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## March AFB Visit Awes AF Aggies

Thirty-five DMS Air Force students visited March and Edwards AFB in California last Thursday and Friday as a field trip in Military Science.

Col. Henry Dittman, PAS, and Capt. J. M. Palmer, assistant PAS, together with Dr. Ide P. Trotter, dean of the Graduate School and Dr. John C. Calhoun, dean of Engineering accompanied the group.

The group left Bryan AFB Thursday morning and arrived at March AFB that afternoon. The students toured the base and saw a display of B-47 and KC-97 planes used in Strategic Air Command operations.

Leaving the B-47's they visited a SAC squadron and were shown

the duties of the squadron by Maj. Cotton, class of '44.

Traveling from squadron headquarters, the group was briefed at 15th AF Hq by the Commanding Officer, Maj. Gen. Old, who gave a briefing on the "Mission and Capabilities of SAC".

The visit to March AFB was terminated by a dinner Thursday night honoring the guests.

Friday morning the students flew to Edwards AFB, Calif., which is the flight testing center for the Air Force.

"We saw planes there that looked as if they came out of Buck Rogers," said H. W. (Bud) Whitney, one of the students making the trip.

Among the planes the group saw was the X-1, X-2, and X-3 rocket planes and also the new fighters F-101 and F-102.

While inspecting these aircraft the group met one of the Air Force's top test pilots and the first man to crack the sonic barrier, Lt. Col. Pete Everest.

"We were very impressed with Col. Everest and his reputation said Whitney, but as he left us he jumped into a Model A and drove away. He told us it was the hottest 'A' on the base."

Between stops on their inspection tour the students watched the (See AGGIES, Page 6)



**TEXAS SIZE**—This "Texas Size" barbeque sign displayed on Bizzell Hall pretty well sums up Civilian Weekend activities. The drawing and designing of the sign was done by A. Conrad Neumann, graduate Oceanography student from Martha's Vineyard, Mass., and James L. Knighton, freshman engineering major from Overton. Civilian Weekend starts Saturday evening at 6 with the barbeque, which will be followed by a dance in Sbis Hall.

## Civilian Day Invitation To Corps Students

A special invitation has been issued to Corps students to attend the Civilian Day barbeque and dance Saturday. Civilian clothes are authorized from 5 p.m. for the affair, said Lt. Col. Taylor Wilkins, assistant commandant.

Barbecue tickets, which are \$1, go off sale at 10 p.m. Wednesday. Dance tickets, \$2 stag or drag for students and \$3 for non-students, go off sale at noon Saturday.

The barbeque will be held in the main dining hall of Sbis from 6-7:30 p.m. Entertainment in the form of the Aggie Ramblers, the guitar playing of Carlton Norris and John Jay Crawford, the dancing of Frank and Jeannette Amarillo of Dallas, the singing of John Montgomery from Paint Creek, and the singing and strumming of cowboy Lloyd Weaver from KCUL in Fort Worth will be provided.

United Artists stars John Forbes and Elaine Walker will be present. They will aid in judging the Beard Contest at dance intermission.

The dances start at 8:30 p.m. Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys will play in the main dining hall and Buster Satan with rhythm and blues will be located in the Sbis Annex.

## Announcements

All students who expect to receive a degree in June can order graduation announcements at the Department of Student Activities, second floor, Goodwin Hall. Orders will be taken through March 22.



**FRESHMAN SWEETHEART**—Miss Barbara Moody of Dallas, escorted by Bob Williams, was named Freshman Sweetheart at the Fish Ball Saturday night in Sbis Hall. Miss Moody was chosen from five finalists during intermission.

## Revisions Explained

### Hospitalization for System

(This is the second article that John W. Hill, Workmen's Compensation director for the A&M System, is writing to explain the revision of group hospitalization coverage. An open meeting will be held this afternoon at 4 p.m. in the Chemistry lecture room for those employees desiring clarification of any phase of the revision.)

Group hospitalization coverage for employees of the A&M College System as revised by the insurance committee effective April 1 provides several changes in benefits. Revised coverage drops the \$5 per day hospital room benefit plan and

provides a new Plan I with a \$7 per day hospital room benefit, a Plan II with \$10 per day room benefit and Plan III with a \$12 per day room benefit.

It also provides an increase in the allowance for hospital special charges. The new maximum hospital special charge allowance for Plan I is \$400, for Plan II, \$750 and \$1,000 for Plan III. This increase in maximum hospital special charges is brought about by the addition of a \$25 deductible clause for special charges applying to in-hospital care only. The deductible clause does not apply to special charges for out-patient surgery or emergency treatment.

Maximum reimbursement for surgical expense benefit for the three plans are Plan I—\$225, Plan II—\$300 and Plan III—\$350.

Two new coverages will become effective under the new plan. These are in-hospital medical calls by the physician and benefits for nine dread diseases including Poliomyelitis. The in-hospital medical care provides \$4 per call, per day, while confined in the hospital under Plan I with a maximum of \$200; \$5 per call, per day under Plan II and Plan III with a maximum of \$250. Hospital confinement cases in which surgical procedures are performed are not eligible for reimbursement under the in-hospital medical care provision.

The in-hospital medical care provides reimbursement starting with the first call by the physician in the hospital following an accident and starting with the fourth call in-hospital following an illness disability. The dread disease benefit provides a maximum of \$5,000 for Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever, Leukemia, Smallpox, Encephalitis, Spinal Meningitis, Rabies or Tetanus. This coverage provides hospital room, nursing care, therapist and all medical treatment necessary for recovery from the disease.

(The last of these articles will appear in tomorrow's Battalion).

## Ag. Eng. Society

Phillip M. Price, state engineer for the Soil Conservation Service, will speak at the Agricultural Engineering Society meeting tonight. The meeting is slated for 7:30 in the Agricultural Engineering Building. Anyone interested in the engineering phase of the SCS is invited to the meeting.

## Aggies 'Mom' Injured In Auto Crash

Mrs. Irene Claghorn, known to Aggies as "Mom" Claghorn, is still on the critical injured list following an accident Sunday night on the outskirts of Dallas.

Mrs. Claghorn, 67, is suffering from chest injuries and multiple cuts. She is in room 611 of Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

A Baylor Hospital spokesman said last night that she had shown little improvement yesterday. She was the only person involved or injured in the accident, of which the details are not known.

"Mom" has been here since 1918 when she came here as an Army nurse with the rank of captain.

## Sophomores Vote In Unruly Meeting

The class of 1958 voted to wear ties instead of scarfs to the Sophomore Ball, in their first meeting of the year held last night.

"The class has \$338, but if we have an out-of-town orchestra we will have to collect \$2 dues from each member of the class," said Robert Martin, class treasurer.

About 125 sophomores attended the slightly unruly meeting, and voted to leave the choice of orchestra and site for the dance to committees.

"Committees will be appointed next week," said Orville Newby, class president. "We hope to have the money collected by March 16, by having company clerks collect in each of the Corps outfits."

## Talent Show to Feature Kilgore Rangerettes

### Student Council Gives Views On Segregation

The A&M Arts and Sciences Council passed a resolution at its regular meeting last night which read: "Resolved, that the Arts and Sciences Council favor the admittance, with full privileges, of Negroes at all meetings held on the A&M campus."

The favorable vote was passed by a lopsided majority.

Discussion of the resolution arose over the policy of the A&M Board of Directors concerning meetings at A&M. The Council was told by a member that the Board has a committee studying the problem of integration, and a majority apparently approved passing a resolution which would indicate to the board the feeling of at least one group of students at A&M.

The hope was also expressed that other groups would express an opinion on this matter.

Other issues taken up by the Council were a short discussion of the Arts and Sciences magazine, The Commentator, following a short talk on the publication by Ross Strader, director of Student Publications, and a discussion of faculty awards.

### Pet Show Planned At Consolidated

Plans are being made for the 1956 Pet and Dog Show to be held at A&M Consolidated School April 7.

The annual show will be Consolidated's sixteenth and is expected to be the biggest in their history. Twenty-nine classes of animals will include everything from horses and pink elephants to crayfish and tadpoles. Children will have an opportunity to show any type of pet.

Sponsored by the Consolidated Mothers and Dads Club, the pet show is the largest and most successful in this area.

General Chairman J. R. Jackson has announced a meeting of all committee chairmen for 5:00 p.m., March 15, at the Consolidated Junior High School. Chairmen have been urged to attend since this is a very important meeting.

### Weather Today

**LIGHT RAIN**  
Scattered clouds with occasional light rain showers is forecast for College Station this afternoon with gusty winds from southwest. Yesterday's high was 83 degrees; low, 69 degrees. Temperature at 10:30 this morning was 75 degrees.

### Acts Drawn From 13 Neighboring Schools

The Kilgore Rangerettes, girls' drill group from Kilgore Junior College, will be the special attraction at the 1956 Intercollegiate Talent Show to be held here April 13, according to Joe Harris, producer of the show.

The Rangerettes are well known for their performance at Cotton Bowl halftime activities and at the Pro-College All-star Games each August at Soldier Field, Chicago.

Fifty girls will perform for the show and are now working on two acts.

Announcements of winners of the recent auditions was made last week by Dudley Brown, corresponding secretary of the show. The winners are as follows:

### SCONA Names Committee For Next Year

Four A&M juniors have been named to a committee charged with raising \$12,300 to finance the second in a series of student planned and operated conferences on national affairs for southwestern college men and women.

They are Jack Lunsford from Houston, Brad Crockett, Harlingen; L. E. Sheppard, Crockett and Alvan Richey, Houston.

The first Student Conference on National Affairs west of the Mississippi River was held at A&M this past December, attracting delegates from 47 colleges and universities in 14 states, Canada and Mexico.

The meetings are designed to acquaint southern and southwestern students with national problems by bringing a series of nationally known speakers from industry, business and government.

This year's conference will be held Dec. 12-15 on the A&M campus. Like the first, it is a student planned and operated meeting with delegates from about 50 southern and southwestern schools invited to participate. It is to be financed through private contributions from business and industrial firms and individuals.

### A&M Deans Attend Chicago Meeting

Dr. J. P. Abbott, dean of the college; Dr. W. H. Delaplaine, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences; and Dr. T. J. Parker, professor of geology, are representing A&M at the 11th National Conference on Higher Education in Chicago.

"Resources for Higher Education" is the theme of the conference, which is sponsored by the Association for Higher Education. About 1,000 administrators and faculty members of colleges and universities are attending the meeting which ends tomorrow.

Texas A&M—Ed Burkhead, tenor.

University of Arkansas — Bob Green, Jimmy Johnson, and Bruce Smith, comedy and imitations. Green and Johnson were part of the Arkansas act last year.

Baylor University — "The Three Flushers", mens trio that does comic imitations of pop songs.

Louisiana State University — "The Tiger Tappers", novelty dancing act starring Mike Cooper who represented LSU last year, and 11 girls. The act won a similar talent show on the LSU campus this past fall.

Oklahoma A&M—Two acts; Joe Cannon, trumpet player who plays semi-classical music, and "The Beta Four", barbershop quartet composed of Gary Blake, Bryan Duke, Bob Hill and Bill Thompson.

Oklahoma University — "The Four Lambs", Ames Brothers type style with three men singing and one playing piano. The group is composed of Larry Cohan, Jerry Bitterman, Sam Esterkyn and Steve Janger.

Rice Institute—Record pantomime composed of Penny Blackledge, Patti Blackledge, Colleen Caldwell and Phyllis Phair.

Southwestern Louisiana Institute—"The Dukes of Rhythm", a Dixieland band. The saxophone player in the band played in the original recording of "See You Later, Alligator".

Southern Methodist University—Denise Foster, featured singer on the radio show "Early Birds" on station WFAA, Dallas.

Texas State College for Women — Betty Harrison, singer.

Texas Christian University — Bob Romo, baritone.

Tulane University and Sophie Newcombe — Leroy Ottman and Becky Carson, dancers. Miss Carson is beauty queen at Sophie Newcombe.

University of Texas—Linda Potts, harpist from Bryan who has played for the last two years at the Freshmen Open House during New Student Week in September. The music she plays ranges from semi-classical to jazz.

Arrangements are still being made for a master of ceremonies for the show.



**OFF WE GO!** Thirty-five DMS Air Force Students pictured before their visit to March and Edwards AFB in

California last Thursday as a field trip in Military Science. They returned Saturday morning.