



A&M Seeking NBC Film On Corps' ROTC Program

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Efforts are underway to secure the National Broadcasting Company newsfeature on the A&M Corps of Cadets, which has not yet been shown on television in this area.

Dean of Students James P. Hannigan explained Tuesday that the report on ROTC programs was shown nationally on Feb. 26 as the second part of the Huntley-Brinkley newscast. Most Texas television stations subscribed to only the first half hour of the one-hour telecast.

"The Huntley-Brinkley news usually runs a full hour outside Texas, but here the local stations

use the second half hour for local news," Hannigan said.

HANNIGAN POINTED out that efforts are being made to obtain the video tape from NBC for replay on the NBC station that serves the Bryan-College Station area, and perhaps the NBC stations throughout the state.

"Jim Lindsey (director of University Information) is trying to find out which stations, if any, showed the tape in Texas; and if those stations still have the video tape of the newsfeature," Hannigan commented.

"Col. Jim H. McCoy (Corps Commandant) is trying through the Pentagon to get the film

down here," he added.

The dean of students said the newscast brought response from all over the country in the form of phone calls and letters.

"AFTER THE show, I received many letters, most of them very complimentary," he remarked.

He said that only a very few were derogatory towards ROTC or the university. At one extreme, he said, was a typewritten note mailed from Fontana, Calif., and addressed to "The Little Tin Soldiers, Texas Asinine and Mediocre Institute, College Station, Texas." Hannigan said the Post Office delivered the letter because the correct zip code was on the envelope.

The note read in part: "Like the earth, simply get away and look back. The as is back chasing the deer out of the scrub oaks. Surely no pride in being from the idiot (sic) state. Take a look, you might learn something. Doubtful."

THE LETTER was signed by "Former Dupe."

At the other extreme, Hannigan said, was a letter from an insurance executive in Illinois. The letter praised A&M and said in part:

"You will never be fully aware of the tremendous admiration created for Texas A&M by the recent television short showing military activity there."

"You, your staff and student body are to be especially congratulated. That program could not fail to make a friend of every adult who saw it," the letter concluded.

Hannigan added that in his telephone conversations with people who saw the newscast, he learned that the anti-ROTC tape segment filmed in front of the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross Feb. 13 was not included in the feature shown on the NBC national telecast.

Marrieds Need To Cultivate Feelings Of Communication

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To resolve the many marital problems rising from the current trend in husband-wife role equality, couples must cultivate a "communication of feelings."

Dr. Robert Ledbetter, University of Texas at Austin professor and marriage counselor, said Tuesday at the second YMCA Marriage Forum that love is essential in improving poor communication of feelings.

"Man is a lonely creature who wants to be accepted and understood. Love brings acceptance and understanding; and understanding brings sensitivity and affection," Dr. Ledbetter said.

"ONLY when this foundation is achieved does the couple have sufficient knowledge of each other to be able to, and to want to, communicate their feelings to one another."

The problems which arise from this communication failure, according to Dr. Ledbetter, are coming to light now due to the trend in role equality.

"Where once man was the patriarch, the undisputed authority of the family, he is now an equal member of a partnership," Dr. Ledbetter said. "The woman no longer blindly follows the man's orders."

"NOT UNTIL 15 years ago did the Victorian husband-wife roles begin to be questioned. This was due to the inter-racial, religious and cultural marriages resulting from World War II. But it was also due to the better transportation, education and time-saving home devices available to women. These allowed them to venture from the home and the home-maker role."

As a result of this, the line of demarcation between husband and wife roles has become ragged, Dr. Ledbetter said. Although the roles remain primarily the same,

the wife has become a secondary provider and the husband a secondary homemaker.

"Victorian attitudes have been discarded," Dr. Ledbetter said. "The woman must now accept both her husband's masculinity and her femininity. That is, she, and her husband, too, must be a lover in addition to a sexual partner; and each must like being an equal partner in love and sex."

"Making marriage meaningful means reaching and accepting these equalitarian standards of marriage, accepting these equalitarian standards facilitates the resolution of the many marital problems involving sex, income, social interests, in-laws and religion."

"Don't forget, though, that these problems arise from and may hide the real problem, which has already been discussed — the failure to communicate feelings," Dr. Ledbetter concluded.

Aggies, Tessies To Swap Ideas In Manners Panels

A&M and Texas Woman's University students will swap dating and mating ideas in six YMCA "Man Your Manners" panels during the spring semester.

First of the panel presentations will be Monday at 7:30 p.m., announced Logan Weston, YMCA general secretary and religious life coordinator. It will be held in TWU's Student Union Building.

Kicking off the six-week exchange program during which Aggies will speak at TWU, and the Tessies in Aggieland, will be

four Texas youths.

They are Ed Donnell, Freeport; Bill Mahomes, Lindale; Jim Stephenson, Houston, and Richard Hodge, Pledger.

A second team will be at TWU March 24 and a final group on April 10. The latter meeting will be held in the Academic Center Building.

The girls will make their first appearance at A&M April 16, followed by visits April 23 and 30. Among the exchange students from TWU are Kathy Heldman, last year's sweetheart, and Annella Wright, the current Aggie Sweetheart.

"Man Your Manners" is one of numerous YMCA programs offered in a Christian context.

Panelists will discuss everything from "getting acquainted to wedding responsibilities," Weston said.

A&M Speaker Policy Questioned At Forum

Students Ask About Housing For Coeds

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The question of why political speakers and organizations are not allowed on campus was raised Tuesday night during the Student Forum, a "gripe session" sponsored by the Civilian Student Council.

Coeducational housing, on and off campus, also drew a fair share of discussion from the participants in the session.

The Forum is an idea that grew out of last fall's Idea Exchange Conference at A&M. It was first mentioned in the Senate, and taken to the Civilian Student Council by Bill Holt, Council vice-president. When the Senate "appeared reluctant to act," according to Holt, the CSC went ahead with plans of their own.

Panel members were Garry Mauro, junior yell leader and Forum Committee chairman, speaking on student menu committees; David Maddox, Senate vice-president, student-administration relations; Andy Scott, Walton Hall president, residence hall programs; Ernie Godsey, Hughes Hall president, laundry problems; and Kirby Brown, freshman class president, freshman problems.

Charles Castine, vice-president of the off-campus Afro-American Society, rose to ask panelist Maddox why the Senate "didn't stop beating its gums and do something about the issue of political speakers on campus?"

CASTINE charged that the university administration turned down a Senate request on the matter "because it was image-conscious and afraid of losing money from the state legislature."

"Why can't the Student Senate confront the administration now," he asked, "and convince them that civilians are not equal to the Corps; that we can foster political thought, political action, and can have political organizations on the campus?"

"I agree that the current ruling is wrong," Maddox replied. "If the Senate can do anything, it will act. We've voted a change in university regulations which, if approved, will have a committee composed of students, faculty, and administration decide whether an organization or speaker should be allowed."

"President Rudder told me two weeks ago," another student added, "that even if a majority of



AT THE TOWN HALL EXHIBIT
Mark Fairchild explains a point concerning Town Hall to one of the thousand freshmen and sophomores attending the Memorial Student Center Directorate spring personnel drive Tuesday. See story, page 3. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Speedway Meeting Raises Some City Resident Dissent

By STEVE BROWN
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Advocates of the Texas International Speedway met some opposition Tuesday from Bryan-College Station residents at a meeting directed at informing residents of the new speedway to be built here by December, 1969.

C. H. Moneypenny, designer of International Speedway, and Ridley Briggs, president of the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce, spoke to about 50 people at the meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers at the Architecture Building.

There were a few residents of Bryan and College Station that apparently attended the meeting to voice their opposition to the speedway's construction.

A question of city progress came up when one woman in the audience asked if people would

"rather hear a cash register ringing or a bird singing." Answers to this question varied, one from the audience being, "bird singing won't feed my kids."

SOME RESIDENTS feared the possibility of a tax increase to help pay for improvements proposed for Easterwood Airport and area highways to help accommodate the thousands of people expected to attend the four races scheduled next year.

Moneypenny said that the speedway will be located eight miles south of College Station on Route 6 and Peachcreek Road. Peachcreek Road bridges will have to be improved, Briggs said, because they are too narrow to accommodate expected traffic. He added that the plans are underway to turn the road into a four lane highway to increase the accessibility to the speedway.

Moneypenny said that the own-

ers of International Speedways looked over five sites before choosing Bryan as the home of their new race track. Bryan was chosen because of its easy accessibility, its good location to facilitate track drainage and the general good weather of the area.

THE TRACK was not built near a larger city because people from only that area would come to the races, Moneypenny said. "The builders of the speedway believe that there will be sufficient attendance here to make the track a profitable deal."

Briggs said six to seven million dollars is expected to be spent in this area during the four races next year and, although much of this will go to the state, a great percentage is going to be spent in the cities.

"The economic condition of the Bryan-College Station area should improve considerably," he added.

When asked if Bryan and College Station had the facilities to accommodate 50,000 to 60,000 people, Briggs said that it did not, but that it did not really need it and "it would not be feasible to build these facilities."

He believed that most of the people coming to these races will stay in the larger cities and travel to Bryan on the day of the race.

"The speedway is easily accessible from almost anywhere except El Paso."

AS FOR THE speedway itself, "it is to be built with the safety of the spectator in mind," Moneypenny said. "This is to be done through the use of walls and fences which completely separate the cars and track from the spectators."

"Blind spots, places where the drivers cannot see what is going on ahead of them, have been eliminated from this track. Traffic lights have been installed and flagmen who are in constant contact with the administration tower are spaced all around the track."

The track has two different courses, Moneypenny added, a stock car course which is two miles long and a road course which is two and a half miles long. Top speed is about 175 miles per hour.

A&M-Drake Game To Be On KBTX

The Midwest Regional basketball game between A&M and Drake will be telecast Thursday on KBTX from the Kansas State Field House in Manhattan, Kansas.

A Channel 3 spokesman Tuesday told The Battalion that the telecast will be live and in color starting at 7 p.m.

HEW May Warn Demonstrators Of Federal Aid Ineligibility

WASHINGTON (AP)—A memorandum will be sent to the nation's colleges telling them some convicted campus demonstrators may not be eligible for federal aid, HEW Secretary Robert Finch told a congressional committee Monday.

Finch said, "The faculties, the administrations and the governing boards of these institutions have to stand up." He said his memo might give them "backbone."

Some 800,000 students receive federal grants and another 750,000 have bank loans guaranteed by the federal government—ap-

proximately one of every five collegians.

Finch, a university regent as lieutenant governor of California before appointment to head the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, made the statement during five hours of testimony before the House Education and Labor Committee.

Congress passed a rider on the 1969 appropriations bill barring federal aid to any student convicted of crimes such as those involved in the takeovers and disruptions of university buildings. Rep. Edith Green, D-Ore., told Finch Monday no student's aid had been cut off in the five months the rule has been in force.

Gobble, Gobble

The Battalion erroneously reported Tuesday that Paul Anderson, the "world's strongest man," will appear on campus Friday.

Anderson, with Ray Hildebrand, ex-pop singer and national staff member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Guion Hall.

Tickets for the program are free and available at the Athletic Business Office in G. Rollie White Coliseum and at area banks, Jerry Campbell, president of the A&M chapter of the FCA, said.

Although tickets are free, they are necessary to be admitted, Campbell added.

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"GRIPE-IN"
Hughes Hall President Ernie Godsey takes notes as David Maddox, vice-president of the Student Senate explains a phase of Senate activity to the estimated 50 people attending the first Student Forum sponsored by the Civilian Student Council. Listening in the audience are CSC Presi-