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## Faculty Hears President



STATE OF THE COLLEGE—President David H. Morgan makes a point in his "state of the college" talks to the general faculty meeting yesterday.

### Dulles Clarifies Formosa Defense

NEW YORK—(AP)—Secretary of State Dulles said last night the United States does not intend to defend the Chinese coastal islands "as such" but will watch for any Communist effort to use them as a springboard for an attack on Formosa.

At the same time, Dulles appealed to the Peiping regime to reconsider its turndown of U. N. cease-fire talks.

The critical issue is not the Reds' desire for the Nationalist-held islands, Dulles suggested, but the use of force to get them.

"It is hardly to be expected that the Chinese Communists will renounce their ambitions," he said. "However, might they not renounce their efforts to realize their goals by force?"

In a major address to 1,600 per-

sons at a dinner of the foreign policy association, Dulles said the United States "will be alert to subsequent Chinese Communist actions, rejecting for ourselves any initiative of warlike deeds."

In Washington, Chairman George (D-Ga) of the Senate Foreign Relations committee praised Dulles' presentation of policy. George said it made clear that United States forces "will move in" if the defense of Quemoy and Matsu "is vital to the defense of Formosa and the Pescadores."

George said that if the United States said flatly they were to be surrendered, then the Chinese Reds would make no concessions toward a cease-fire or other peaceful settlement.

On the other hand, the senator said announcement of a policy of defending Quemoy and Matsu regardless of their strategic value to the defense of Formosa would scare away some of America's allies, possibly the British.

However, Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn) said the United States ought to say in so many words whether it intends to defend Quemoy and Matsu. Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore) said he found "some doubletalk" in Dulles' speech.

### 'State of the College' Told by Morgan

President David H. Morgan's "state of the college" speech yesterday gave the college's faculty a complete rundown on Texas A&M present and future, including legislative proposals affecting the school, the status of military colleges, enrollment figures, and salary schedules.

Morgan spoke for an hour to about 600 faculty members in Guion hall. The general faculty meetings are held near the first of every semester.

Morgan first told the faculty members about the proposals now in the state Legislature for establishing a permanent Texas Commission on Higher Education and for broadening the investment area of the permanent building fund.

The TCHE would be a central agency for all state-supported colleges, with a governing board over the present governing boards.

This bill also carries in it a recommendation for a new formula method for financing higher education.

The other bill would allow a wider range of investment for the permanent building fund, giving more interest.

Speaking on the status of military colleges, Morgan told the faculty about the efforts of the Council of Military College Presidents to get governmental recognition of the military colleges.

#### Decisive Year

"This is the decisive year," he said. "If no recognition is given to military colleges by the department of defense, it will be extremely difficult to continue the organization of our colleges."

He said that so far there had been "no definite progress" on getting this recognition.

In listing how the other eight military schools were reacting to what he called "the military college problem," he said three had become coeducational, another was contemplating coeducation, one may be reduced to junior college status, one is contemplating opening its doors to girls, one is concerned over unfilled barracks, and one is satisfied that it can go on.

Speaking on A&M, Morgan said "The army says A&M is a military school because we want to be, and I agree with that. Although I believe we should provide a well-rounded civilian student program, I believe the corps is the backbone of A&M."

#### Enrollment Figures

Next Morgan explained enrollment figures to the group, saying that "the people you have been hearing say 'all the students are dropping ROTC' just don't know the figures."

He said that only a few students who would be qualified to be in the corps had not elected to join it. He also said an increased enrollment in the graduate school was increasing the total number of civilian students.

Morgan said that civilian students numbered 37 per cent of the (See MORGAN, page 2)

### RV's To March At Mardi Gras Next Tuesday

The Ross Volunteers will leave this weekend for the Mardi Gras where they will be the official honor escort in the parade for King Rex, king of the celebration, Joe Bob Walker, RV commander, said yesterday.

The Rex parade, which will be held Tuesday, is one of 10 similar events on the Mardi Gras program. It will be the main and final parade.

The A&M New Orleans club will entertain the RV's with a luncheon Monday, and they will be guests at the King Rex ball Tuesday night following the parade, Walker said.

Ninety-two RV's, accompanied by Maj. H. S. Thigpen of the military science department and Maj. O. H. Franks of the air science department, will make the trip.

The RV's will march 83 blocks in the parade, Walker said. It will start about 9:30 a.m. and will last until mid-afternoon.

Other required formations, Walker said, will include breakfast at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. They will leave by noon Wednesday.

### Mr., Mrs. To Have Ball Saturday

The Maroon and White Ball, Aggie married students dance, is to be in the ballroom of the Memorial Student Center Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

The dance will feature music by the Capers Combo, a floor show with Master of Ceremonies Charlie Parker, refreshments and the announcement of the winner of the Mrs. Texas A&M contest.

Tickets for the dance are on sale at the main desk of the MSC for 50 cents per couple. The ticket money will be used to pay for the band and the dance decorations. The dance is to be semi-formal. The Battalion and the MSC Dance group are jointly sponsoring the affair.

### SLC Agenda

W. L. Penberthy, secretary of the Student Life committee, has requested all members of the committee to submit items for the agenda of the next meeting by 5 p.m. Tuesday. The next meeting will be held Feb. 28 at 4:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

### Thumbnail Sketches -- 3

## RE Week Leaders

(Editor's note: This is the third of a series of thumbnail sketches on leaders who will hold group discussions Feb. 20-25 in dormitories assigned to them during Religious Emphasis Week. The meetings will follow the evening meal.)

Rabbi Yonah H. Geller of the B'nai Israel synagogue in Corpus Christi will live in dormitory 9 and lead the forums and discussion groups for dormitory 9 during the week. He also will be available for conferences.

Geller comes from seven generations of rabbis and is one of the few native born Texans who has entered the rabbinate. His grandfather was the first rabbi in Galveston.

He received his BA degree from Yeshiva University and was ordained from the Isaac Elchanan Theol-

ogical seminary. In June 1954 he received his MA degree from Texas A&I college and was elected to membership in Phi Alpha Theta, a national honorary history fraternity.

Geller is a member of the board of directors of the United Fund, the Corpus Christi Downtown Kiwanis club and the Jewish Community council and is chaplain of the Corpus Christi Masonic lodge.

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Rev. Ross C. Coggins, associate in the department of student work in Dallas, will live in dormitory 11 and lead the forums and discussion groups in the band room of dormitory 11. He will be available for conferences during the week.

Coggins was a graduate from Baylor university in 1948 with a BA degree and received his BD degree at Southwestern Baptist seminary in 1953. He also has completed residence work on his doctorate.

Since graduation he has been pastor of the First Baptist church in Woodson, student secretary and Bible teacher at Texas State College for Women and his present associateship position.

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Maj. Harry A. McKnight, chaplain in office of Chief of Air Force chaplains in Washington, will live in dormitory 6 and will lead the forums and discussion groups for dormitory 6. He will be available for conferences during the week.

He was an Air Force chaplain from April 1942 to November 1945 with service in the southwest Pacific which ended with his assignment as Deputy Staff Chaplain, Far East Air Force. After his discharge he became pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist in Kansas City until he was recalled to active duty in 1950.

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in dormitory 6 and will lead the forums and discussion groups for dormitories 6 and 8 in the lounge of dormitory 6. He will be available for conferences during the week.

McKnight was graduated from Wheaton college in 1938 with a BA degree and received his ThM degree from Central Baptist seminary in Kansas City in 1941. At present he is assigned to the office of Chief of Air Force chaplains.

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### Detroit Company Offers Scholarship

The Square D company of Detroit, Mich., will again offer a \$500 scholarship to sophomore students in four types of engineering, according to E. E. McQuillen, executive director of the development fund.

Students of electrical, mechanical, industrial or general engineering will be eligible for the scholarship. They will be selected on the basis of general activities and potentialities.

Application blanks may be secured from the heads of departments or from R. G. Perryman, associate registrar and secretary of the faculty scholarships committee.

Jerry D. Ramsey of Amarillo and Herbert (Bud) Whitney of Big Spring are the two previous winners.

## High School Day To Draw 1,000

About 1,000 high school students from Texas and neighboring states are expected here for A&M's annual High School and Sports day March 5.

The program for the high school seniors will include talks by President David H. Morgan and Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant, a showing of the "We Are The Aggies" film, and a tour of the college.

The sports day activities will include baseball, swimming, tennis, golf, and an intrasquad football game.

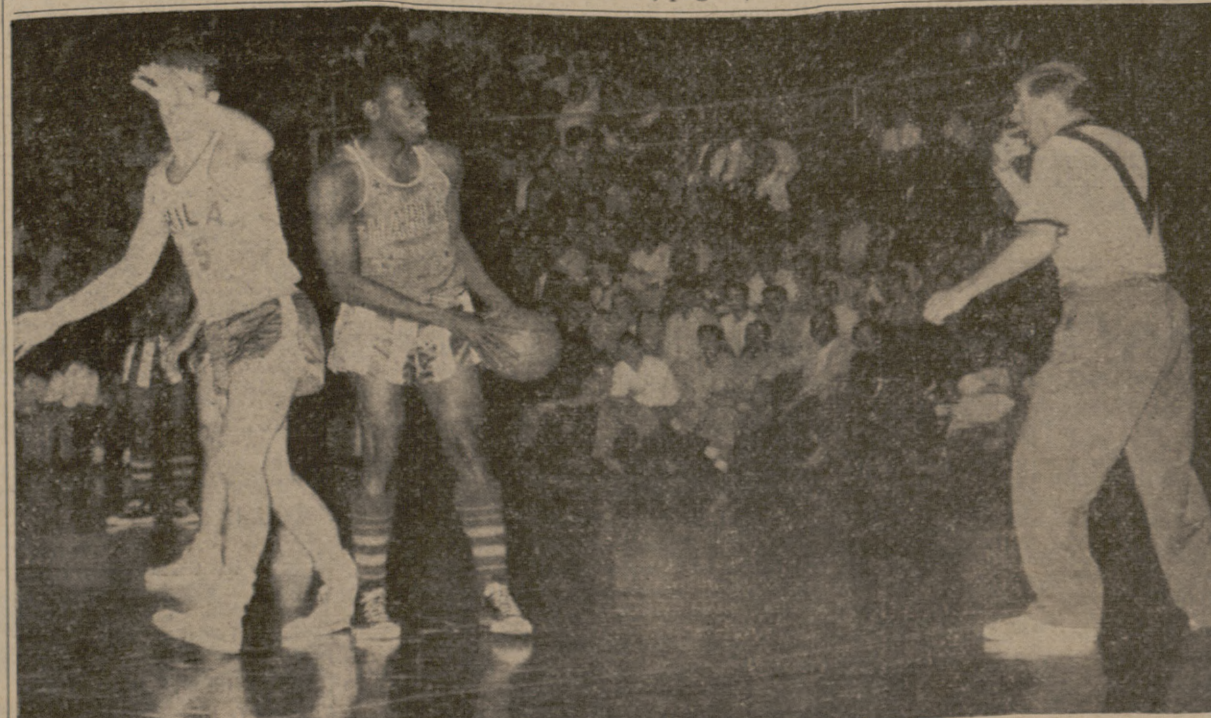
The morning program begins at 9 a.m. in Guion hall. After the talks and the film, the students will be taken on tours of the campus by representatives from the student councils.

This year for the first time, it is planned to have some faculty and staff members be in their offices to explain their departments to the touring students, according to Pete Hardesty, business manager of student activities and director of the High School day program.

The baseball, swimming, tennis, and golf activities will be that afternoon, with the football game at night. The sports activities are sponsored by the T association.

Hometown clubs are responsible for inviting the students and former students will provide transportation, Hardesty said.

The only cost to the high school student will be his noon meal, which will cost 50 cents if he eats in the dining hall.



WHO, ME?—Reece (Goose) Tatum, fabulous clown-basketball player of the Harlem Globetrotters, gives out with a pained expression as referee Pat Kennedy calls a foul on him. (Note how Tatum's fingers nearly span the ball.) The Trotters filled White Coliseum for the first time in its history last night as they beat the Philadelphia Spas, 61-47. The Washington Generals downed the Toledo Mercurys in the first game.

## Big Highway Study Planned For State

The state of Texas will be used as a king-sized laboratory for a year-long study of one of the nation's most troublesome highway problems, according to M. T. Harrington, chancellor of the A&M system.

The study of land values in relation to modern highway construction, will be made by the system's Texas Transportation institute, cooperating with the Texas Highway department. A \$20,000 grant-in-aid was recently given for the work by the Automotive Safety foundation of Washington, D. C.

The cost of land to construct freeways and by-passes to relieve congested traffic in cities is often very high, since much of this construction must be done on or near lands heavily developed for industry or as residential sections, Harrington said. The cost of such land, its value before and after

construction of improved highways, and the need for a standard financial policy on right-of-way purchase make the Texas study of national importance, he added.

Texas has 3,500,000 motor vehicles, is fifth in passenger car registration and second in number of trucks, according to the 1954 report of the Automobile Manufacturers association. The rapid expansion of Texas population and increasing numbers of motor vehicles on its highways make the state an ideal laboratory for the proposed study.

#### Increased Costs

A generation ago right-of-way purchase was usually a minor item in highway construction costs. Now, in metropolitan areas, it often costs nearly as much to buy the road site as it does to build it. In a few instances it has cost as much, and more, than all other construction expenses, said Harrington.

The land value of property located along new highways has jumped considerably, and some authorities have suggested a need for special assessments on such properties to help pay the cost of the highway construction that caused the increases.

Thomas H. MacDonald, research engineer for the TTI, and for more than 30 years chief of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, said that the study will attempt to determine what patterns for increased land values exist as the result of highway construction. The study will also be concerned with the changes in use of lands near such highways.

### Wendland Elected

Jimmy Wendland was elected spring semester president of the Agricultural Economics club at a meeting this week. Other officers elected were Thurman Johnson, vice-president; Tommy Holmig, secretary; Brad Crockett, treasurer; and Gil Weaver, reporter. The next meeting will be March 8.

### Weather Today



The weather outlook for today is partly cloudy and a little cooler. Yesterday's high was 72, low 51. The temperature at 10:15 this morning was 58.

### Library To Add Additional Seats

New furniture that will be placed in the library after installation of air conditioning will seat an additional 150 persons, according to R. A. Houze, librarian.

New fluorescent lighting and more book shelves also will be added by BC&U, he said. Plans include moving reserve books to the first floor.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, the air conditioning should be finished by March 1, Houze said. Rearrangement of the new furniture in all the rooms should accommodate additional readers, he added.

### Bizzell To Elect New Councilman

A new civilian councilman for Bizzell will be elected about the first of next week, according to Bob Murray, civilian counselor.

At this time two floor representatives will be elected for College View, two for Leggett, two for Bizzell and one for dormitory 17.