue Thursday night when Val T. Billups will present a pictorial review, using color slides, of his travels in Latin America. The program will begin at 8 p. m. in the Assembly Room of the Memorial Student Center.

THIS YEAR the battery of tests are non-compulsory but the Academic Council established the requirement, effective in 1964, that graduating seniors must participate in the GRE program as part of qualifying for graduation.

The Academic Council urged all tests this year as it will help them if they plan to enter graduate school and it will help the college evaluate itself.

Absence from class will be authorized for seniors registered for and taking the tests.

THE TESTS include materials in general and specialized areas of knowledge as well as measuring general aptitude and advanced achievement in selected fields. The specialized areas of knowledge include material from the many students' chosen major field of interest.

Results of the testing program will provide important benefits to A&M as well as benefiting directly all seniors who plan to enter graduate school.

GRE IS ONE means of evaluating A&M seniors and the college program of instruction.

The students may ask the Educational Testing Service to forward a report to a selected graduate school or prospective employer. The student will receive a report of his scores and an explanatory booklet from the Educational Testing Service.

The tests are given without charge to the students and save a fee for many students who plan graduate studies where the tests are required for admission.

Ten Benches To Be Erected By May 11-12

Ten new outdoor benches will be installed on campus before Mother's Day, Jerry Vion, chairman of the student life committee of the Student Senate, said Wednesday.

The committee requested installation of the indestructible benches early in March. Vion said the idea met with pessimism because of frequent damage to outdoor seats in the past. Many benches had been damaged beyond repair and others were carried away.

Vion pointed out that installation of the benches will be on a trial basis. The seats will be checked during the summer for mistreatment.

IF THE SEATS haven't been damaged, and they appear to be of desirable quality, 30 more like them will be installed.

Vion said the 10 "permanent" seats were ordered by telephone from Game-Time Inc., Litchfield, Mich., in order to have them here in time for the May 11-12 activities.

The trial benches will be placed in front of Dorms 2, 10, 5 and 6; Hart Hall, Mitchell, Milner, Leggett, Walton and in the quadrangle between Puryear and Law.

The construction of the seats includes underground anchors of cement at each end.

A CONTOURED piece of galvanized pipe is attached to the support from each anchor, and two-by-fours are bolted across the pipes to form the back and seat of each bench.

The benches are six feet long. All the parts of each have been welded into a single unit.

The pipes are painted aluminum and the lumber slates are sealed and coated twice with weather-proof Graf-Tite green.

Each bench costs \$34.

The benches are now being stored in a quonset hut near Hensel Apartments and will be installed by the Office of Physical Plant.

'13 To Become 50-Year Class Here May 2-4

The Class of 1913 will celebrate its golden anniversary reunion at the Memorial Student Center May 2-4, at the same time the Sul Ross group meets for its annual reunion.

The Sul Ross group is comprised of early A&M graduates who have reached the 50th anniversary of their graduation. Each year at the traditional banquet the honor class is introduced to old members.

At present the Sul Ross group is made up of the classes of 1911 and 1912.

The reunion opens officially Friday, May 3, at 10 a. m. with a tour of the campus. Following luncheon, class pictures will be taken in front of the MSC.

That afternoon at 2:30, the men will have a business meeting, during which the Class of 1913 will be initiated into the Sul Ross group.

At 4:30 p. m. there will be a memorial service at Easterwood Field with the Ross Volunteers serving as honor guard.

The traditional Sul Ross banquet will be held at 7:30 that evening. The members of the Class of 1913 and their wives will be introduced to the banquet guests and welcomed as members of the Sul Ross group.

The group will adjourn Saturday morning.

Wire Review

By The Associated Press
WORLD NEWS

CAIRO—Waving three-star flags of the new United Arab Republic, jubilant crowds of Arabs streamed into the streets of Egypt, Syria and Iraq on Wednesday celebrating the decision to merge their nations and 38 million people under one government.

Papers in the three states published news of the communique in bold headlines. National radios were filled with patriotic songs and the unity theme.

Although enthusiasm is bursting all over, the new state will take a long time coming.

U. S. NEWS

WASHINGTON—Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara authorized the military services Wednesday to cut to a year the overseas tours of men who leave their families at home.

Under current rules, men may be sent overseas without their families for as long as two years.

At the same time, McNamara said the services they can extend from three to four years the overseas duty tours of military men who take their families with them.

Swimming Pool Will Be Opened This Saturday

The Wofford Cain Olympic Pool, A&M's outdoor swimming pool, will be opened Saturday.

The pool schedule through June 1 will be 2-5:30 p. m. weekdays; 10-12 noon and 1:30-7 p. m. Saturdays; and 1:30-5 p. m. Sundays.

The pool will be opened for more hours each week from June 3-Aug. 23 and then will be back on the above schedule from Sept. 11-Oct. 19.

Students will be admitted free upon presentation of their fee slip and identification card. All other students will be charged 25 cents. Adults must pay 50 cents.

Faculty and staff members may purchase for \$10 a family ticket for the April 20-July 14 period or a similar ticket for the July 15-Oct. 19 period.

Election Filing To End Friday

Registration for the student government election to be held April 24 ends Friday, Al Wheeler, chairman of the Student Election Commission, has announced.

The election, originally set for April 4, was postponed "in the interests of having a better election," Wheeler said earlier.

As the deadline nears, reports show that less than 20 students have filed for the government slots, Wayne Smith, election commission advisor, said Wednesday.

THE ELECTION commission has ruled that students who filed in the previous registration must register again to appear on the ballot.

Only 28 students had filed for the nine student government positions before disqualifications were made by the commission. Several of the candidates lost their eligibility due to scholastic reasons, leaving some positions with no names on the ballot.

Four student body positions, four Student Senate Committee chairmanships and the position of Civilian Yell Leader are open in the election.

Student body positions which will be decided in the election are that of president, vice president, parliamentarian and recording secretary.

THE FOUR STUDENT Senate chairmanships open in the election are those of the Student Welfare Committee, Student Life Committee, Public Relations Committee

and the Issues Committee.

Juniors and seniors with a 1.5 over-all grade point ratio are eligible for the chairmanships. Students who will be seniors in the fall are eligible for student body president and parliamentarian, while next year's juniors may file for the vice president post. Fall sophomores are eligible for recording secretary. All students seeking student body posts must have a 1.5 over-all grade point ratio.

Juniors and seniors with a 1.25 grade point ratio are eligible for Civilian Yell Leader.

Students Fret As Splash Day Made A Month

GALVESTON—Splash Day is no more—or at least Galveston city fathers and Chamber of Commerce officials say too. In place of the oft rowdy beach and beer celebration, usually held each year about the first of May, the Isle City is sponsoring what it is calling "Splash Month."

The move is an attempt to eliminate trouble such as the riots two years ago, which sent more than 500 students to jail.

THE OFFICIAL kick-off for "Splash Month" has been set for next Wednesday, with more activities spaced later in the week. Last year an estimated 150,000 persons jammed the island.

In protest to the move by Galveston officials, a letter signed by Ronald C. Dunlap of the Southwest Association of College Students has been circulated among college students in Texas. The organization, which lists its address only as Houston, calls on all students to gather in Galveston May 3-5.

Dunlap's letter said:

"WE BELIEVE that there is a lot to be learned by association with our fellow students from the many colleges and universities of this part of the country. So this year we have decided to organize an association to coordinate student activities on the beaches of Texas in view that the authorities have decided to do away with such a program."

The letter outlines activities: "The days' activities will center around small groups on the beach, singing and enjoying the company of other students. As the day grows old, lights began to fade, then new life will start with the oncoming night."

Exes Plan Seniors' Dinner April 29; Speaker Named

The Association of Former Students will host all graduating members of the Class of 1963 at a banquet to be held April 29 in the dining room annex of Sbis Hall.

This will be the third year that the Association of Former Students has treated seniors to a free steak dinner.

All members of the Class of '63 who will graduate in May, August or February have been invited to attend, said J. B. Hervey, executive director of the association.

L. F. PETERSON, Ft. Worth oil man and president of the association, will be a speaker at the supper. Hervey said that names of other speakers will be announced later. Peterson is a member of the Class of '36.

According to the arrangements committee for the banquet, complimentary tickets will be necessary for admission to the affair.

The number of tickets is limited to 1,200 because of dining hall facilities. Each future graduate has been requested to pick up his ticket for the stag supper before noon next Thursday.

PURPOSE OF the complimentary tickets is to provide dining hall personnel with an estimate of the number of persons who plan to attend.

Graduating seniors have been asked by the association to complete and leave with the association office a form which will be used to place each member in active membership with the Association of Former Students.

"It is hoped that each member of the graduating class will attend this special dinner to be given for them in order that they can be officially welcomed as members of, and better informed about, our association," Hervey said.