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## Off the Cuff What Goes On Here

Ominous rumblings from the Trigon have had many seniors "sweating" since the practice review Tuesday afternoon.

For some strange reason many seniors, too numerous to mention here were very conspicuous by their absence at Tuesday's review.

Contrary to commanding officers' opinion a first sergeant stands out more than is realized.

Perhaps the reason the Bulls missed the seniors was that the sun didn't glare off the serge stripes like it does off the diamonds and buttons.

A local doctor has diagnosed the ailments as acute senioritis.

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If you are planning to leave for this year's Spring Recess on the date indicated in the college catalog, don't do it. The catalog lists a date which is erroneous.

The correct date for the recess is April 18-22 inclusive, with holidays for the faculty as well as students, according to President D. W. Williams.

## Sigma Delta Chi Selects Officers For Next Year

A&M's chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity, elected new officers and installed four new pledges last night at their Spring Initiation Dinner in the Charcoal Room of the Western Restaurant.

Taking office are Jim Neighbors, president; Welton Jones, vice president; Gayle McNutt, secretary; John West, treasurer and Joe Buser, parliamentarian. The new officers take their positions immediately to pilot the chapter for the next year.

Pledges Joe Buser, Val Polk, Bob Clendennen and Gayle McNutt were administered the oath and became members of the fraternity.

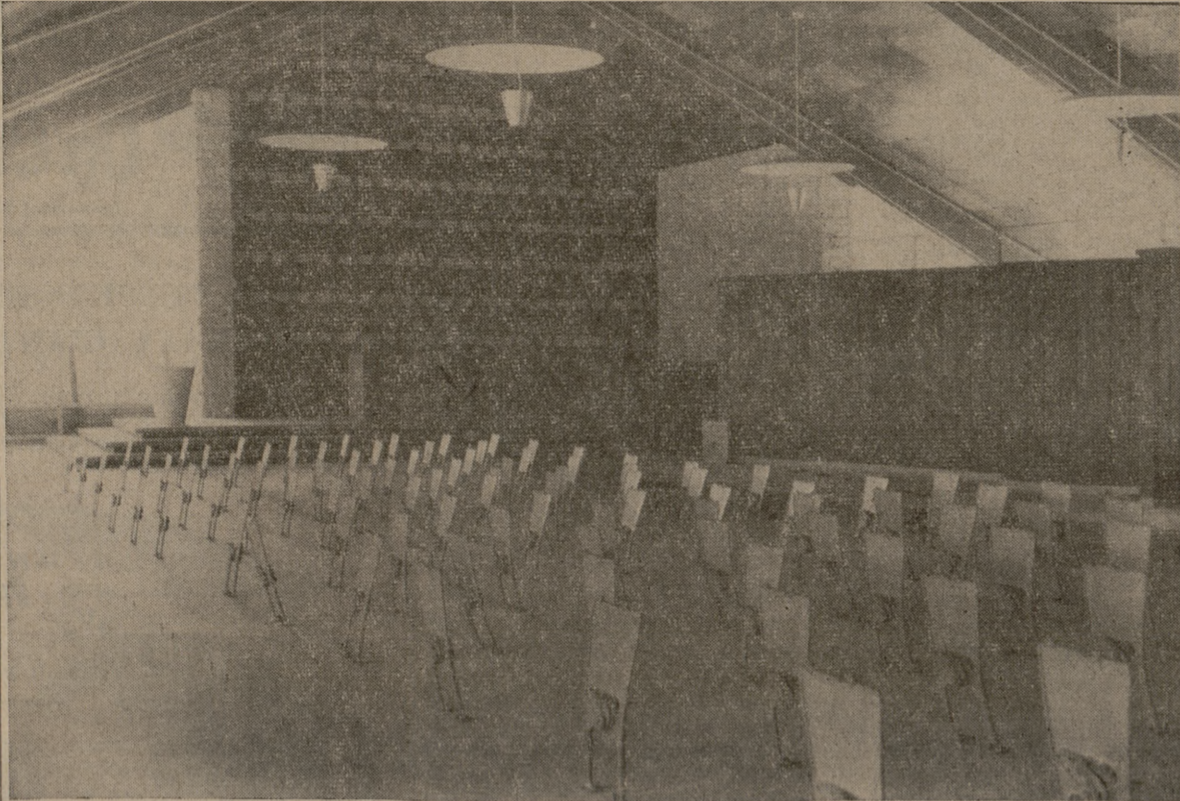
D. D. Burchard was reelected sponsor of the A&M chapter. He has been elected to this post each year since the chapter's beginning in 1954.

Retiring officers are: Dave Reynolds, president; Jim Bower, vice president; Connie Eckard, secretary; Barry Hart, treasurer and Jim Neighbors, parliamentarian.

Twenty one members and pledges attended the dinner.

## CHS Student Admits Entering Classroom

A student at A&M Consolidated High School has confessed that he broke into the school three weeks ago and took "about \$16", according to school officials. Superintendent L. S. (Les) Richardson was unavailable for comment yesterday.



MODERN SANCTUARY in the A&M Chapel is shown above near completion. The room, when completed, will seat 180 persons. The chapel is supposed to be completed soon.

## Cowboys From Aggieldand To Ride, Rope, Wrestle

By DON BISETT

A&M sends its rodeo team to the Intercollegiate wars of the arena for their second outing of the year this weekend when they travel to Austin and the Texas University Arena.

A. G. Ollre, club president and current leader for All-Round Cowboy, says, "We are sending a very strong team and one that is due to bring home another team trophy with any kind of luck at all."

Ollre himself is the present leader in the Bareback and Saddle Bronc riding and stands second in

the Bull riding. Keneth Beasley is first in the Bull riding and second in the two events that Ollre leads. He also stands second to Ollre in the All-Round standings.

Rodney Butler, another member of the star-studded team, is first in the Steer Wrestling standings and closely follows Ollre and Beasley in the Riding events. Both Beasley and Butler are men who work four events in the tanbark arena and work them well, according to Ollre.

Other members of the strong A&M team are John Kiker, Curtis Burlin and Sonny Presnal. Kiker is the team roper and another Steer

Wrestler while Presnal and Burlin ride in the Bareback and Bull riding events.

Burlin is the only four year member of the team and has been a consistent winner in his two events. Presnal is considered the dark-horse in his two events and has the skill to beat any of his teammates any time they match their skills.

A&M is considered the outstanding team in the Southern Division of the Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. They have already established a strong lead in the team standings with their overwhelming team victory at the Sam Houston State College Rodeo early this year.

## Ag Bridge Players Place 13 in Finals

Charles Skillman, Jr., Frank Buchanan, C. Dewey Hungerford and Robert Patton placed 13th as a team in the South Central Zone of the National Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament, after playing the eliminating hands last Feb. 21.

Skillman and Buchanan edged Hungerford and Patton to become A&M's individual bridge champions.

The results were released recently by C. C. Nolen of the University of Texas, chairman of the NIBT committee, after studying the scores of 2,000 participants representing 103 universities in the United States.

Teams representing Cornell University and Oberlin College (Ohio) won first place in this year's tournament.

Other schools in the South Central division include the state universities of Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas.

## Falsies Start Fire In Cleaning Shop

MIAMI, Fla., (AP)—A pair of "falsies" were blamed yesterday for a fire which did more than \$4,000 worth of damage at a laundry and dry cleaning plant.

One of the plant's owners said he believed the falsies—used by women to provide curves—were left in a basket of clothes which had been dried in a hot air tumbler.

He said the material of which the articles are made holds the heat and can cause an explosion if kept in an unventilated place.

## Pictorial Guide

A new pictorial guide of the campus has been produced by the A&M Press. It consists of an aerial view of A&M with all buildings and other points of interest clearly marked and numbered to help visitors find their way around the campus.

## Requirements For Living Democracy

By DR. RALPH STEEN

A&M's student elections serve as an excellent example of democracy in action. They illustrate both the good points and the bad points of democracy as it operates in the United States. In the elections you will have candidates, platforms and a remarkable lack of interest on the part of many of the students.

It is this lack of interest which keeps democracy from being as good in practice as it is in theory. Every voter who stays away from the polls makes it easier for an organized group (practically always a minority) to control the

## S'west Twister Death Toll 16

### Ralph Grabs Larger Margin Over Rivals

DALLAS, (AP)—Democrat Ralph Yarborough polled more than 350,000 votes to win the special U.S. Senate election, final returns of the Texas Election Bureau released Wednesday night show.

Yarborough received 353,923 votes. Congressman-at-large Martin Dies, also a Democrat, was second with 284,881 votes and Thad Hutcheson, Republican, was third with 218,475.

Yarborough had 37.85 per cent of the vote, Dies 30.46 per cent and Hutcheson 23.26 per cent.

The final returns, from all of the state's 254 counties, including 158 complete, amounted to a total of 935,086 votes. Robert Johnson, head of the bureau, said about 25,000 votes were still unreported.

Thus the actual vote was considerably higher than the 700,000-800,000 predicted.

State Senator Searcy Bracewell received 32,166 votes, former Supreme Court Justice James P. Hart 19,093, and Agriculture Commissioner John White 10,825.

Totals received by the others in the field of 19 were: Elmer Adams, 2,127; Herbert J. Antoine, Sr., 556; The Rev. M. T. Banks, 1,991; Jacob Bergolofsky, 579; John C. Barnes, Sr., 553; Frank Cortez, 1,291; C. O. Foerster, 613; Curtis Ford, 771; Ralph W. Hammonds, 2,047; Walter Scott McNutt, 651; Clyde R. Orms, 332; J. Perrin Willis, 823 and High Wilson 788.

### Property Damage Hits \$4 Million

DALLAS, (AP)—Dallas suffered new anguish from raging thunderstorms and twister threats yesterday after Tuesday's tornado which killed 10 persons and laid waste to 60 blocks—the worst destruction in the city's history. Nearly 200 persons were treated at hospitals for injuries.

The tornado was part of a storm wave which swept across Texas and Oklahoma killing 16. A tornado killed one man at Ben Franklin, and other twisters took five lives in Oklahoma—two at Little City, two at Durant and one near Ardmore.

Yesterday a tornado ripped a third of the gymnasium roof off the Little Cypress school in deep southeast Texas near Orange, but none of the 800 students were injured.

Other tornadoes, rumors of tornadoes, and windstorms swept eastern Texas, but there were no immediate reports of deaths or major damage.

Sodden survivors of the Dallas storm slogged through rain and mud trying to salvage a few possessions from their destroyed homes.

At least 500 persons had no place to live today except in relief shelters or with friends or relatives.

Deputy Police Chief O. P. Wright estimated Dallas damage at four million dollars. At least 500 homes were destroyed or damaged.

The federal government declared Dallas County a disaster area, eligible for low-interest loans for rehabilitation.

Milton Hilliard, 2, died in a hospital yesterday of tornado injuries to become the 10th Dallas fatality.

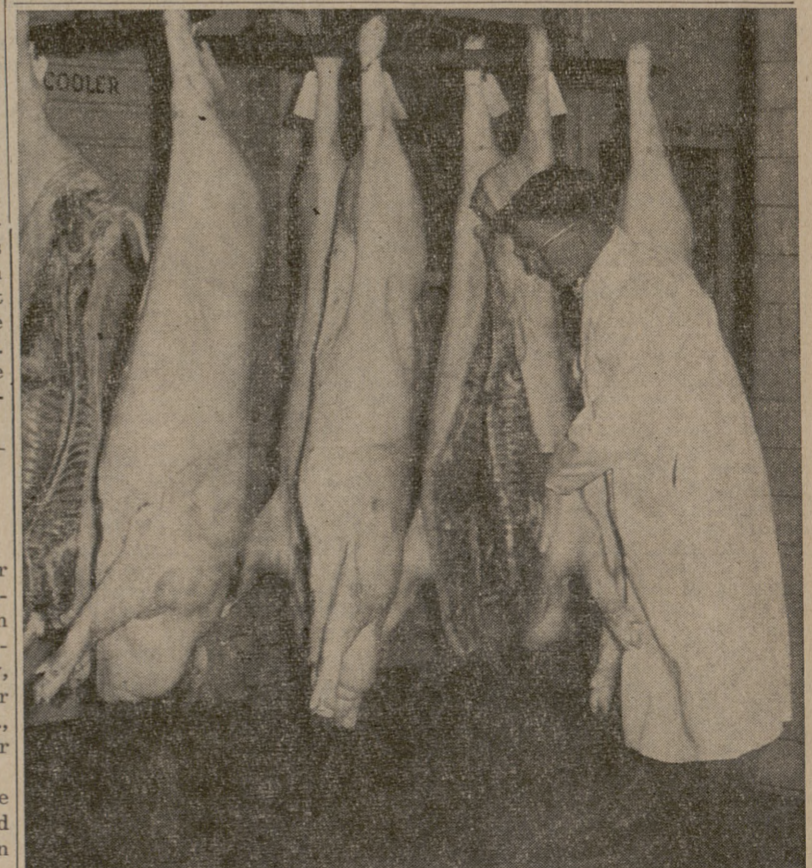
The twister ripped a 21-mile path through the city, knocked out electricity in 75,000 homes and put 4,000 telephones out of commission. The utilities damage was rapidly repaired.

A slashing thunderstorm struck the city before dawn yesterday, and others struck later.

Three funnels were seen during the morning in Dallas County, and many others were reported throughout north and east Texas. But damage appeared minor except at Little Cypress school. Most funnels did not touch the ground.

Many areas reported minor damage from windstorms.

The Dallas police force, 600 strong, was beefed up by 100 reserves and placed on 12-hour shifts until the crisis was over.



LITTLE SOUTHWESTERN preparations include the killing of swine for the Saddle & Siroin Clubs annual Ham Sale which will be a part of weekend festivities May 11 and 12. Rob Gooch inspects carcasses of swine killed by students prior to curing of hams for the show. Proceeds from the Ham Sale held during Little Southwestern Weekend go toward paying for trips taken by judging teams to various contests over the nation.

## Kyle Field Reserve Seat Plan Planned for Senate Decision

A plan for using the reserve seat system in Kyle Field for juniors and seniors (both Corps and Civilians) may come up for Student Senate decision at the Senate's meeting tonight.

Approval of the idea was granted yesterday by the Athletic Council after a detailed plan for organizing and practicing the program was presented by Senate members.

Generally accepting the Senate plan, the Council had three requirements they felt had to be met for the plan to be successful. These were: date ticket prices for juniors and seniors raised to \$3.50; tickets sold on a first come, first serve basis with the section designated by classes as was the case last Fall and the integrated seating of Corps and Civilian students.

The Council said they urged the integrated seating because it would simplify ticket sales and improve Corps-Civilian relations.

Under the plan, only juniors and seniors could buy the reserve seats and class distinction would still be enforced. Freshmen and sophomores would continue their seating arrangement as in the past.

Senator Joe Ross said the ticket price hike of \$1 was due because Southwest Conference regulations govern the sale of reserve seats and that college regulations state that any seat not in the end zone is to be priced at \$3.50.

Ross added that since only the Senate and not the student body would vote on the plan, he urged students to express their opinions on the idea to their Senators before the Senate meeting tonight.

The plan submitted by the Sen-

ators listed the following as advantages and disadvantages.

**Advantages:** cut down on confusion caused when Corps members rush for their seats, civilian students would not have to come too early to get a better seat, not as many student ushers would be

### Car Theft Solved By Title Holder

Campus Security said yesterday a car reported stolen last week from student Roland Baird was repossessed by the individual who held title to the car under the plan Baird purchased it.

Baird told officers he checked with the person in Houston and found the car. But the title holder required him to pay all the debt on the car in two weeks or lose it, Baird told them.

necessary and the Athletic Council would stand to make more money.

**Disadvantages:** new change will add confusion for awhile, each student will have to get a ticket for each game just as they do for out of town games and the price of date tickets for reserve seat holders is raised \$1.

The Senate committee did not ask for reserve seats for freshmen and sophomores because "there is very little difference in any end zone seat, end zone reserve seats would raise date ticket prices in that area to \$3.50 because of conference regulations, a group of freshmen could get seats together in order to be away from Corps sophomores and it would not be good relations to have a civilian freshman standing by laughing while a Corps freshman is being corrected."

### Two CS Tessies Make Dean's Team

Two Texas State College for Women students from College Station, Ann Fleming, freshman costume design and fashion illustration major, of 103 Fairview, and Carolyn Rhea Landiss, junior education major, of 803 Dexter Dr., were named to the college's honor roll for fall semester grades.

A high "B" average must be maintained to deserve being entered on the Dean's List, a recognition of superior scholarship.

### Weather Today PARTLY CLOUDY

Yesterday's high and low temperature readings were 79 and 56 degrees. At 10:30 this morning the temperature was 74.