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**CHECKING IN**—Dr. William G. Pollard, left, who spoke last night in the Memorial Student Center, registers for his room at the MSC desk. With him is the Great Issues committee, sponsors of the program. They are, left to right, Bryan Dedeker, Herman Hassell and Bud Whitney, chairman of the MSC forum group.

## Science Not World Savior Declares Physicist Pollard

### More Than 500 Hear Oak Ridge Director

The world today should not rely on science for salvation, because "science does not have within it the power to save mankind."

More than 500 persons heard a man who has a doctorate in physics and is also an ordained Episcopal minister say this last night, as Dr. William G. Pollard gave the first Great Issues talk.

His topic was "Secrecy, Security, and Science." Pollard is director of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies.

"Our big moral choice today is whether we are to continue to place our trust in science or whether we can free ourselves of this illusion and place our trust in Him who made us," he said.

### Rev Needs Training To March

Reveille, A&M's mascot, probably will not march with the band during football halftime ceremonies anymore unless she receives some additional training, Col. E. V. Adams, band director, announced.

Adams said the dog was not "field broken" and would have to be further trained before she could participate in the halftime marching activities. He didn't say how long this would take.

"I understand that the original Reveille did not have this particular trait," Adams said.

Although describing science as "this terrible idolatry," Pollard said he was not against the present program of encouraging young men to become scientists.

"Science at its best—as it is earned out by one who loves his work—is a glorious thing," he explained.

However, he added that the role of science has tended to seize control over the whole natural order. Some people think if we only put our faith and trust in science, we would have complete mastery over our fate, Pollard said.

Speaking of the research on and discovery of nuclear weapons, he said some people feel it is wrong for scientists to create such weapons, since these discoveries make the world a dangerous place to live.

Some think, he said, that we should have turned from this project and studied something else that was not so terrible.

"Even if we had not originated the Manhattan project, we would still know about atomic and hydrogen bombs and wonder if Russia or some other nation was making them," Pollard said.

In the light of this atomic research, he said, "if we place our trust in science and not God, then our destiny is annihilation."

As to the government regulations that have been placed on scientific study of atomic energy, Pollard said that scientists in this field had adopted their own security and secrecy measures before the government regulations.

"Security measures are inevitable with the progress of science," he said.

"We cannot have a monopoly on nature," he said, "but only for a (See POLLARD, Page 3)

## A&M Administrators Set Meeting in Washington

The entire top level of A&M's administration leaves this weekend for the annual meeting of the Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities in Washington next week.

Attending the meeting will be M. T. Harrington, chancellor; David H. Morgan, president; J. P. Abbott, dean of the college; C. N. Sheppard, dean of agriculture; W. H. Delaplane, dean of arts and sciences; Ide P. Trotter, dean of the graduate school.

W. W. Armistead, dean of veterinary medicine; R. D. Lewis, director of the agricultural experiment station; G. G. Gibson, director of the agricultural extension service.

D. W. Williams, vice-chancellor for agriculture; Miss Mary Anna Grimes, acting head of the rural research department, agricultural experiment station; and Miss Maurine Hearn, state home demonstration leader, agricultural extension service.

Because of the absence of a dean of engineering caused by the resignation of H. W. Barlow, A&M will send no engineering representatives to the meeting.

The week-long meeting officially begins Tuesday, but some of A&M's representatives will go to Washington earlier for committee meetings.

The meeting will cover all phases of education and operation in the land-grant colleges. All of the 52 land-grant institutions will be represented.

Sections of the meeting will be devoted to each facet of the land-grant program, with each school and service represented.

Two of the A&M representatives will participate in the program. Sheppard will give a report as chairman of a committee on organization and policy of the resident instruction section.

He will also be on a panel on developing programs to meet personnel needs of agricultural industries and government, and will preside over a division meeting.

Delaplane will be on a panel on professional and general education in the state university and the separate land-grant college.

Morgan said yesterday that no items of special interest to A&M would be discussed at the meeting, although everything discussed at the meeting would pertain to A&M in some way.

The A&M representatives to the meeting will return Thursday and Friday.

## SMU Officials Still Checking Float Fires

Southern Methodist university officials are still checking license numbers of cars seen near the fires of two SMU homecoming floats Saturday night, and the information they get will be sent to A&M.

Two floats were burned—one about 7:15 p.m. Saturday and one about 2 a.m. Sunday.

An SMU student who saw a car driving away from the 2 a.m. fire says he is "reasonably sure" the occupants were Aggies, and he also has part of the license number of the car.

He was not exactly sure of the license number, but two of the four numbers he thinks it could have been are on car makes and models of the type he says he saw.

A boy was seen near another float about 7:30 p.m. Saturday. SMU officials also have the license number of the car he drove away in.

Dallas fire department officers who put out the 7:15 p.m. fire said that it had definitely been set, and not caused by electrical short circuit or spontaneous combustion.

Damages on one of the floats were estimated at \$500. No total estimate was available on the other fire, but destroyed in it was a \$100 airplane propeller.

## Benfield Praises Football Seating

The football seating plan has worked fairly well except for the mixing of the civilian and senior corp sections, John Benfield, chairman of the seating committee, said yesterday.

Benfield stated that the main problem with the seating arrangement is the overcrowded conditions in some sections. A check on the number of student dates and the number of student date tickets sold is being made, he added.

The seating arrangement for the Rice game will not be changed. Two ushers will be placed at the bottom of each ramp to insure proper distribution of students. Ushers will also be in the stands.

## Horticulture Show Set for Dec. 7

The annual horticulture show will be held Dec. 7 in the Agriculture building, Morris Bailey, president of the Student Horticulture society, announced.

Orders for Christmas gift packages of citrus fruits and pecans displayed will be taken during the show, Bailey said.

Profits from the sale of packages will be used to help finance the annual inspection trip of the senior class.

L. E. Spangler of the horticulture department is faculty sponsor of the club.

## Day Student Lot Ready for Autos

Half of the new day student parking lot north of the temporary classroom buildings (the shacks) is now ready for cars, Howard Badgett, manager of the physical plant, announced yesterday.

The completed part of the lot, which had to be constructed when the old day student lot was closed to make room for the new A&M Press building, will hold about 100 cars, Badgett said. When the entire lot is finished, there will be room for about 130 more spaces, he added.

Other student parking lots are being planned by the college, including one behind Law hall. Badgett said construction on this lot will begin as soon as the graveling of the Academic building lot is finished.

"The lot behind Law hall will add about 100 more cars, and this will probably provide enough space for all the students who have been parking in the streets near Law and Puryear halls," he said. "Students who have been parking in the Law hall lot have been doing it in a very orderly way. Their parking has been the best on the campus."

This additional lot will extend from the street by the drill field to the street running in front of the president's home. It will be 60 feet wide and will accommodate two rows of cars parked head-in at 90 degrees.

"Students parking in this new lot

must park at 90 degrees," Badgett said.

Next on the list of the student lot additions is the construction of the first of three units for the east area dormitories. This first unit, which will provide space for 200 cars, will take care of the cars now parking on Lamar street and near the Music hall and on the

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## Military Day Guest List Decreases

The guest list for the Fall Military Day ceremonies Saturday has decreased slightly, with two generals and the Rice institute staff members unable to attend.

Maj. Gen. Haydon L. Boatner, assistant fourth army commander and former A&M commandant, and Maj. Gen. Robert H. Terrill, commander of the 15th air force will be unable to attend.

President W. V. Houston of Rice told President David H. Morgan that he and his faculty members would be unable to attend the ceremonies.

Eight persons from Rice had originally planned to attend. The guest list still numbers about 20, including Lt. Gen. I. D. White, commander of the fourth army, Maj. Gen. James M. Gavin, army chief of staff for operations, and Congressman Olin Teague of College Station.

They will be guests at a corps review at 11 a.m. Saturday, a luncheon given by the president, and the A&M-Rice football game.

Gavin and Teague will come by plane from Washington, with their wives and members of Gavin's staff. An honor guard of Ross Volunteers will meet them Friday night at Easterwood airport.

## Weather Today



CLEAR

The forecast for today is clear with northeasterly winds at 15 miles per hour this afternoon. There will be high scattered clouds. Yesterday's high was 77, low 51. The temperature at 11 this morning was 67.



**PLAYERS PRACTICE**—The Aggie Players began their final rehearsals this week for their first production of the year, George Bernard Shaw's "Misalliance," to be presented Monday through Thursday in the Memorial Student Center ballroom. Those practicing, left to right, are Harry Gooding, Anne Tishler, Ted Castle and Mrs. Florence Delaplane.