

## Jury of 6 convicts Calley of 22 civilian murders

FT. BENNING, Ga. (AP) — Lt. William Calley was convicted Monday of the premeditated murder of 22 Vietnamese civilians at My Lai three years ago. He is the first American veteran of Vietnam to be held responsible for the My Lai massacre. Calley stood ramrod straight as the verdict was read, then snapped a salute to the jury foreman. He was flanked by his military and civilian lawyers. A half-hour after the verdict was announced, military police escorted him to the post stockade. "Take my word for it, the boys crushed," his civilian attorney, George Latimer said, as they left the courtroom. He was placed in quarters separate from those of enlisted men, and will be returned to the courtroom at 9 a.m. Tuesday when the sentencing phase of the court-martial begins. The jury now must decide whether to sentence Calley to life imprisonment or death. Calley was convicted of killing one person at a trail intersection, 20 at a ditch where he admitted firing six or eight bullets, the death of a man in the and of assault on a child believed to be about 2 years old. He had been charged with the deaths of 102 Vietnamese men, women and children. Calley was notified that a ver-

dict was ready by an Army officer who went to his bachelor apartment on the post. "They're finally ready," he said. He was tense when he arrived at the courtroom, but smiled at newsmen. "We're with you Calley" shouted a young blonde teenager in the crowd of about 100 persons who watched Calley escorted to the two-room cell at the stockade. Capt. Ernest Medina, Calley's superior officer at My Lai who also faces court-martial on murder charges, could not be reached for comment at Ft. McPherson in Atlanta. His military counsel, Capt. Mark Kadish, said Medina would have no statement until Tuesday. To convict Calley, the jury needed only the concurrence of four of the six members of the panel. But in the sentencing phase, it will require the vote of all six members for the death sentence. And the agreement of five members is needed for a life sentence. The jury members remain sequestered for the sentencing phase and no one is permitted to question them. After the verdict, Calley's 70-year-old attorney George Latimer, told newsmen: "I think it is a horrendous decision for the United States

America and the United States Army." The assault on My Lai was March 16, 1968, but the story of what happened at the little village was veiled from public view for another 20 months. Twenty-five originally were charged; two were acquitted in courts-martial, three still face trial and the rest were exonerated through administrative action. News of the My Lai atrocities was kept secret within the American Division for more than a year. But on Sept. 5, 1969, Calley was indicted—one day before he was scheduled to be discharged from the Army after two tours of duty in Vietnam. Calley went to trial last Nov.

12 on the same infantry post where he won his gold second lieutenant's bars at Officer Candidate's School on Sept. 7, 1967—six months before My Lai. The case went to the jury of one colonel, four majors and one captain March 16—the third anniversary of My Lai. Star government witness at the trial was Paul Meadlo, 23. More than a year after My Lai on a national television program, his blunt admission that he himself killed unarmed Vietnamese at My Lai shocked the nation. Later at Calley's trial, he took the witness stand, only after being granted immunity from prosecution. Meadlo told the jury that about 30 villagers were rounded up and

taken to the intersections of two trails in My Lai. He quoted Calley as telling him "I want them dead." Side-by-side, Meadlo continued, he and Calley mowed down the captives with M16 rifle bullets. Meadlo said he and Calley proceeded through the village, emerging from its eastern edge at the drainage ditch, where more villagers were being collected by GIs. "We got another job to do Meadlo," Calley was quoted as saying. Then, Meadlo testified, the two of them fired round upon round into the ditch, until it ran red with blood of the screaming villagers.



OH NO! or some other similar feeling must be running through the minds of Aggie tracksters Curtis Mills, (front) and Willie Blackmon, as they miss the exchange of baton for the anchor leg of the mile relay Saturday night. Fortunately, the Aggies won the meet without it. For story see page 5. (Photo by Phillip Bielamowicz)

## PF topic marijuana law

Discussion on making first possession of marijuana offenses a misdemeanor will be presented Wednesday in a Political Forum noon series program. State Rep. Raul L. Longoria of Pharr will be featured in the Forum address and question-answer period, announced Forum Chairman Charles R. Hoffman. The noon-hour meeting site will be

Rooms 2A, B, C, and D of the Memorial Student Center. Longoria has introduced a bill that would lower the penalty for first possession of marijuana to a misdemeanor. His Austin office said Monday the legislation (House Bill 549) is now in Criminal Jurisprudence Committee. A hearing has been requested, but not yet granted. Longoria, 50, also co-sponsored, with Rep. Mike Moncrief of Fort Worth, House Bill 187 which allows a person under 21 years of age to commit himself for and get treatment for drug addiction. Under previous law, such permis-

sion required parents' consent. House Bill 187 has been signed into law. In his fifth consecutive term in the House, Longoria has served six terms. Longoria chairs the House Agriculture Committee and serves on Appropriations, Labor, Rules and Judiciary Committees. He is the Place 1 representative of District 47, encompassing Hidalgo County, Rio Grande River-bordered and second southernmost county. His district is across from Reynosa, one of the three major border crossing points into Texas.

## Governor to speak at inaugural lunch

Gov. Preston Smith will be featured speaker April 16 at the inaugural luncheon for Dr. Jack K. Williams following his formal installation as president of Texas A&M University. Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes and Speaker of the House Gus Mutscher also will join in the ceremonies honoring Williams. Announcement of participation by the state's top three officials was made by Dr. Horace R. Byers, the university's academic vice president and chairman of its inaugural committee. Also attending will be Congressman Olin E. (Tiger) Teague. Dr. Byers said Governor Smith will extend greetings on behalf of the state at 10 a.m. ceremonies

in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Other state officials accepting invitations to Williams' inauguration include State Senators William T. (Bill) Moore, O. H. (Ike) Harris and Max Sherman and Representatives Bill Presnal, George Baker, Frank W. Calhoun, Forrest A. Harding, W. S. (Bill) Healy, Dan Kubiak, Menton Murray Jr., Joe Spurlock II and Bill T. Swanson. Succeeding the late Gen. Earl Rudder, Williams will be formally installed at 17th president of A&M and fourth president of the Texas A&M University System. Inaugural activities begin Thursday evening, April 15, with a concert and reception at Bryan Civic Auditorium and continue through Friday afternoon.

## Aggies win most awards in weekend photo salon

A&M photographers dominated the Intercollegiate Photo Salon contest Saturday, walking away with all the Best of Show honors and 25 first, second or third place awards. Robert W. Cox of A&M won the Best of Show, Black and White Photography ribbon for a portrait of a Negro boy from Bay, Texas. Judges declared a tie in the Best of Show, Color Photography. The winners are Aggies Robert C. Barker, for a portrait of A&M coed Cindy Weisinger Gilmer, and Dale Geffs, for a stained glass window still life. Mrs. Trudy Adam, Salon '71 chairman, said it was the first time A&M camera buffs had captured a majority of the salon honors. Ribbons were awarded in eight categories, five of them broken into black and white and color competition. Judges reviewed 87 entries. The judges were Prof. Joe Donaldson of the Texas A&M College of Architecture, Prof. Ross Strauder, head of the Journalism Department at the University of Houston, and Herman

Kelly, Texas Highway Department photographer from Austin. A&M won the top three awards in four areas and won at least one award in every division except color landscape. Best of Show winners received \$75, a plaque and ribbon. Other winners received ribbons. The Memorial Student Center Camera Committee sponsored Salon '71, open to members of photo groups sponsored by U. S. colleges and universities. The winners, by places, are: NATURE (color)—1, Eugene O'Neill, East Field College, Mesquite; 2, Robert W. Cox, TAMU; 3, Russell D. Autrey, TAMU. NATURE (b&w)—1, Trudy Adam, TAMU; 2, Jimmy Cammack, Stephen F. Austin State University; 3, Bruce Terry, Sam Houston State University. EXPERIMENTAL—1, Dan L. Philen, TAMU; 2, Ronald Rathert, TAMU; 3, James A. Edwards, TAMU. NEWS—1, Eugene O'Neill, East Field; 2, Jerry Meier, TAMU; 3, Eugene O'Neill. PICTORIAL (color)—1, Dale Geffs, TAMU; 2, Phillip Nelson, TAMU; 3, Clifton L. Moss, UH.

PICTORIAL (b&w)—1, Bruce Terry, SHSU; 2, John H. DeHaas, Jr., Montana State; 3, (tie) Russell D. Autrey, TAMU, and Cecelia J. Neason, SHSU. STILL LIFE—1, Dale Geffs, TAMU; 2, Russell Autrey, TAMU; 3, James A. Edwards, TAMU. PORTRAIT (color)—1, Robert C. Barker, TAMU; 2, Dale Geffs, TAMU; 3, Gregory S. Gray, TAMU. PORTRAIT (b&w)—Robert W. Cox, TAMU; 2, E. L. Thurston, TAMU; 3, Russell Autrey, TAMU. HUMAN INTEREST (color)—1, Robert C. Barker, TAMU; 2, Eugene O'Neill, East Field; 3, Glennon D. Johnson Jr., TAMU. HUMAN INTEREST (b&w)—1, Bruce Terry, SHSU; 2, John Templeton, SFASU; 3, (tie) James A. Edwards, TAMU, and Gregory S. Gray, TAMU. LANDSCAPE (color)—1, John N. DeHaas Jr., Montana State; 2, Ciro de la Vega Jr., SHSU; 3, Armand A. Ruhlman III, LSU. LANDSCAPE (b&w)—1, Thomas C. Gullette, TAMU; 2, Jimmy Cammack, SFASU; 3, Dan L. Philen, TAMU.



JUNIOR SWEETHEART, selected Saturday night at the Junior Ball, is Twyla Toler, 19, of Bryan. The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert W. Toler, Miss Toler is a freshman business administration major at Trinity University in San Antonio. She won over nine semifinalists. Miss Toler was escorted by Charles B. Moorhead. (Photo by Robert Barker)

## ROTC command for '71-'72 picked

Thomas M. Stanley of Mt. Pleasant and James A. Carey of Carrizo Springs have been named commander and deputy commander, respectively, of Texas A&M's 1971-72 Corps of Cadets. The two top cadet officers were announced Tuesday by Col. Jim H. McCoy, commandant, with approval of President Jack K. Williams and Dean of Students James P. Hannigan. Stanley, a junior political science major and corps sergeant major for the 1970-71 school year, will succeed Van H. Taylor of Temple as cadet colonel of the corps. A third-year industrial technology major, Carey will follow Thomas C. Bain of Dallas as deputy commander. Colonel McCoy congratulated Stanley and Carey and noted their work as top-ranking cadet officers begins immediately and will require time-and-a-half plus

commitment. "The competition was quite keen," the commandant remarked. "Any of the five final interviewees could qualify for the jobs." Selection of the 1971-72 corps staff and unit commanders will be the first tasks facing Stanley and Carey. Stanley, 21, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Stanley, Rt. 2, Mt. Pleasant. In addition to corps sergeant major duties this year, he is steering committee vice chairman for SCONA XVI, Wings and Sabers vice president and a member of the Ross Volunteers. He is an Army ROTC contract cadet. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Carey, Carrizo Springs, the deputy commander is a member of the Ross Volunteers, incumbent secretary for the Engineering Technology Society and assistant editor of The Engineer, College of Engineering magazine. Carey is a science-technology category contract cadet of the Air Force ROTC program.

## Blood drive goal over 500 pints

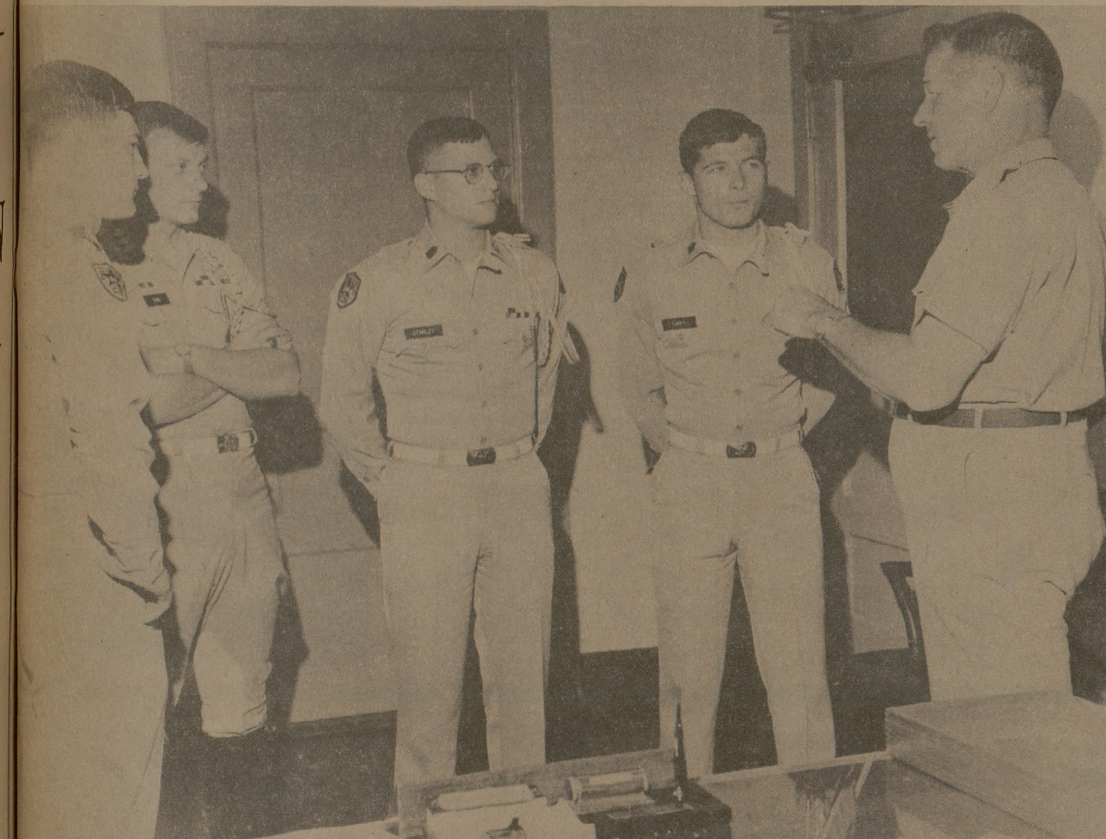
Aggies rolled up their sleeves for research and themselves today and will Wednesday in the annual Alpha Phi Omega-Student Senate blood drive. Students registered Wednesday and Thursday for the drive in conjunction with the Wadley Research Institute of Dallas. Officers of the Student Senate and Alpha Phi Omega noted, however, that non-registrants will be welcome to contribute. The operation will be under way from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center basement. APO spokesman Jimmy Craig of Brownfield said the one-day fall semester drive amounted to 250 pints. A minimum of 500 for the spring drive is expected, he added. Awards will be given to the best

civilian residence hall and best Cadet Corps unit in the drive, announced Charles Hicks, Senate welfare chairman. A plaque will be awarded on the basis of percentage contributions. Students who give in the drive receive an identification card that enables them or members of their immediate family to draw on the Wadley bank during the following year, should the need arise. Contributions aid in treatment and research on leukemia and other blood diseases. The first contributors Tuesday morning will push the A&M 13-year contribution total over the 5,000-pint mark. The A&M drive is the largest single drive of the year for the Wadley Institute.

## Student's suspension upheld by Disciplinary Appeals Panel

A&M's Disciplinary Appeals Panel Monday upheld the suspension of a sophomore who allegedly violated the university's regulation on marijuana. It was the first hearing of the seven-member panel organized last fall by Gen. A. R. Luedeker, then acting president, to determine if university regulations have been violated and proper punishment has been administered. Robert D. Runyon, 19, of Summit, N. J., was suspended March 23 by Dean of Students James P. Hannigan for violation of the marijuana regulation, Article 46 (5) (j). Runyon requested the open hearing with the appeals panel, the final appeal open to a student. Dr. Richard E. Wainderd is chairman of the five faculty members, two students panel. Voting is by secret ballot.

Runyon was arrested and charged by College Station police March 9 with alleged possession or marijuana. The arrest was made at a trailer park where Runyon lives. He has been indicted by the Brazos County Grand Jury. Chalton Jones of College Station, Runyon's attorney, asked the panel to allow his client to finish the spring semester and enforce the suspension in the future. A&M System Attorney A. R. Amis, who represented the university, said Hannigan was within the legal rights and policy of the university to suspend Runyon. Witnesses during the hearing included a university administrator, department head, police officer and Runyon. Banking is a pleasure at First Bank & Trust.



This year's and next year's top Corps commanders discuss the selection of Corps staff and unit commanders for 1971-72 with commandant Col. Jim McCoy (right). Cadets, left to right, are 1970-71 Commander Van Taylor, 1970-71 Deputy Commander Tommy Bain, 1971-72 Commander Tom Stanley, and 1971-72 Deputy Commander James Carey.

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