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COEDS MAKE BONFIRE PLANS

Plans for serving coffee around the clock in the stacking area during bonfire were discussed by an informal coed committee which included from left, Ed Cooper, director of civilian student activities, Mrs. Lorene Roby, coed adviser, Candy Parker and Anne Carter. (Photo by W. R. Wright)

Vietnam Youth, 12, Finds 33-Member 'Family' Here

A Vietnamese youth, 12-year-old Do Thanh Quang of Saigon, lost eight members of his family last spring but gained 33 more in September.

He was adopted last year by Squadron 5. The AFROTC unit "adoption" was through the Christian Children's Fund, an international organization which promotes help for needy children. Do likes the idea of his squadron "family."

"I thought I had only one sponsor and did not realize that instead, there are 60 sponsors to look after me," he wrote the Squadron 5 cadets. "From now on, my life should be much happier and brighter."

Through the unit sponsorship, the youngster in Saigon is provided food, clothing, school books and other necessities. The A&M unit commanded by Cadet Maj. Stephen B. Maddox of Pampa also sends along gifts at Christmas, a current project of the squadron's 33 freshmen.

Squadron 5 graduated eight seniors last spring.

"The sponsorship is sort of a freshman project each year," explained William K. Ohlmeyer of Yazoo City, Miss. "Our freshmen liked the idea of sponsoring Do when we told them about it. They're getting together a letter introducing themselves, a unit picture and 'T' shirt to send him."

Communication is slow, noted Ohlmeyer, a junior aerospace engineering major.

"We mailed a letter last November and didn't get a reply until February," he said.

Squadron 5 went through further uncertainty of its ward's welfare last spring during the Vietnam Saigon offensive.

"I wrote the CCF headquarters in Richmond, Va., twice a week trying to find out something," Ohlmeyer added.

"We later found out the or-

phanage was bombed and all the kids were scattered for a while. Some of the advisors who worked there were captured. Several weeks later we received a letter that they were all back together."

Do and a brother live with his 70-year-old grandfather, a retired pastor, and after school carries water, cooks meals, washes clothes and sweeps the house.

"These kids don't understand the war and haven't any choice in it," Ohlmeyer pointed out. "We feel it's sort of up to us to help out the best way we can."

"One of these days, most of us in Squadron 5 will be in Vietnam and Saigon. We'll have someone to see," he went on.

Do will likely be the only kid running around in an Aggie "T" shirt.

Coordinating Board Authorizes Geography Department Here

Texas A&M has been authorized by the Texas College and University System Coordinating Board to form a separate geography department offering a full slate of degrees, announced Dr. Earl F. Cook, acting geosciences dean.

The university currently operates a geology and geography department offering several geography courses but no degrees in the field.

Dr. Cook noted the Coordinating Board's action was unusual in that it will allow the new department to offer initially all three academic degrees—bachelor's, master's and Ph.D.

United Chest Drive Nets \$6,000 In First Week of Campaign

'Experimenter' Brings Picnic To West Germany

The German tourist center of Bad Salzuffen took another step toward Westernization last summer with introduction of the American picnic.

Other cultural exchanges and increased understanding between the United States and Germany came about as the result of the Experiment in International Living, which sent A&M student Frank Tilley to Europe for two months.

"Germany and Berlin are very Western," observed the senior industrial engineering major. "I tried to speak German to them and they conversed in English."

ONE OF five A&M Experimenters who traveled in Russia, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and West Germany, Tilley became a member of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Georg Schirmack of Bad Salzuffen, a resort city on the autobahn between Cologne and Hannover.

The EIL program is one of international goodwill based on the premise that one best understands another people and their culture by living among them as members of a family.

"If I had been able to pick another family, I couldn't have selected one I'd have liked more," remarked Tilley, a resident of Jacksonville.

The Schirmack's two children, Manfred 17 and Karin 10, struck quick friendships with the summer EIL visitor.

THEY MADE many excursions through the Bad Salzuffen-Herford area with other Experimenters in the region.

"We walked almost everywhere we went," noted Tilley. "We averaged four to five miles a day and often took a picnic lunch. It took awhile to sell them on the idea of a picnic, though."

Mrs. Schirmack, whose husband is a brick mason and owns a 25-room boarding house popular with German tourists from Berlin, tried the picnic idea in the living room of their home first.

"We once ate on the steps of

Sbisa To Get New System For Messages

To provide "better communications to the civilian students," David Wilks, president of the Civilian Student Council, has appointed Garry Mauro as student coordinator of a committee to operate the public address system of Sbisa Hall.

The new program for student announcements is a result of discussions with Col. Fred Dollar, director of Food Services. Due to a shortage of dining hall staff, effective use of the system put a strain on workers in Sbisa because of the lengthy meal hours.

All proposed announcements must be delivered in writing to Howard Perry, room 8 in the YMCA, for approval. If possible, announcements should be submitted one day prior to broadcasting.

Mauro, junior yell leader and a civilian, will operate with a student committee of four responsible for making announcements on the system. Individual members will pick up approved announcements from Perry on a daily basis and before noon, schedules permitting.

The committee chairmen will be responsible for rotating the key to the office where the PA system is located. He will also be in charge of instructing committee members in the use of the system.

Announcements will be brief and consist of only what would be of widespread interest to the students, such as Silver Taps, bonfire coordination, yell practice, student election information, and university social and recreational events, Mauro said. Announcements will be approved for broadcasting for one day only under most circumstances.

During non-office hours, the committee chairman may approve urgent announcements, such as a change in time or location of yell practice or the cancellation of major events.



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a city's town hall," remarked Tilley. The former A&M camera committee chairman said Bad Salzuffen's Kurpark (tourist park) included a large wooded tract with hiking trails, an amusement area and other park features common in the U. S., except picnic tables.

Jaunts also included a five-day visit in Berlin, an overnight bus-boat trip to the Island of Helgoland in the North Sea and a 17-day bus trip into Southern Germany's Alps.

"THE TRIP to Helgoland was by bus to Bremen where we spent the night in a lavish hotel and then on to Bremerhaven. A 1,900-passenger boat took us to the island. We returned by the same route and it cost us 58 marks (about \$15) apiece," Tilley said.

The Germans are very generous, he noted. The Schirmacks sent along gifts for Frank, his parents, brother, sister-in-law and niece.

"They wouldn't let me pay for the weekend to the North Sea," he added.

Tilley, who studied German at EIL headquarters in Vermont before the summer tour started, said a three-day photo course at the Leitz factory in Wetzlar "did more for my German than anything else."

"THE INSTRUCTOR, who had the remarkable name of Herr Kraut, said everything twice, in English and German," he said.

"Germans I talked with knew quite a bit about the United States," he added. "Manfred keeps up with American and English popular music by listening avidly to British Armed Forces radio."

"I studied politics and government extensively before going over," Tilley smiled. "I should have been reading 'Billboard'."

Pool Closing Date Will Be Delayed

Wofford Cain Swimming Pool is remaining open past the announced closing date, according to Dr. Carl W. Landiss, head of the Health and Physical Education Department.

Dr. Landiss said the pool will be open from 4-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday until further notice.

WEATHER

Thursday—Partly cloudy, winds Southerly 5 to 10 mph. High 76, low 66.

Friday — Partly cloudy, winds Northerly 10 to 15 mph. High 74, low 58.

Kickoff at Waco — 74°, Southwesterly winds 10 mph. Humidity 40%.

College Station's United Chest fund-raising drive netted nearly \$6,000 during the first week and is rapidly gaining momentum, noted Edwin H. Fenner, campaign chairman.

Fenner, assistant director of Texas A&M's Engineering Experiment Station, said first-week contributions totaled \$5,857.06, or 21 per cent of the \$27,500 goal.

HE POINTED OUT, however, that "turn-ins" are increasing regularly each day and now running about twice as high as during the first days of the campaign.

"We don't envision any problem in reaching the goal," Fenner remarked. "It simply takes time to get things going."

A&M President Earl Rudder and College Station Mayor D. A. (Andy) Anderson have both endorsed the drive and urged maximum participation by all residents.

The United Chest's record budget this year will support 16 charitable and civic agencies, three more than in 1967.

SHARING AGENCIES and amounts they will receive:

College Station Community House, Inc., \$2,500; College Station Recreation Council, \$2,500; Boy's Club of America (Bryan), \$3,000; Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center, \$3,000; Brazos County Counseling Service, \$2,500; Salvation Army, \$1,350.

Girl Scouts Area Council, \$2,800; Boy Scouts of America, \$3,000; American Red Cross, \$3,500; Texas United Fund, \$100; United Service Organization (USO), \$300; Traveler's Aid of America, \$50; United Cerebral Palsy of Texas, Inc., \$200; Girl's Club of Brazos County, \$1,500; and Texas Association of Mental Health, \$450.

JOINING with Fenner in spearheading the drive are Joe Sawyer, Jack Bradshaw, W. Taylor Riedel and Dr. Luther Jones.

APOCampusChest Collects \$1100, With \$7500 Goal

The Campus Chest campaign of the Student Senate Welfare Committee has collected \$1,100, Bill Faulkner, president of Xi Delta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, reported Tuesday.

The money has come from dormitory drives and contributions placed in barrels at each gate of Kyle Field at home football games.

Leading in donations, according to Faulkner, were Company F-1, leading in total donations, and Company D-1, leading in per capita donations.

"A campus chest sweetheart will be selected from nominees of the units and dorms," Faulkner said, adding that the nominee of the unit or dorm with the highest per capita will be selected as the Campus Chest Sweetheart.

"We were pleased with how successful the first two games were, but we hope for a larger donation at the Arkansas game," Faulkner said.

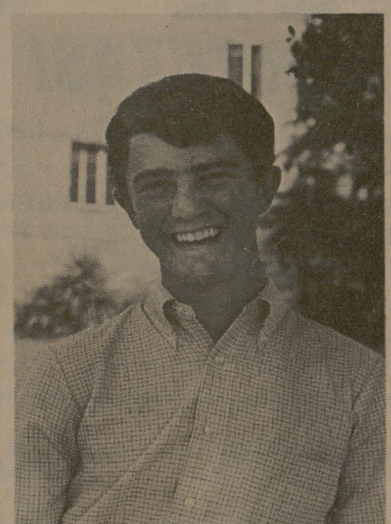
The Inquiring Battman

University - College Ave. Intersection: What Should Be Done?



DAVID BAKER Junior

"I think traffic lights should be put up, but during the rush hours a patrolman would still be necessary to control the flow of traffic."



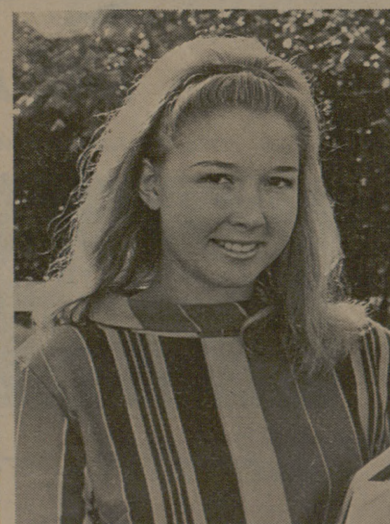
BILL HAMILTON Freshman

"I think it is a traffic hazard because too many people are in a hurry when they pass through the intersection. The addition of a stop light would be a big help."



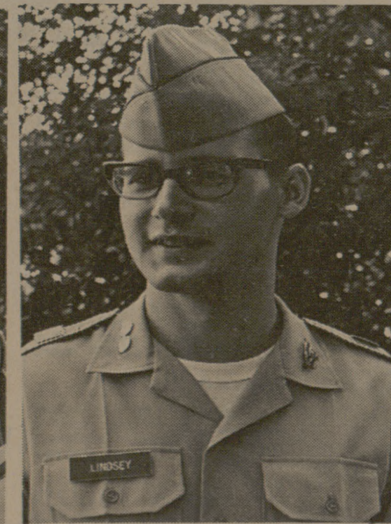
ROBERT MACK Graduate Student

"Although I've been here a year, I haven't heard of any collisions at the intersection. Therefore, I don't think it is a traffic hazard, as long as there is a traffic patrolman to direct traffic during rush hours."



JAN ONDROVIK Junior

"I really don't think it's a hazard as long as people drive carefully."



DWAYNE LINDSEY Senior

"I think it does create a traffic hazard. Installation of a stop light would probably solve this problem."



JIM McDONALD Senior

"I think the flow of traffic is better with the four way stop. During rush hours a traffic patrolman controls the intersection and during non-rush hours most people drive courteously."



CUTRIS FUCHS Junior

"I think it's a traffic hazard and the addition of a stop light would help solve the problem." (All photos by W. R. Wright)