

## Student Or Secret?

Just what the "S" in SCONA stands for is a matter to be questioned.

Supposedly it means Student in the title Student Conference on National Affairs, but in actual practice it comes closer to meaning secret.

Coming down to the common man level just a little, the SCONA powers have agreed to let the public in on a few of the more important sessions in hearing two panel discussions and three speeches.

After this, though, the sessions go behind closed doors as far as the general student body is concerned.

According to some of the SCONA planners, the round table discussions are open to the public for the record. But they say "don't print that because we don't want a whole lot of students coming in and crowding the conference rooms."

It is understandable that students wouldn't be allowed to take part in the discussions since they are necessarily organized and planned around a few. But for students to be discouraged in viewing and hearing these discussions is completely intolerable to the purposes of SCONA.

Why not have a continuous schedule of the discussions in some place such as the Coliseum, Guion Hall or the Ball and Assembly rooms in the MSC so students may at least have a chance to witness some of the sessions?

SCONA lists its purposes as being to "conduct informative and stimulating discussions on the role of the United States in foreign affairs;

"To provide an appreciation of the complexities of the foreign policies of the United States to an increasingly large representation of college students in the South and Southwest;

"By a serious exchange of ideas between students over a period of years and to help promote a generation of responsible leaders in international affairs."

The phrases sound nice anyway. But how can a generation of leaders be produced with limited participation and knowledge?

Everyone realizes the impossibility of mass participation in the discussions by actual voicing of opinions, but how can any of the purposes of SCONA, which indeed are noble, be fulfilled unless more than just a few select students benefit from the discussions and the conclusions reached.

## Confusion Rules In CS Traffic Circle

By JIM BOWER

Contrary to popular belief, cars entering the traffic circle at the intersection of Farm road 60 and College Avenue do not have the right-of-way.

The confusion as to just who is right in entering the circle seems to have grown from the idea that because it is a traffic circle and cars entering it are coming from the right, the drivers of these cars think they have the right-of-way.

This means that a large number of more-or-less highly educated people are playing the high school automotive game of "chicken" without advantage of pre-arrangement.

But according to officials here in College Station, those cars already in the circle are in the right and should not have to stop.

The fact that the right way of traffic flow into the circle is not known is proven when Bryan city police are seen stopping their car to allow other cars to enter the circle.

Both city and state police regard the intersection as a dangerous "hot spot" because so few people

seem to know who has the right-of-way.

During August, lightest month for travel in the College Station area, the State Highway Department made a survey which revealed that more than 10,000 cars used the circle daily. It was pointed out, however, that most of this was at 8 a. m., 12 noon, 1 p. m. and again at 5 p. m.

One of the problems holding up the correction of this "hot spot" is that there seems to be some confusion as to just who has the responsibility. It is on Farm road 60 which is inside the city limits of College Station and borders on the campus of A&M. One of the more prominent suggestions as to the cure of the circle traffic condition is to place "Yield Right-of-Way" signs at the four approaches to the circle and since two lanes are used in each approach, have signs on both sides of the road.

## Jack Kent Elected

Jack T. Kent of A&M's Mathematics Department, has been elected vice chairman of the Southwest Region of the American Association of University Professors. The group met this year at the invitation of the University of Oklahoma Chapter, Biological Substation of the university at Lake Texoma, near Kingston, Okla.

Sir Winston Churchill retired as England's prime minister in April, 1955.

## What's Cooking

The following organizations will meet tonight:

7:30  
Southwest Texas A&M Club will have an important business meeting in the YMCA.

Accounting Society meets in room 3C of the Memorial Student Center. Judge Hoyle will speak. Before the meeting a group picture will be taken on the front steps of the MSC. Uniform is class A and seniors will wear boots. Civilians will wear coats and ties.

Education and Psychology Club meets in room 103 of the Academic Building.

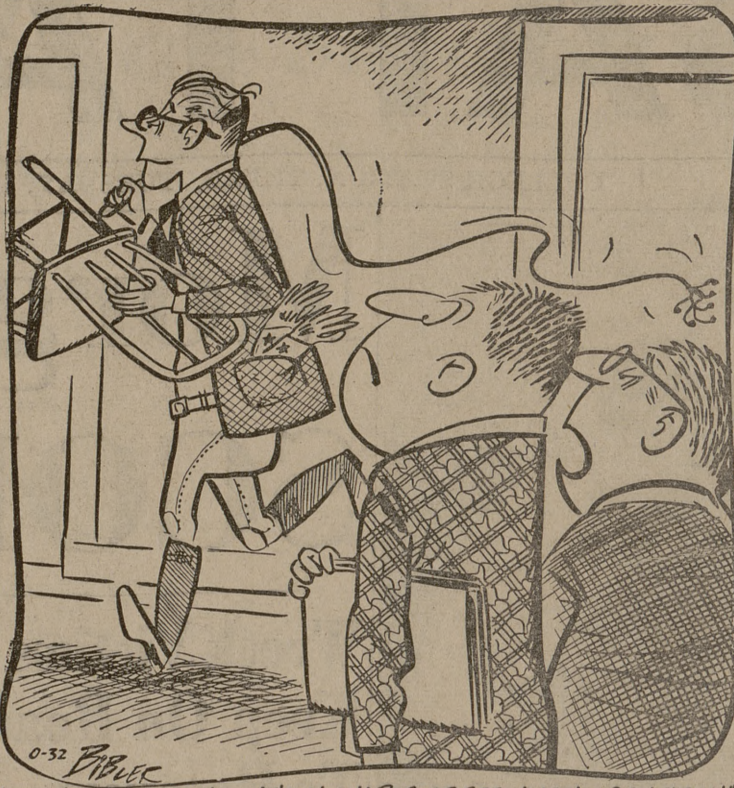
Fish and Game Club meets on the third floor, rear, of the Agricultural Engineering Building. Slides of summer field trip will be shown and Christmas party discussed.

## Agriculturist Joins

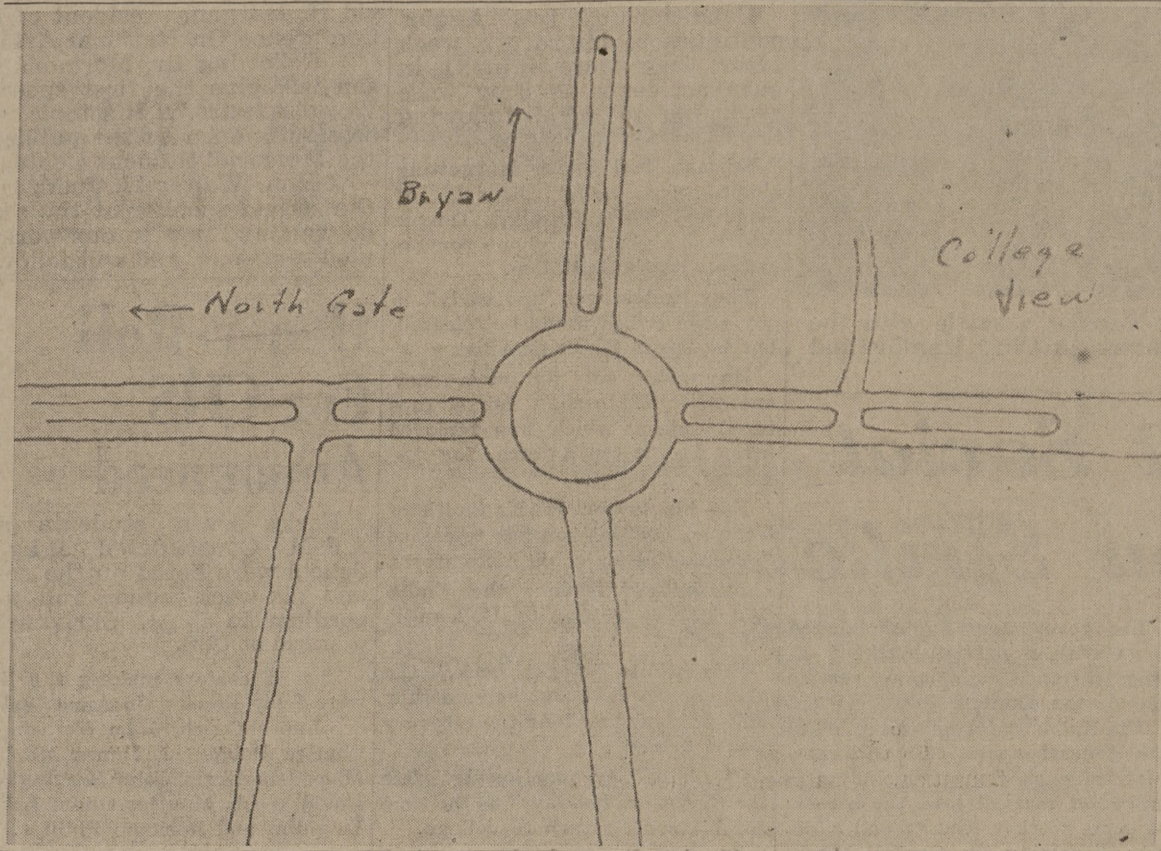
The Agriculturist, magazine for the school of Agriculture, was unanimously voted a member of the Agricultural Magazines Associated at the annual convention recently in Chicago.

## LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



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## Ag Experiment Station Gets \$18,575 In Grants

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station has received \$18,575 for research studies in six different fields.

According to Station Director R. D. Lewis an extension of a former grant was made by Merck & Company, Inc., Rahway, New Jersey. The additional \$6,000 will be used to support studies on the presently unidentified factor important in the hatching ability of poultry eggs.

One grant was made to the Poultry Science Department by the Port Arthur Manhaden Products, Inc. of Sabine Pass. It was for \$3,000 and will support research on fish solubles.

Supporting studies on the cause or causes of abortion in cattle is the Gaines County Commissioners Court renewed grant for \$5,000.

The Jefferson Chemical Company, Inc. of Houston is supporting research on the control of plant

parasitic nematodes by nematocides with their grant for \$1,000.

The Department of Plant Physiology also received a grant from the Pittsburgh Coke and Chemical Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The \$500 grant will be used to study the effects of fungicides in the control of cereal rusts.

The Phillips Petroleum Company of Bartlesville, Okla., has made \$2,000 available to the Department of Agronomy for research on the factors that influence the nutrient availability of soils.

The Perlie Institute of New York City has made available a grant for \$1,075 for research in the use of lightweight aggregates in floricultural practices.

Dr. Wm. Gottlieb

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Foot Specialist will be in Bryan this Wednesday, Dec. 12 at the LaSalle Hotel for the treatment of foot conditions.

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## Pack 302 Meeting

Cub Scout Pack 302 will meet at 7 tonight in the parish hall of St. Thomas Episcopal Chapel. The opening ceremony will be by Den 3, under the direction of Mrs. Earl Logan. Den 7, directed by Mrs. Joseph Nemece, will be in charge of the program, and the closing ceremony will be conducted by Den 6, Mrs. Oscar Murphy, den mother.

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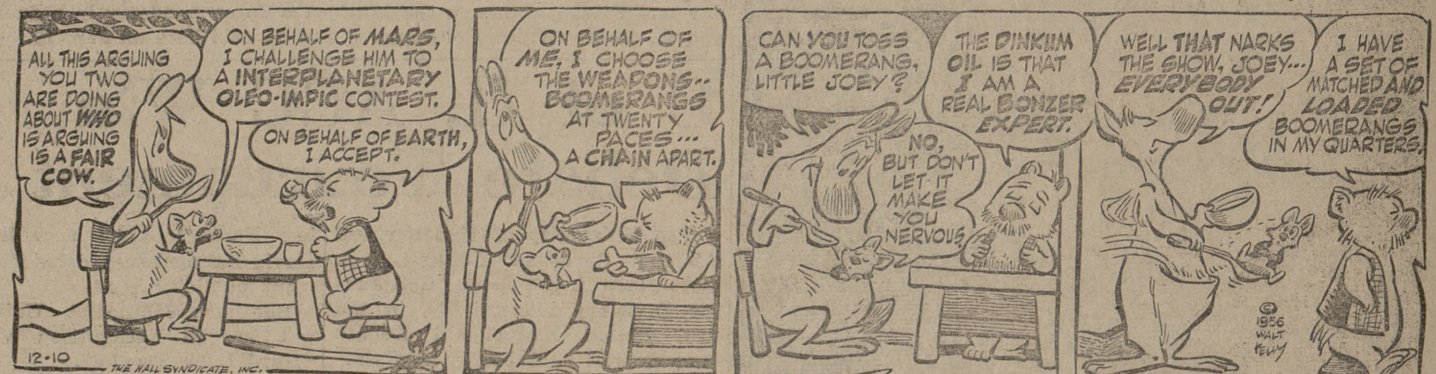
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