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Off the Cuff What Goes On Here

A strait-laced A&M Consolidated High School geography teacher laid it on the line recently in reply to a student's question. Lecturing on the famous Niagara Falls, the teacher pointed out the spot's popularity for honeymooners. A student asked if she had gone there when she married. "Why no," she answered primly, "I went to the Virgin Islands."

Aggie baseballers demonstrated their versatility Friday night in the 12 inning game against Baylor in Waco.

As usual the game approached the riot stage but water rather than fists were the only exchanges made.

It all began around the third inning when the Baylor fans began to show their impatience by throwing cups of water on the Aggie Players. Donnie Hullum, Ag pitcher, retaliated and in that famous Aggie way, went far beyond the call of duty. He calmly hooked up a nearby fire hose and drenched the Baylor stands.

This wasn't to be the end. In the fifth inning, Coach Beau Bell became absorbed in an argument with the umpire and ventured near the screen. He quickly was cooled as a vindictive Bruin poured a bucket of water on his head.

A&M Officials Still Hope For Atomic Reactor

No news has been received so far concerning the atomic reactor A&M applied to the Atomic Energy Commission for, according to Fred J. Benson, vice director of the Engineering Experiment Station.

"Results of the Atomic Energy Commission's decision to appropriate funds for building the reactor were hoped for by the first of this month, but we still have no news," said Benson. "We are hoping to hear by April 15."

The nuclear reactor is being sought to make A&M's plans of a nuclear physics program become a reality. President D. W. Williams made the application for the reactor after the AEC announced they would give money for assisting educational programs in nuclear training.

If A&M gets the reactor, it will be used chiefly for graduate work, but Dr. R. C. Calhoun, dean of Engineering, said it would also be used for demonstrations in undergraduate courses. The departments of Physics, Chemistry and Engineering will share use of the reactor and Calhoun will draw up plans for its use.

"If we receive the reactor, it will definitely help our nuclear program," Calhoun said. "An atomic reactor is a necessity for any good nuclear fission training program."

Corps Cleaning Up For Annual Check

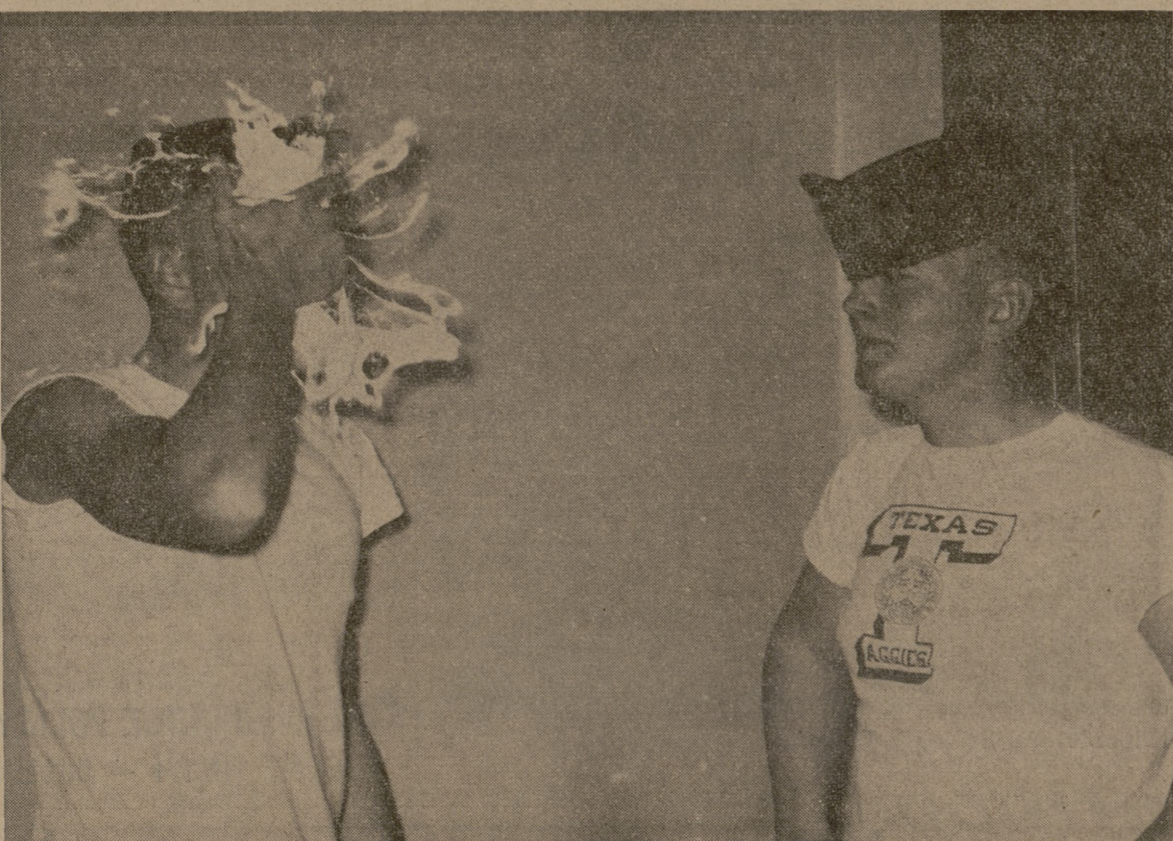
By JACK TEAGUE

Spring has arrived once more at A&M, bringing with it the Annual Federal Inspection of the Cadet Corps.

The inspection, scheduled for 7 a. m., Thursday, for all cadet dorms, is bringing cries of plea and despair from all concerned. Until the inspection is over, all spare time will be spent mopping and waxing floors, dusting long-forgotten springs and dressers and discarding all loose junk to bring rooms and halls to tiptop perfection.

Maj. Gen. Mark McClure, of Fort Sam Houston, will be the general officer to take the salute of the Corps Thursday afternoon at the review.

Other army inspectors include Col. Reavus C. Marys Arty.; Col.



PREVIEW OF FRIDAY—Rehearsing for the bi-annual "fish day" to be held Friday, sophomore Bobby Smith, left, "knocks off a buzz" with a handful of shaving cream. Watching happily is Jon H. Jackson, a freshman. Fish day, normally held April 1, was postponed due to Federal Inspection.

Concrete Block Could Prove Dangerous to Curious Thief

Somewhere in the College Station-Bryan area there is a concrete booby trap which was recently stolen from behind the Civil Engineering Building, capable of killing someone, said Henson K. Stephenson, research engineer and manager of the Texas Transportation institute located on the campus.

The innocent looking concrete block itself only weighs about 10 pounds and is approximately 18 inches long, six inches wide and four inches deep. But it has been compressed in a device which has four steel rods (one on each corner) and two steel plates at each end. Between the plates is a ball bearing.

**AAUP Will Meet;
Hear FSA Prexy**

All faculty and staff members are invited and urged to attend a meeting for the local American Association of University Professors Wednesday at 7:45 p. m. in the Memorial Student Center social room.

Program for the evening will concern the Former Students Association. On hand for a talk on the association's work will be L. R. Bloodworth, president of FSA.

Bloodworth will explain the operation of the organization and some of the proposed projects will be discussed.

"This is an opportunity for all faculty members to show their appreciation of the Faculty Achievement Awards given annually by the FSA," said M. V. Krenitsky, vice-president of AAUP.

Coffee will be served following the meeting.

Beverly Caldwell, Cml.; Lt. Col. Robert D. Hand, CE.; Lt. Col. Hershel J. Martin, Ord.; Lt. Col. Roy A. Davis, TC; Lt. Col. Fred F. White, Arty.; Major William E. Hames, Sig; Maj. Morton W. Kimball, QMC; Maj. Thomas G. Bunn, Inf.; Capt. Paul E. Griffin, Arty (AAVn).

Air Force inspectors include Col. R. F. Hardy, Chief of Liaison, Grp. C, Headquarters, AFROTC; Lt. Col. W. R. Maloney, Headquarters, AFROTC; Major M. Jones, Asst. PAS&T at Arizona University, Tucson, Ariz. Assisting the Air Force team will be twelve tactical officers from Bryan AFB.

The Army team, except McClure, will arrive at Bryan AFB between 4 and 5:30 p. m. today. They plan to return to Fort Sam Houston after completion of the inspection.

ing. At one end is a heavy spring with another steel plate over it with the ends of the steel rods screwed down by large-nuts.

"If this mechanism is tampered with by unskilled hands," said Stephenson, "The loosening of the nuts could cause the block to slip out of place, explode like dynamite and kill anyone nearby."

The block was placed in the special device by a compressing machine in the Civil Engineering Department. It was compressed until a reading of 24,000 pounds or 12 tons registered on the meter.

The main purpose of the block being placed in the device was to test the stress on the special concrete material which contains a mixture of aggregate.

"This particular specimen represents several hundred dollars of time and effort," said Stephenson.

**Baptist Annual
Aggie Banquet
Due Saturday**

The annual Baptist Student Union banquet, with the theme of "Time Marches On," will be held at 7, Saturday evening in the ballroom of the Memorial Student Center.

Tickets for the semi-formal banquet are on sale by the BSU dormitory representatives for \$1.75 and will be on sale until Wednesday night. Corsages may be ordered when the ticket is purchased.

The main speaker for the banquet will be Dr. W. F. Howard, director of student work for Texas Baptists in Dallas. Also on the program will be soloist Mary Vogel from Dallas, a quartet from the school of nursing at Memorial Hospital in Houston, a quartet of Aggies who call themselves the "Aggenizers" and Jerry Hatfield, the winner of the Aggie Talent Show.

An added surprise feature of the banquet will be presented by master of ceremonies Skipper Connor. This program will include several visiting personalities from over the state.

General chairman of the banquet is Al Meyer. Assisting him in committee work are Sammy Ferguson, Jimmy Windle, Tom Sirianna, Howard Hamner, Jim Manley, Bob Phillips and Tommy MacDonald.

**April 15 Deadline
Set For Pictures**

All pictures for Vanity Fair and Senior Favorites, for the Aggie-land, must be turned in to the Student Publications office before April 15.

Pictures of any size may be submitted and the same picture may be used for both contests.

"For about a year we have been taking data and readings from the block."

Several blocks of the same type are presently being tested behind the Civil Engineering Building. Some of the blocks have been studied for more than two years.

"I am only interested in warning whoever has the device to be careful and not try to tamper with it in any way. I am very much concerned over its disappearance and would like to have it back because of the research value," Stephenson asserted.

He said that if whoever had the block would write an anonymous note or letter to the Institute, telling where it is, that no further questions would be asked.

"The block is only useful to us and dangerous to anyone else," he said.

Anyone having any information concerning the whereabouts of the block is requested to phone or write the Texas Transportation Institute, VI 6-7213.

AH Seniors Leave For Oklahoma City

Thirteen senior animal husbandry majors will leave tomorrow morning for Oklahoma City to observe sessions in the Meat Animal and Carcass Evaluation Clinic which will be held through Saturday.

The trip, sponsored by the Saddle and Siroin Club, will be on the order of a "senior trip" for the AH majors.

Accompanying the students will be Doug Wythe of the AH Department. The students will hear notables in the field of animal husbandry discuss subjects dealing with problems in the field of their study at the clinic.

Students making the trip include Charley Jackson, Frank McMurray, James Ramin, Caddo Waldrip, Norman Vestal, John Bullard, Norman Kinne, Kenneth Rivorre, Ralph Terrill, Bill Thane, Bill Ragland, John Foshee and Cecil Wilde.

Members making the trip will return to A&M Sunday.

Weather Today

CLOUDY
Continued cloudiness is forecast for the immediate vicinity, with thundershowers expected in the surrounding area late this afternoon and evening. Yesterday's high was 82 degrees, and this morning's low, 66. From the time of the low reading, 1:30 a. m., the mercury rose steadily to 76 degrees at 10:30 this morning.

Senate Seekers End Campaigns

Esten, Medlen McCulley Get A&SC Awards

Arts and Sciences Council members selected C. K. Esten, William S. McCulley and Dr. A. B. Medlen to receive the Faculty Appreciation Awards for 1956-57 at their regular meeting last night.

Esten of the English Department directs the Aggie Players and is the familiar announcer at football games who says, "Welcome to Kyle Field, home of the fighting Texas Aggies."

McCulley of the Mathematics Department is also a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserve.

Medlen of the Biology Department specializes in the teaching of medical and dental students.

The three men will be presented plaques at the next meeting of the council, May 6.

Preceding selection of the award winners Dave McReynolds, senior representative to the Intercouncil Committee, reported that at the last meeting, Tuesday night, the committee set up a system of booths to be operated by representatives from each of the schools of the college, May 11-12, Parents Day Weekend.

Mardi Gras King Gives RV's Medal

His Majesty Rex, King of New Orleans Mardi Gras, recently gave the coveted Duach Medal to the Ross Volunteers for being the unit that contributed most to making the parade a success.

The medal is given yearly and the RV's have taken it for the last two years.

Cadet Captain John H. Specht, commander of the RV's made the announcement. Over 300,000 people were estimated to have watched the parade and six to nine million television viewers.

GOP High Brass Supporting Thad

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Republican high brass was used Monday night in a final pitch for votes by Thad Hutcheson in Tuesday's election to pick a new U.S. Senator from Texas.

Endorsing the Eisenhower-backed candidate in a television appearance from Houston were Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, Sen. William Knowland (R-Calif.), Sen. Styles Bridges (R-NH) and U. S. Rep. Bruce Alger (R-Tex.), of Dallas.

Agriculture Commissioner John White returned to Austin from Houston Monday and continued his hand-shaking tour along the route.

Most of the 19 candidates made their final pleas in Houston with 14 appearing Sunday on a Houston television program, either in person or by film.

Congressman-at-large Martin Dies ended his campaign before home town rooters in Lufkin.

Sen. William A. Blakley, temporarily appointed Jan. 15 minutes before Allan Shivers stepped out as governor, will be replaced by the winner. He is not a candidate and said in Dallas Monday he has "never aspired to public office and I have no intention of ever making it a career." He said he will be glad when his successor is elected and he can remain in Dallas.

Hutcheson said the race is between himself and Yarborough. He said, "We believe Yarborough could be elected only by conservatives who stay at home or conservatives who vote for a prejudice instead of a cause."

"The threat of Republicanism that flared briefly in Texas' political skies is sputtering out," said White. "The apathy and indecision of the voters that marked the early phases of the campaign has crystallized into a firm resolve to elect a Democrat to the Senate."

Dies said in Lufkin, "All over the state Texas voters have swung their support to me because they know I am the only man in the race that can beat Yarborough."

State Sen. Searcy Bracewell said (See SENATE RACE, page 2.)

City, State Elections Held Today

Polls will stay open until 7 tonight for election of a U. S. Senator from Texas and two College Station City Councilmen.

Voting in the Texas special general election called to fill the vacant senate post of Gov. Price Daniel was held in the North Gate Culpepper Realty office and the A&M Consolidated School music room. City election boxes were located in the city hall.

"The city council post of Ernest Seeger, who died Thursday, will have to be filled in a special election called by the new council," City Manager Ran Boswell said. "Ballots for the council posts will be canvassed by Monday and there is a possibility Mayor Ernest Langford may call a special session to discuss the matter."

According to the College Station charter, a special election to fill a vacancy must be called within 30 days after the vacancy occurs.

Seeger was running unopposed from ward three (North Gate area). The other two wards each had two candidates for their representatives.

Curve Claims Priority

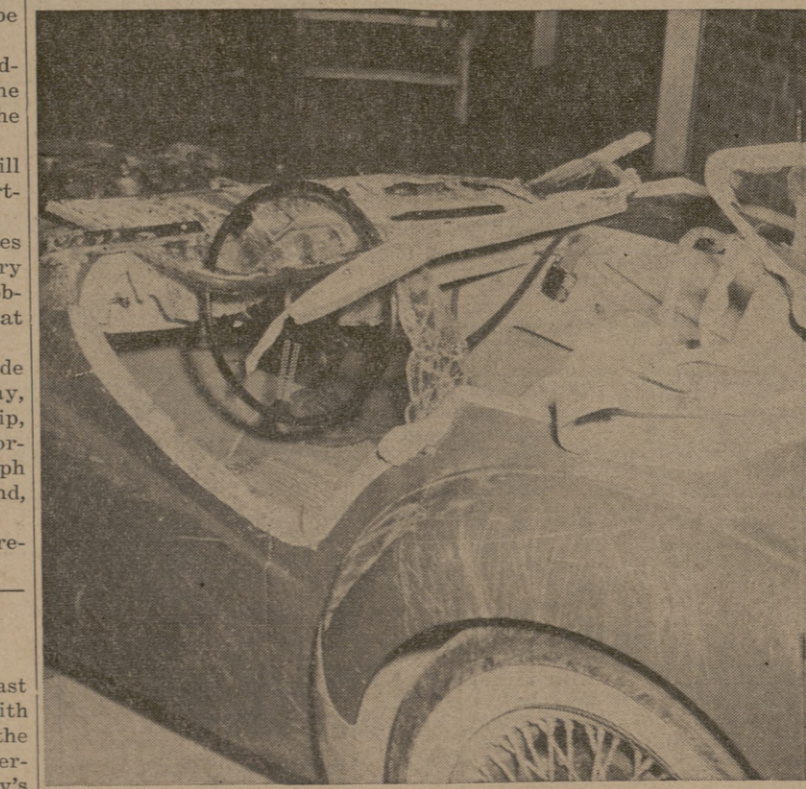
Safety Belts Save Aggies

By JOE BUSER

Death was cheated by a pair of safety belts which held two Aggies fast in their seats while their cloth-topped Triumph sports car turned over and over after missing a

curve on Farm Highway 158 early Saturday morning.

Driver of the car was James E. Sheffield, mechanical engineering major from 114 Lakeside Dr., Bryan. Other passenger in the car



SAFETY BELTS prevented the occupants of this car from being killed early Saturday morning. The light sports car rolled about 500 feet and landed upside down with the driver and passenger owing their lives to the safety belts recently installed in the car.

was John W. Hall, Jr., '39, 605 E. 26th St., Bryan. Both men received multiple cuts and bruises about the face and head and are being treated in the Bryan Clinic. Their condition was reported "improving" yesterday and they will probably be released in a few days, according to Dr. Joseph Cox, attending physician.

The two men were "just riding around" while Hall's wife was taking a German lesson when the accident occurred. They chose Farm Highway 158, they said because "it has less curves."

According to State Highway Patrolman O. L. Luther, who investigated the accident, the sports car was traveling at an excessive speed when it reached the curve. Marks indicate the car skidded several hundred feet before it began to roll, he said.

Neither of the passengers in the car remembers anything after turning on to the farm highway.

"I must have been unconscious. All I remember is shifting gears after we stopped for the stop sign and, later, being bounced around. It seems that I said, 'Oh, Hell, here goes my car,' but I'm not sure of anything," Sheffield said.

Hall said carbon monoxide, escaping from a newly installed muffler might have caused the lack of memory about the ride.

"One thing's for sure, though," he added. "Without the safety belts we would have just made a mess on the highway."