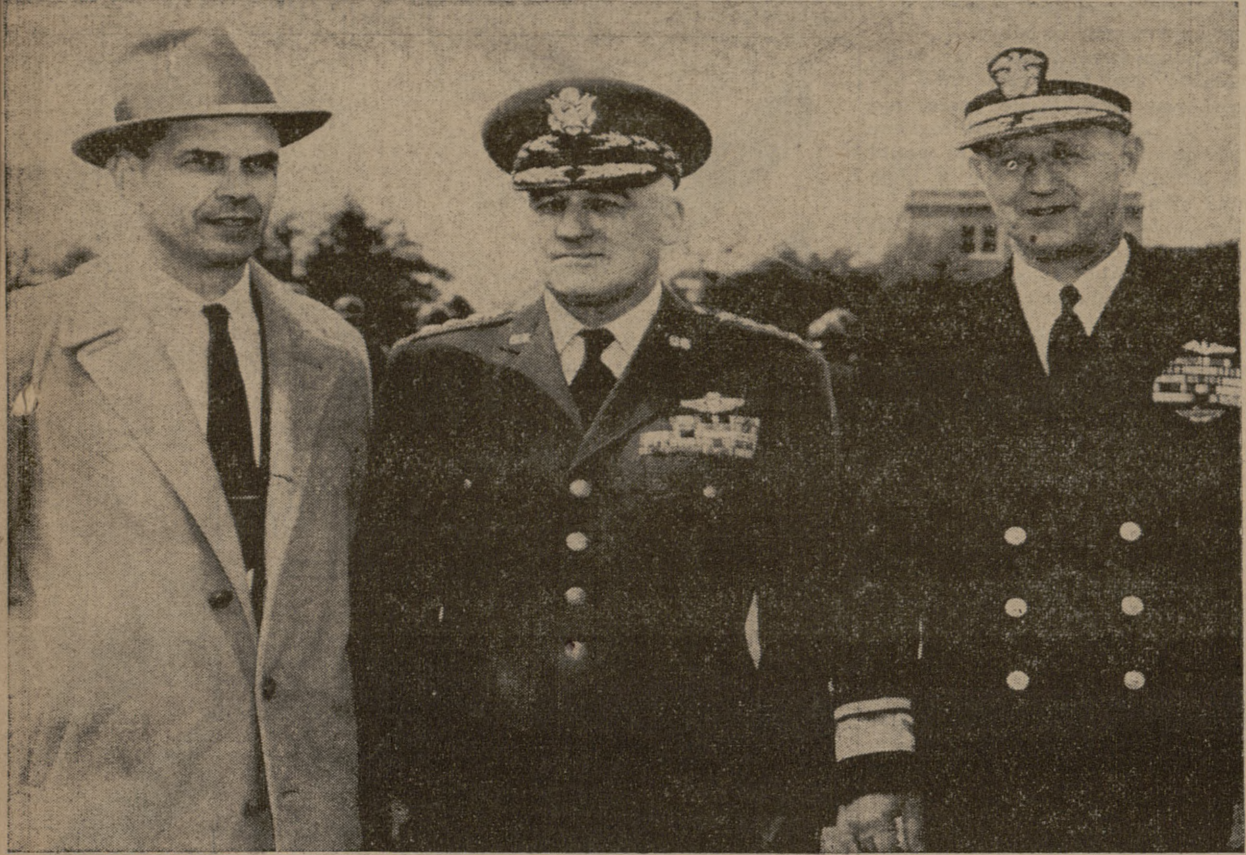


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MILITARY DAY GUESTS—Watching the corps of cadets go by at the review Saturday are, from left to right, David H. Morgan, A&M president; Gen. Nathan F. Twining, air force chief of staff; and Rear Adm. John Will, director of personnel for the assistant secretary of defense for manpower and personnel. Twining and Will were honor guests for A&M's annual Military day.

Highly Impressed

Twining Praises Cadets

Gen. Nathan F. Twining, air force chief of staff and honor guest for Military day, was highly impressed by A&M's corps of cadets, as it paraded for him Saturday in near-freezing weather.

Twining said he "had never seen such a review." He was particularly impressed by the 240-piece band, "the largest I've ever seen—its gorgeous."

RV Banquet, Dance Set For Saturday

More than 200 Ross Volunteers and their dates are expected for the annual RV banquet and dance to be held April 2 in the Memorial Student Center ballroom, said Joe Bob Walker, RV commander.

Four years of Mardi Gras parade films will be the highlight of the banquet, after which the couples will dance to the music of the Aggeliand orchestra. Breaded veal cutlets will be featured at the banquet which will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. The dance will begin at 9 p.m., according to Fred Rose and Jack Courtney, dance and banquet coordinators.

The \$9 dues paid by the RVs will cover the cost of the evening's entertainment. Cokes will be served at the dance.

view, the sudden norther had lowered the temperature here to 38 degrees. The wind was from the northwest at 16 miles an hour.

In an interview after the review, Twining said that the United States must keep its military forces "just strong enough to keep anyone from jumping on us," and that A&M's corps had a part in this plan.

"People, trained people," he said, "are the important thing, not all this fancy technology."

"It is important that we keep a supply of trained men to fall back on in case of an emergency, and that's A&M's job," he said.

The nation is "in good shape" militarily, he said, and is ahead of the Russians in technology and the ability to deliver nuclear weapons. Twining called this "the gap," and said it must be maintained.

Twining and his party left late Saturday afternoon, after the review and the president's reception.

X-Rays End Today

Today is the last day that free x-rays can be had in the Memorial Student Center. Examinations will be given persons 15 years old or over between 8 a.m. and noon, and 1 and 5 p.m. The x-rays are provided by the State Department of Health.

News Briefs

DR. RALPH N. THAXLER, research supervisor for the Texas company, Port Neches, will discuss "History, Properties and Uses of Asphalt" at 8 tonight in the Biological Science lecture room. The public is invited to attend this graduate lecture.

THE GEOLOGY and Petroleum clubs will hold a joint meeting at 7:30 tonight in room 140 of the geology building. W. H. Spice, San Antonio geologist, will speak on evaluation reports. The Geology club will hold a business meeting at 7:10 in the same room before the joint meeting.

TWO MEMBERS of the 9807th air reserve squadron, Joe Holmgren and Dan C. Lowe, recently were promoted to captain. Holmgren, who received his BS degree in civil engineering from A&M in 1948, is a tactical officer at the college. Lowe is a former assistant commander of flight A of the reserve squadron.

LT. COL. MARVIN J. BIRDWELL, former commander of the 9807th air reserve squadron, is retiring from the air force. Birdwell was graduated from Allen Military academy in 1923. He entered active duty with the air force in 1942, and was discharged in 1946. He lives with his mother, Mrs. F. C. Birdwell, at 513 Wayside drive in Bryan.

MISS LUCILLE MOORE, recreation specialist for the agricultural extension service, will attend the meeting of the National Committee of 4-H Recreation and Rural Life to be held April 3-6 at the Conrad Hilton hotel in Chicago. This is the third year she has been asked to serve on this committee.

A PROTECTIVE RELAY ENGINEERS conference will be held April 25-28 in the Memorial Student Center, rooms 2A, 2B, 2C and the ballroom. A banquet will be held April 26 in the ballroom. Sponsor for the conference is the electrical engineering department, and L. M. Haupt of the department is chairman.

Other events on his schedule during the weekend were a breakfast given by the Bryan Chamber of Commerce, a luncheon with top-ranking cadet officers, and an inspection of cadet dormitory rooms.

Other distinguished guests here for the Military weekend activities were Olin E. Teague of College Station, sixth district congressman; Rear Adm. John Will, director of personnel policy for the assistant secretary of defense for manpower and personnel; Maj. Gen. M. K. Deichelman, commander of air ROTC headquarters; Maj. Gen. Samuel T. Williams, deputy commander of the fourth army; and Maj. Gen. K. L. Berry, Texas Adjutant General.

Business Etiquette Set For Wednesday

The third program of the etiquette series, "Business Etiquette," will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

Speaker for the occasion will be Charles Hardwick of the Owens Corning Fiberglass company, Toledo, Ohio. Wendell Horsley, director of the placement office, is chairman for this meeting.

The series is presented by the MSC "Mind Your Manners" Etiquette committee. This week's program is to further students' knowledge of what is expected of them in the business world, and to acquaint them with some of the practices followed in the business world, according to Dave Ashcroft, chairman of the committee.

Filing for Offices Closes at 5 Today

Filing for class offices closes at 5 p.m. today in the student activities office.

Positions to be filled include seven class officers and one Memorial Student Center councilman for class of '58; seven class officers, one MSC councilman and two yell leaders for class of '59, and seven class officers plus one historian, one MSC councilman, and yell leaders and one entertainment manager for class of '56.

Students desiring to vote absentee in the class elections may do so any time after 8 a.m. on March 31 in the student activities office after stating reason for being absent on election day, said Pete Hardesty, student activities business manager.

Weather Today

The weather outlook for today is cloudy and warmer with moderate, southerly winds.

Yesterday's high was 57, low 30. The temperature at 11 this morning was 57.

Kennedy Chosen For Top Post; Named Corps Sergeant Major

Civilians, Ford Argue Poster Rule

The Civilian Student Council last night flared up in opposition to an opinion voiced by Corps Commander Frank Ford, who said he was definitely opposed to civilian student campaigning for offices within their dormitory areas.

Ford, an ex-officio member of the council without vote, expressed his opinion during the council's discussion of recent Student Life committee action. The committee, of which Ford is also a member, referred to a subcommittee at their last meeting a request that civilian students be allowed to campaign in their areas for civilian offices. The request was from the Civilian Student Council.

The discussion came after Ford said he was opposed to civilian students using posters, signs or cards. He felt the civilian students should follow what he called the A&M tradition of campaigning by personal contacts.

Councilman Hugh Lanktree told Ford, "We are in 1955 and not 1876," saying the tradition had become outdated because it is almost impossible to become acquainted with 6,000 students.

Ford said, "I don't think putting up posters is right. We are not junior high kids."

Space Ships Around A&M Have To Go

The student affairs office is having trouble with infractions of what is probably the most-quoted line in the college rule book — "Model airplanes will be flown in designated areas only."

The area east of the Animal Industries building is the only "designated area" on the campus, but students and staff members have been flying their planes in other places.

They have also been breaking the time violation—after 5 p.m. on weekdays and after noon on Saturdays are the only proper times.

The policy was set because the noise of the planes interferes with class work, office work, and conferences, said Bennie Zinn, head of the student affairs department.

Burl Purvis pointed out that a corps freshman is required to learn the names of all the men in his organization, but this is not so for the civilian students.

"If the corps has a majority, then let's have that majority represented (in campus organizations), but let the minority have their representation. Don't keep them pinned back," he said. "A man shouldn't be penalized because he is a civilian student."

Ford then said that the civilian students were falling back on something "as artificial as a poster, which is just so much ink and paper."

"Not Accomplishing Anything" "You are not accomplishing anything by putting up posters," Ford said.

John Henderson, day student representative to the council, said he had been elected to the council by three votes, but he was representing 950 students.

"Our problem is presenting it (students running for offices) to the civilian students. We are not trying to compete with the corps," he said.

Ford modified his statements by saying he was not opposed to putting up signs publicizing an election, but he was against signs for particular candidates.

Council President John Jones ended the discussion when one of the councilmen pointed out that Ford had said he "had not had time to study the problem thoroughly."

Other Action

In other action, the council voted to award keys to ramp representatives who had served for one semester and part of another. However, (See CIVILIANS, Page 2)

Houston Junior Assumes New Duties Immediately

Larry B. Kennedy, junior general business major from Houston, has been named corps sergeant major for this year. Kennedy, who is now corps athletic sergeant, will take over the top-ranking non-commissioned officer post immediately, said Frank Ford, corps commander.

Appointment as sergeant major means almost definite appointment as corps commander the next year.

"I'm very humbled by the honor," Kennedy said. "I'll try to do the best job possible for the corps."

"Kennedy has done a fine job this year," Ford said, "and I know it will continue to be the same as he takes over the duties of coordinating the efforts of the class of '56 toward a greater corps of cadets."

Kennedy is a member of the Memorial Student Center Great Issues committee, a representative to the Arts and Sciences council, finance chairman for the Student Conference on National Affairs and secretary-treasurer of the Pre-Law club.

He is also a member of the Ross Volunteer honor company, a distinguished student, and a former student senator.

He was out for track one year. The corps sergeant major is chosen by the commandant's office, after recommendations from cadet officers and tactical officers.



Larry B. Kennedy
Corps Sergeant Major

World News

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERLIN — The Constitutional court of West Germany has agreed to hear a suit brought by Socialists which challenges the French-German agreement on the Saar. Socialists are trying to have the agreement declared unconstitutional.

WASHINGTON — Civil defense authorities announced yesterday there will be a simulated H-bomb attack on 50 continental U. S. cities June 15. Forty-three cities have been named: seven will be the object of a surprise attack.

Freshman, Soph Math Contest Prizes Listed

The annual mathematics contest examinations for freshmen and sophomores are scheduled for April 26 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Prizes offered this year in the two contests are as follows:

- First prize — a gold wrist watch
- Second prize—\$15.00
- Third prize—\$10.00

All prizes in the freshmen contest and the second and third prizes in the sophomore contest are provided by the Robert F. Smith Memorial fund.

The first prize for sophomores is given by the Halperin Award fund, established by the estate of the late professor H. Halperin.

Winners in last year's freshmen contest were Charles S. Skillman jr., first place; Charles L. Edwards, second place; and Hubert Mount, third place. In the sophomore contest, first prize went to Herman Keller; second prize to Robert E. Blewster jr.; and third prize to Clay McFarland.

Freshmen now enrolled in math 104 and sophomores now taking math 210 are invited to participate in this year's contests. The freshmen contest will be held in room 223 of the Academic building and the sophomore contest will be held in room 225.

Frozen Posies Postpone Flower Show

"Under The Big Top," the flower show sponsored by the A&M Garden club, scheduled for tonight, has been postponed until further notice.

Mrs. Carl Landiss, publicity co-chairman, announced that the Garden club members will be unable to put on the show since the recent freeze took heavy toll of the prospective flower entries.

The Garden club will meet Friday, April Fool's day, at 2:30 p.m., and discuss plans concerning the flower show, in the social room of the Memorial Student Center. No foolin', there's going to be a meeting.



FIRE DAMAGE—The Rev. Clarence Ketch, pastor of the A&M Christian church, surveys damage done to the church building by the fire early Monday morning. Some of the damaged books in the book case may be saved. The trash on the chairs in the foreground fell from the roof.