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## No Limitations Set For Army ROTC, Basic or Advanced

The army has announced that there will be no quota limitations next year on the number of army ROTC cadets, for either basic or advanced students.

The army also announced that it is anticipated that all qualified ROTC graduates in the foreseeable future will be commissioned and called to active duty.

As reported by the newsletter of the Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities, the army's announcement on quotas said "no quota limitations will be placed upon enrollment in the senior (basic or advanced) or the military schools divisions of the ROTC program."

Col. D. P. Anderson, PMS&T here, said this would not make too much difference in A&M's operation, since all qualified students were taken into the program last year, and this was not enough to fill A&M's quota.

The army's announcement also said that emphasis would be placed on keeping "high standards for enrollment and retention of ROTC students."

The army told the land-grant as-

sociation that active duty and commissioning requirements for ROTC graduates was dependent upon "laws, policies, and authorized officer strength at that time of the year," but that all graduates would probably receive their commissions.

The association's newsletter also reported that the National Reserve Plan has been sent out of committee for debate on the floor of the U. S. House of Representatives, without its original provision that would have allowed drafting 19 for a six months active duty training for too few persons volunteered for the training.

The National Reserve plan calls for a six months' active duty training period, then reserve status for those participating.

## Space Payment Probe Planned By Publications

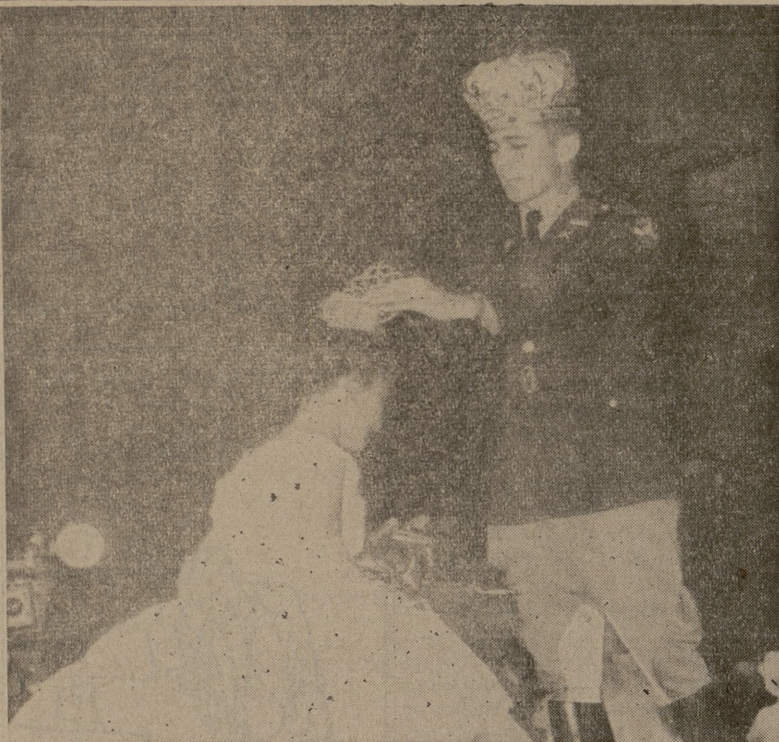
An investigation of who should and who should not have to pay for space in the AggieLand will be undertaken by Ross Strader, manager of student publications, working with the Student Publications board and the yearbook editor.

The board decided yesterday to attempt to find a workable policy to settle such cases. According to Strader, the policy used up to now has been that a group which charged dues or had other ways to raise the money would pay for the AggieLand space.

The question was raised this year by the Town Hall staff, who were opposed to having to pay. The board passed a motion requiring payment this year, with an investigation to determine which groups would get free space and which would have to pay in the future.

The board approved R. C. (Connie) Eckard as Commentator editor and Charles Williams as Engineer editor.

Strader also is to look into possibilities of reducing the frequency of publication of the Engineer to four issues a year, instead of the present one a month for eight months. He is to discuss this with the student Engineer council.



THE CORONATION—Cotton King Joe Bob Snodgrass, A&M senior, crowns Pat Calloway, TSCW freshman, as Queen Cotton at the Cotton pageant sponsored by the Agronomy society last Friday night. About 6,000 people attended the pageant and the ball held after it.

## Slide Rule Winners Presented Awards

The winners of the mechanical engineering slide rule contest were announced yesterday with the awarding of plaques and slide rules to the winners in Guion hall. The contest was held April 12.

C. H. Ransdell, acting dean of the Basic Division, presided at the meeting. Historical background of the slide rule contest was given by R. M. Wingren of the mechanical engineering department.

Dr. David H. Morgan, president of the college, gave a short speech on "Winning and Losing," followed by the presentation of small awards by Dr. J. P. Abbott, dean of the college.

The presentation or large plaques for first and second prizes in each department was made by the department heads. Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant, presented awards to students not classified, as basic.

R. P. Ward, acting dean of the School of Engineering, presented special awards and Dr. Morgan presented the first place plaque.

## Weather Today

The weather outlook for today is partly cloudy with gentle south winds.

Yesterday's high was 88, low 62. The temperature at 10 this morning was 76.

Winners of the contest and their departments are as follows:

Aeronautical engineering; Robert J. Balhorn, first, and Lawrence L. Patton, second.

Chemical engineering; Roy Ernest Mitchell, first, and Robert J. Ring jr., second.

Architecture; David L. Atteberry, first, and Elam L. Denham, second.

Civil engineering; Donald D. Dunlap, first, and James R. Groves, second.

Electrical engineering; Dixon W. Coulbourn, first, and Tom C. Morris, second.

Geology; Donald W. Carver, first, and Patrick H. Sumner, second.

Industrial engineering; Samuel B. Wachel, first.

Mechanical engineering; Robert D. Purrington, first, and James R. Partridge, second.

Petroleum engineering; Joe T. Simmons, first, and Richard S. Palmer, second.

Physics; Michael R. Gill, first, and Samuel L. Worley jr., second.

Special group having had some prior college work; Ross E. Vandiver, first, and Vernon D. Anderson, second.

The special awards went to Robert D. Purrington, Joe T. Simmons, Dixon W. Coulbourn, Ross E. Vandiver, Robert J. Balhorn and James R. Partridge. These students received slide rules as special prizes.

The top award plaque was presented to Robert D. Purrington.

## FSA, Seniors Praised At Annual Barbecue

### World News

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS  
PARIS — Ex-Premier Mendes-France starts a political comeback today with a bid to take over the machinery of his Radical Socialist party and make it live up to its name. He would guide it from the middle of the road toward the left. His friends have called a one-day special convention. They hope to get a hand on the party wheel, now held by a right-winger, former Justice Minister Leon Martinand-Deplat. They also want an accord on a left-of-center platform.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina—Political forces supporting President Juan D. Peron have prepared the way for quick congressional action to cut the ties between the state and the Roman Catholic church. As congressional moves for separation shaped up, the Catholic hierarchy denied again it is interfering in Argentine politics as charged by Peron.

DONCASTER, England—An unofficial strike shut down Britain's biggest coal producing area yesterday and spread swiftly to other important pits. By nightfall 44,600 miners had walked out, halting the flow of coal from all mines in the Doncaster area and some in neighboring Yorkshire regions.

## Rodeo Boys Second At Oklahoma A&M

Aggie Rodeo team led by veteran Lowie Rice scored 380 points to place second in the Oklahoma A&M inter-collegiate rodeo at Stillwater, Okla., last weekend.

Rice dogged two steers in a total of six seconds to win the bulldogging and won the first go-round in calf tie down to gather 160 points.

He threw one steer in 2.5 seconds to set the fastest time recorded in bulldogging in intercollegiate rodeo.

Don Turner placed third in both go-rounds of the ribbon roping and placed third in the average of that event.

Billy Steele placed third in the first go-around of the tie down calf roping and won fourth in the average.

Rodney Butler placed second and Curtis Burlin fifth in the bareback bronc riding. Burlin tied for fifth in the bull riding.

Other members of the team were Ed Harvill, Bobby Wakefield and Wayne Ward.

### Rudder Tells Group World Needs Their Kind

Praises of the Former Students association and the class of '55 were voiced last night by a group of distinguished speakers at the senior class barbecue.

The affair was sponsored by the FSA, and main speaker of the evening was J. Earl Rudder, '32, recently appointed state land commissioner.

He gave the seniors words of advice and told them "you're going to get jobs, and good ones, too." This was part of a comparison between the classes of '32 and '55. Jobs were scarce when he graduated, Rudder explained.

"Roll up your sleeves and do your jobs good," Rudder said. "The world is going to need the kind of men gathered here."

He also recommended more emphasis be placed on politics, but he explained the kind of politics he meant were those "when you can be of service to your country and your fellow man."

Morgan Praises Record  
Dr. David H. Morgan, A&M president, told the group the class of '55 had "left a record the other classes will find hard to beat." He also expressed his appreciation for the way the class of '55 had conducted itself while at A&M.

"A&M is better by your being here," Morgan said. Later he praised the civilian students and the corps and said, "The corps can continue at A&M because of the work you have done."

A charge was given to the group by Oscar T. Hotchkiss, '24, FSA president. He explained that the last 31 years have seen the greatest technological era ever known to man.

"Then he charged, in reference to developments of atomic power, "We may have made a mistake by neglecting the field of human relationships in international affairs. . . The course of this power (atomic energy) may be determined by you students."

The program will be presented by personnel from Fort Hood.

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## New Type of Show Planned for Follies

An entirely new Aggie Follies is being planned this year in an effort to present the best show in the history of the Follies, according to Charles (Chuck) Newman, head of the Intercouncil's committee for the production.

This year's show, "Hullabaloo", is being billed as a "musical comedy about Texas A&M written, directed, and played by Aggies."

The two productions of the show will be Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Guion hall. Tickets for either performance are \$1 each.

The show will picture a typical year in the life of an Aggie, including dormitory, social and corps life, Newman said. It will describe a student's relations with the tactical officers, the professors and fellow students, he added.

Don Powell is the writer-director for the show, and will also serve as master of ceremonies. The Aggie Players, who decided not to put on another play in order to help with the Follies, will give technical assistance.

Newman emphasized that the show will star only Aggies—the only exceptions being student wives and Reveille.

The two-hour production includes scenes from registration, the post office, yell practice, and a campus dance. According to Newman, the show will be "the most entertaining Follies ever to be staged."

C. K. Eten, Aggie Follies director, will serve as advisor for the show, along with Vic Weining. Both are of the English department.

The leading roles will be taken by Roger Alexander, Rock Arnold, Lamar Ashley, Connie Eckard and Bill Swann. Bill Campbell will be stage manager.

A new Aggie song, "Life of an Aggie", has been written for the show by Bill Huettel and Powell. In all, there are fifteen songs in the play.

Tickets will be sold by unit first sergeants, dormitory house masters, Frank Sims in College View, and at the main desk of the Memorial Student Center.

## Richardson To Go To School Meet

Dr. L. S. Richardson, president of the Gulf School Research Development association, will represent the organization at the National Conference of School Research associations to be held at the University of Buffalo Thursday through Saturday.

Richardson also plans to visit the United States Office of Education in Washington to determine the status of the A&M Consolidated school district's application for federal building funds.

## Senate To Discuss Kyle Field Seating

The Kyle field seating plan will be discussed again Thursday when the Students Senate meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center assembly room.

A new seating plan, involving the use of reserve seats within the student section, has been proposed.

Also on the senate's agenda are representation on the senate from the Project houses, and a recommendation for new handball courts.

## Civilian Weekend

### 'Good Time' Promised

A "rip-roaring good time" has been promised for those joining in the first annual Civilian weekend activities May 13 and 14.

Hugh Lanktree, general chairman for the activities, made the promise in a letter to The Battalion.

He further said the Civilian Student Council is "sponsoring a fabulous program of events . . . and would like to see everyone having one whale of a good time during these two days."

The activities will begin with a tug-of-war which, according to Lanktree, "promises to be wetter than the proverbial 'drownout'."

This will be next to The Grove at 5:30 p.m., May 13, and teams from the civilian dormitories and housing areas will participate.

Next will come the barbecue which Lanktree calls "colossal." The menu will include "a pound of barbecued baby beef for the amazingly low price of 70 cents," Lanktree said in his letter.

Entertainment will be furnished by the Aggie Ramblers, the African Combo, "and of course, the judging of the beards by five love-lies from Rice, T.U., Lamar Tech, and TSCW," according to Lanktree.

### Ball Set Saturday

The next night, at 9 p.m. in The Grove, the Civilian ball will begin. The Capers Combo will play, and tickets will be \$1.50, stag or date.

As to the ball, Lanktree wrote these comments in his letter: "At 10:30 there will be a floorshow to beat all floor shows — singing, dancing and music of all kinds — not to mention the judging of the Ugliest Man at A&M by such worthies as the editor of the Daily Texan, the constable of Snook, and another well-known Texan whose identity for the moment will remain secret."

Tickets to any part of the week-

end may be purchased at student activities office, from civilian councilmen, the ramp representatives, and at the Twelfth Man Inn.

### Open to Everyone

At the last council meeting, the group voted to open the activities to anyone — including corps students, faculty, and staff members. Dress for the dance is semi-formal for the boys and formal for the girls, and the barbecue attire is optional.

The only activity open only to civilian students is participation in the tug-of-war.

## ROTC Flying Bill Goes Before House

A bill has been introduced in the U. S. House of Representatives to allow flight instruction to be given to college army and air force ROTC cadets.

The bill, which was introduced by Rep. Durham, of North Carolina, would allow the services to provide elementary flight training or to get civilian flight contractors to do it.

The army was included in the bill because of its "increasing use of air powers," according to the Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities, which reported the action in its newsletter for this month.



Miss Shirley Woodell To Judge Beards



—Photo by Smith

GUESS WHO GOT WET—The boys over in dormitories 14, 15, 16, and 17 had one of A&M's springtime ritual water dances last weekend. When this picture was taken, the officer of the guard was trying to herd the boys back into their dormitories. Then, as Battalion Photographer Seymour Smith put it, "Photographer got too close to OG. Man on right let fly with water. Don't know about OG, but I was soaked."