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Ranger Dies After Short Illness

Panelists Analyze SE Asia

Former Ambassador Kenneth T. Young, speaking on a panel of Southeast Asian experts, said Thursday night America should not overlook the possibility of eventual negotiations with Communist China to guarantee the security of the democratic nations of Southeast Asia.

Young told delegates to the eleventh Student Conference on National Affairs the United States should also seek more active participation in Viet Nam by the United Nations.

"We should encourage the United Nations to set up a commission to aid in peace aims for Southeast Asia," he said.

Other panelists at the SCONA XI third plenary session were Congressman Olin E. Teague of College Station; Col. A. N. Griffiths, member of the British Embassy Staff in Washington, and Gen. Paul Harkins (ret.), commander of American forces in Viet Nam from 1962-64.

Harkins reviewed achievements of the American forces in Viet Nam while serving in a non-combat role during his tour of duty.

"We were advisors and had no combat troops in Viet Nam, and we were doing well," he noted.

"We built 170 airfields, increased economic aid, built up the Vietnamese Air Force and Navy and retrained the whole army."

But a false report to President Kennedy that nothing had changed in Viet Nam for seven years, and a Buddhist uprising in Hue damaged American success and contributed to the toppling of the Ngo Dinh Diem regime, he added.

While pointing out the abundance of ethnic groups make independence virtually impossible, Harkins backed the American commitment in South Viet Nam.

Griffiths, who participated in the campaign against Malayan terrorists from 1954-58, said Britain's current conflict in Malaysia is fast approaching the American situation in Viet Nam.

"We are in Borneo as the guests of the Malaysian government," he explained, "and if we were asked to leave we would legally be required to do so."

Teague, who moderated the panel, briefed the audience on his recent inspection tour of Southeast Asia and praised the job done by American forces there.

"If every American were to see what I saw there wouldn't be one demonstration or draft card burner in the United States," he said.



HOME, SWEET HOME ... Ranger lived here when not chasing cars.

President's Dog Campus Legend

By GLENN DROMGOOLE
Battalion Editor

Ranger—campus dog, student's friend and A&M President Earl Rudder's pet—died Thursday in the College of Veterinary Medicine Small Animal Clinic. He was eight years old and a campus legend.

Dr. E. W. Ellett, associate professor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery, pronounced the animal dead at 5:20 p. m. after Ranger failed to respond to surgery for serious kidney infection discovered Wednesday afternoon.

President Rudder was notified of the dog's death shortly after 7 p. m. while the Texas A&M administrator was attending second day sessions of the eleventh Student Conference on National Affairs.

Burial services will be at 5:15 today in front of the Rudders home.

The A&M student body paid the bulldog a tribute when his death was announced immediately before the A&M-University of Houston basketball game Thursday night.

A fund to buy a gravestone for the campus dog was initiated by The Battalion and Yell Leaders. Contributions will be collected at the Student Publications Office in the YMCA Building basement.

The sudden illness and death of Ranger, somewhat of a combination campus hero and jester, shocked both students and university staff members.

"He loved you Aggies," Rudder told a group of students in the Memorial Student Center, site of SCONA XI sessions.

The pet bulldog, who made the entire A&M campus his home, was named for the Ranger battalion Rudder commanded during World War II. He was the Rudder's second Ranger. The first one died shortly before the family's arrival in College Station in 1958.

Being the university's president's pet gained Ranger nicknames of "Earl" and "Rudder" among students.

The dog was a vital part of campus life. His greatest claim to fame resulted from an unprecedented car-stopping procedure that awed many an A&M guest and never ceased to amuse the student body.

Unscheduled appearances in classrooms and dormitories and more regular appearances in Sbis and Duncan Dining Halls kept Aggies aware of his contribution to the lighter side of A&M life.

He was, in most quarters, the unofficial Aggie mascot, and was recently endorsed by The Battalion for the official position after the Student Senate announced plans to begin training a replacement for Reveille, the school's official mascot.

The Battalion also adopted the dog as its candidate for the 1964



BULLDOG GROWL ... tenacious expression gone from campus.

Presidential election. Praising his "bulldog tenacity" and "unquestionable moral integrity," The Battalion light-heartedly backed Ranger for the position and practically made him a staff member.

A new editor's wife made the dog an outfit with large letters proclaiming "I read Batt editorials." The newspaper also ran a picture of Ranger and an editor checking election returns on Nov. 2, 1964, when President Lyndon B. Johnson won a landslide victory over Sen. Barry Goldwater and The Battalion's candidate.

Sciences Academy Names A&M Prof President-Elect

Dr. Sidney O. Brown, head of the radiation biology laboratory and professor of biology at Texas A&M, was named president-elect of the Texas Academy of Sciences today.

Announcement was made at the annual Academy meeting in Dallas.

Dr. Robbin C. Anderson of Texas became president after serving as president-elect for last year. Brown will move into the position at the next meeting of the Academy.

A&M will be the site of the next meeting, March 16-18, 1967. No annual meeting is scheduled in 1966 because the date was switched from fall to spring.

Election results of the 900-member Academy were announced by Lawrence Curtis, chairman of the elections committee. Brown and Dr. Clark Hubbs, professor of biology at the University of Texas, were candidates for the presidency on the ballot.

A member of the Academy since 1933, Brown served as secretary-treasurer, on the Board of Directors and as biological sciences vice president of the state organization. The Academy covers six disciplines including chemistry, physics, biology, earth, environmental and social sciences. It is the largest scientific group in the United States.

Except for four years in the Army Medical Corps, Brown has been at A&M since 1936. He acquired BA and Ph.D. degrees at Texas in 1932 and 1936. The new Academy official retired from the Army in 1963 with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

He was appointed head of the radiation biology laboratory in 1958 in addition to biology professorial duties.

At A&M, Brown has received research grants from the National Science Foundation, Army Research and Development Command, National Institute of Health and Atomic Energy Commission totalling \$1 million.

Recent research by him delves into the effects of low intensity radiation on animal subjects. Rats and the effect of radiation on their reproduction, longevity, fertility, nutrition and nervous systems have been his special area of interest.

Brown has written or collaborated in 33 scientific publications. He holds membership in the Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine, Radiation Research Society, American Nuclear Society, American Society of Zoology, American Association for Advancement of Science, Sigma Xi and Phi Kappa Phi. He is listed by American Men of Science and Who's Who in American Education.

Freshmen Decide 9 Of 13 Posts In Thursday's Poll

By MIKE BERRY
Battalion Staff Writer

In one of the best attended class elections in recent years, freshmen decided Thursday nine of thirteen class offices.

Runoff elections Dec. 16 will decide president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and Social Secretary.

Positions to the Election Commission and Student Senate were decided by the 901 freshmen who voted.

The five winners in the race for Election Commission are: Robin Alan Young (261), Stephen A. Collins (233), Gary Lynn Davis (261), Jerry Tilden Northcutt (212) and Walter L. Riggs (240).

Freshmen elected to the Student Senate are: William R. Howell (221), Thomas Glen Garter (176), Larry B. McWhorter (165) and Benjamin J. Sims (123).

Harris Pappas, Election commission chairman, was pleased with the "very good turnout."

"It shows," he said, "the interest of the Class of '69 has by the large filing and voting."

This year voting machines were located in the lower level of the Memorial Student Center. Pappas said election proceedings in the basement worked very smoothly, and are a great improvement over the past arrangements.

SCONA Event Schedule

FRIDAY

- 6-7:30 p.m. Buffet Supper (MSC Ballroom)
- 8-10 p.m. Fourth Plenary Session (MSC Ballroom) Reception following address (Assembly and Birch Room)

SATURDAY

- 7:30-8:30 a.m. Coffee and Informal Discussion (Serpentine Lounge)
- 8:30-11:15 a.m. Sixth Round-Table Meeting
- 12 noon Luncheon Roundup Address (MSC Ballroom)

Delegates Praise SCONA Organization, Objectives



DIANE DOWLING
Senior, University of Houston
It's one of the best organized conferences I have ever seen. I was amazed. We haven't decided anything but we discussed quite a few things. However, I don't think we came to make any decisions. I'm glad to see I wasn't the only one with the opinions that I have.



LINDA EDWARDS
Senior, Baylor University
It's extremely affective in informing the youth and exchanging ideas on the important issues. I'm impressed with the presentation of the pro and the con, the way that the con has been taken and looked at objectively. The Roundtable discussions are thought provoking in that they bring out the views of various segments of the population.



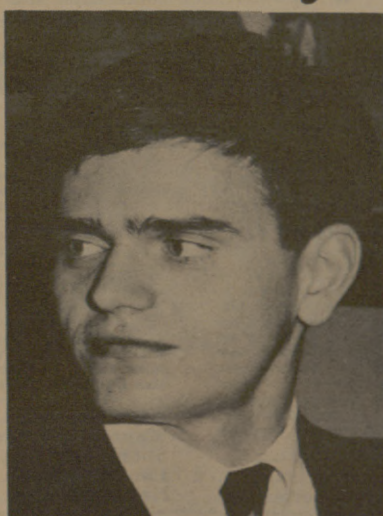
KATRINA WEH KING
Senior, Southern Methodist University
I've liked the speakers. Dr. Wurfel brought out points that had not been brought out before. The feelings of the majority of delegates I've talked to has been pro-administration. The participation of A&M's international delegates has been valuable. I enjoy the exchange of ideas from the many schools represented.



JUDY BALDRIDGE
Senior, University of Arkansas
As an English major, I don't feel that I've been able to contribute anything significant, but I've certainly learned a great deal. The organization of the conference, the participation of the A&M students and the high caliber of speakers have all impressed me greatly.



KAY BOX
Junior, Baylor University
It's an excellent opportunity for university students interested in world affairs to come together and discuss their opinions. By discussing these ideas one could not expect the groups to come to one decision, but more important, each can arrive at a more definite concept of the problem backed up by facts.



CID SUTORIS
Senior, University of Arkansas
All in all SCONA is doing a good job of acquainting students with the issues of Southeast Asia. Perhaps the only real problem is the reshaping of the same points of view. I have heard only a few ideas which were new to me. This situation is probably the result of the large amount of coverage the American press has given to it.



JIM GARDNER
Senior, West Point
I feel quite at home here. And as for the conference itself I find it very enlightening and very comprehensive. I feel that the greatest benefit of the conference is the exposure that students with civilian background and those of military background get from each others' views.