



"Conformity vs. Individuality"

The student-faculty panel, on "Conformity vs. Individuality at A&M" answers questions from the floor at last night's discussion in the Wesley Foundation. Panel members are, left to right, Dr. Dan Russell, George Ragsdale, Dr. John Calhoun, Billy Libby and Dr. J. Q. Hays.

## Individuality Favored In Panel Discussion

By FRED MEURER

Individuality undertaken to achieve one's objectives is more desirable than conformity.

This was the general conclusion reached last night by four members of a discussion panel which studied "Individuality vs. Conformity at A&M" before a large audience in the Wesley Foundation.

Sponsored by several churches in the area, the panel was made up of Dr. John Q. Hays of the Department of English, Dr. Dan Russell of the Agricultural Economics and Sociology Department, George Ragsdale, editor of *The Engineer*, and Billy Libby, a member of the Student Senate and the Student Publications Board. Dr. John C. Calhoun Jr., vice president for engineering, served as moderator.

Calhoun opened the talks by saying such a program was in order because there has been a trend at A&M lately to speak out for oneself. He added the discussion was definitely not a debate.

As the first speaker, Hays offered two answers for the question, "Why Be An Individual?"

"Individuality," he said, "is better for us as a person; a way of making the most of ourselves. It is also better for our country. A lack of it is a sign we're slipping." "We must know ourselves to be

an individual," he said. "We must find out what we can do best and set out to do it."

He remarked individuality would make our country stronger because "we'll have better scientists, engineers, teachers and students."

Russell, in telling "Why people Conform," differed slightly from Hays in his viewpoints. "In my opinion," he said, "there is no such thing as an individual."

After showing how people could conform to different things, such as groups, ideals or theories, he said, "I'll take individuality and conformity both. Pick out an individual thing and conform to it."

Ragsdale telling "How Much Conformity Is There at A&M," divided Aggies into four groups: Corps, Civilians, freshmen in the Corps and Corps upperclassmen.

"The Corps is guided by group pressure, with each individual made into an exact replica of a Fighting Texas Aggie," he said. "Civilians have no organization, so they try to conform by forming groups."

Libby, answering the question, "Can One Be An Individual Anywhere," said in reference to A&M, "In any military group, because of its nature, it must be a conformity society. Each individual, however, can still think for himself."

He commented it was good to be an individual, but only to the point at which a person is still part of a group.

"Leadership in itself is individuality; following blindly is conformity," he said.

Following their comments, the speakers answered questions from the floor. Calhoun allowed only those questions which did not refer to personalities.

Most of the questions centered indirectly around the current compulsory Corps issue. One of the panel members pointed out that compulsory Corps would bring about a conformed group. The question then, according to him, would be whether the Corps would be better or worse because of it.

## All Cadets to Don 'Pinks' Next Year

All members of the Corps will wear pink pants, black ties and black belts next year, Taylor Wilkins, assistant commander, said yesterday.

In a general order on uniform regulations effective Sept. 1, Col. Wilkins outlined several changes in winter uniforms for next year. They are:

● I and II classmen will wear pink pants, khaki or serge shirts, green caps, black ties and black belts. White belts will be optional.

● III and IV classmen will wear pink pants, khaki shirts, green caps, black ties and black belts.

● Pink overseas caps will not be worn at any time.

● Plastic raincoats will not be worn as part of the uniform at any time.

● Green shirts and green pants will not be worn except as an off-duty uniform by I and II classmen.

● Off-duty is the time after retreat formation daily and from noon Saturday until reveille Monday.

● Green shirts may be worn with pinks as an off-duty uniform by I classmen only.

## This Child Loves Money

Surgeons yesterday removed a nickel from the esophagus of a five-year-old Port Arthur child—ailing since he was nine months old.

Some time ago, little Gary Fenn coughed up a penny, but his condition failed to improve. X-rays revealed the nickel in his throat and it was removed at John Sealey Hospital in Galveston.

The doctors believe the first deposits in this child's piggy bank were made over four years ago.

## Singing Cadets Set For Two Showings

A benefit for the Dallas A&M Mother's Club scholarship fund is on the two-step tour for the Singing Cadets' second trip of the spring semester.

The Cadets and the Girls Choir of Texas Woman's University will sing at Highland Park Friday night to benefit the scholarship fund.

Saturday night the Business and Professional Women's Club of Mt. Pleasant will sponsor the Cadets.

The group will leave Friday morning and return Sunday.

## A&S Council Picks Award Candidates

The Arts and Sciences Student Council met in the Senate Chamber of the Memorial Student Center Monday night and nominated candidates for the annual faculty achievement awards.

Three faculty members were nominated for the teaching award, one for student relations, and one for the faculty appreciation award.

Nominees for the awards will also be submitted by the schools of agriculture and engineering.

# Army's Explorer II Lost Outside Orbit

## Syrian Chief Says King Saud, U.S. Plotting

DAMASCUS, (AP)—Syria's intelligence chief accused Arabia's King Saud yesterday of masterminding what he called a multimillion-dollar plot to wreck the new United Arab Republic and kill President Gamal Abdel Nasser. He said the United States knew about it.

President Nasser himself reported a bribery plot had been in the making but he did not link King Saud or his government with it.

There was no immediate comment from Saudi, American or other sources outside the Egyptian-Syrian sphere. The Syrian accusation is the boldest made thus far in the growing battle of wordy propaganda between the Egyptian-Arabian-Yemeni union and the rival Syrian camp formed by the Iraqi-Jordan federation and its potential Saudi ally.

Lt. Col. Abdul Hamid Serraj, powerful head of army intelligence, made the Syrian charge at a news conference. He had a tape recording of what he said was a talk he had with an emissary of the oil-rich King Saud.

Serraj said Saud wanted him to lead a coup, and that he was offered two million Syrian pounds—about \$575,000—to arrange the assassination.

## Apparent Failure Blamed on Radios

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., (AP)—The Army lost its second Explorer satellite yesterday minutes after firing it spaceward with the Jupiter-C rocket. Odds are that it didn't go into orbit.

Scientists guessed that the satellite's radios may have failed, or it might have crashed back into the earth's atmosphere.

In either case, they don't know where it is and probably won't be able to decide the fate of the Explorer II for several days.

In Pasadena, Calif., Dr. William Pickering, head of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology, joined Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris, Army missile chief, in this statement:

"There is every indication that the satellite fired today did not function normally and there is a great probability that it is not in orbit. No further information will be available until technical data is interpreted and reduced. This will probably take several days."

Pickering, whose laboratory staff helped build the Army's Jupiter-C, said there was only one report that a radio signal had been received from Explorer II, and that was questionable. It came from a station at Inyorken, Calif.

There was no immediate comment at the Air Force Missile Test Center at Cape Canaveral. It was learned that the difficulty which held up the firing of the satellite 18 minutes was attributed to a tape recorder weighing just half a pound.

It was tried several times and finally repeated its signals correctly. Then at 1:28 p. m. EST, the Jupiter-C blasted off from its pad, rising gracefully and strong.

You are one of the most responsive groups it has ever been my joy to address. I only hope that in the days and years to come I may have a chance to renew my associations with all of you.

Thanks for all your courtesies and kindnesses to me. I shall never forget by days at Texas A&M.

Sincerely,  
Ronald Meredith

## Radar Head Gives Talk In Washington

Dr. M. G. H. Ligda, head of the Radar Meteorology Section, Oceanography and Meteorology Department, gave two lectures at a workshop on meso-analysis that was held in Washington, D. C., March 3-4 under the sponsorship of the District of Columbia branch of the American Meteorology Society.

The lectures were entitled "The Use of Radar in Meso-Analysis and Short Range Forecasting" and "Radar — Its Capabilities and Limitations in Weather Detection."

## Dates Invited For Civilian Weekend

About 30 girls from Sam Houston State College, Huntsville have been invited to A&M as dates for Civilian Weekend, March 24.

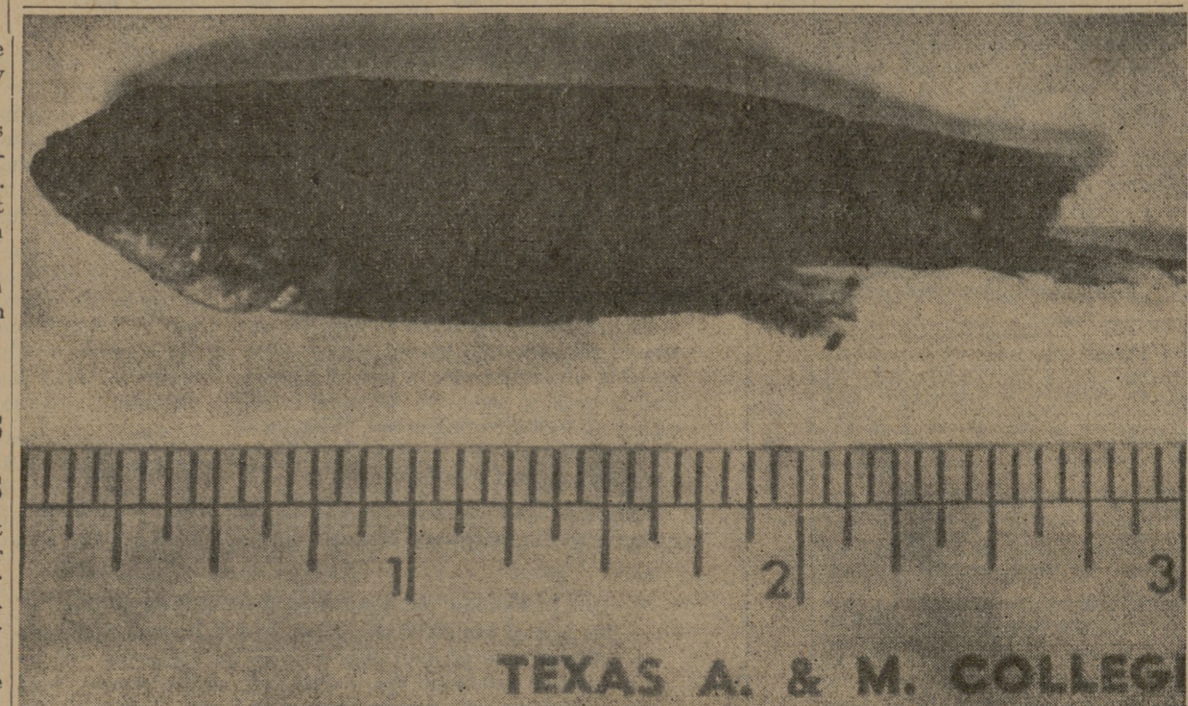
The girls are being selected by the student governing body at Sam Houston; their Aggie dates will be chosen by the dormitory councils.

Tickets for the weekend are on sale through dormitory council presidents and at the office of Student Activities.

Four skits are being prepared by Aggie wives' clubs as entertainment for the barbecue before the dance.

The dance itself will be semi-formal, beginning at 8 p. m. in Sbis Hall. Music will be furnished by Sandy Sandifer and His Orchestra with the Sinclair Sisters.

Tentative plans also include a baby sitting service during the barbecue and dance.



Looks Fishy, Doesn't It?

This three inch fish fell, "Henny Penny" style, from the sky yesterday during the hard rain and hail. It was discovered in front of the Richard Coke Building by H. L. Heaton, registrar, and J. Gordon Gay, co-ordinator of religious life.

## 800 Attending Water School Here This Week

Progress in the efforts of Texans to solve water problems was reported at the opening session of the 40th Short School of the Texas Water and Sewage Works Association here this week.

More than 800 persons are attending the sessions of the school conducted through Friday.

One of the principal speakers at the opening session was Marvin C. Nichols, of Fort Worth, who is chairman of the Texas Board of Water Development.

Other speakers include Karl Hoefle, of Dallas, director, Southwest Section, American Water Works Association; K. S. Watson, of Schenectady, N. Y., president of the Federation of Sewage and Industrial Wastes Association; H. D. Bearden, director, Engineering Extension Service, Dr. Lloyd R. Setter, of the Robert A. Taft Sanitary Engineering Center, Cincinnati, Ohio; and V. M. Ehlers, Texas State Health Department.

The short school is being held in cooperation with the State Department of Health, Southwest Section, American Water Works Association, Texas Engineering Extension Service, and A&M College.

## By-law Ratification Planned by Senate

The Student Senate meets tonight at 7:30 in the Senate Chamber of the Memorial Student Center to consider ratifying a new constitution.

The constitution outlines the new method of selection of Senators, similar to the method of officers and members of the present Senate were selected.

Also on the agenda for tonight's meeting is a report from the Senators attending the Texas Intercollegiate Student Association convention at Texas Christian University last weekend.

Other business includes setting up the Former Student Faculty Achievement Award and the Parents Day Convocation.

## Fish Story: They Rained Yesterday

Aggies are used to all kinds of weather but today was probably the first time it rained fish on the campus.

Two college staff members are bearers of the tale of falling fish on the campus.

The two—J. Gordon Gay, co-ordinator of religious life and H. L. Heaton, registrar and director of admissions—were walking in front of the Richard Coke Building following the hard rain and hail this morning when they came across a dying fish on the sidewalk.

The fish was a three-inch top-water minnow of the type found in the Gulf of Mexico, according to Richard J. Baldauf, assistant professor in the Wildlife Management Department.

He said fish are commonly scooped from the Gulf by water spouts, picked out of the spout by the wind and deposited on dry land.

Common or not, the two men will have a fish story to tell their friends for quite awhile—at least until it rains fish on the A&M campus again.

## Community Supper, Open House, Tonite

Tonight's the night for the community supper, sponsored by the College Station Mothers and Dads Club, which will be held in the Consolidated High School Gymnasium.

The chicken supper will be served buffet style, beginning at 5:30. Tickets are 85 cents for adults and 70 cents for children.

Following the supper, visitors will have a chance to see "what goes on" inside the schools during a normal school day as grades 6-12 give an open house, "mock" school day.

During the open house, both junior and senior high school students will go through an abbreviated, but typical, morning of classes. An assembly will be included as a part of the program by both school groups.

The junior high assembly will be led by the Junior High Boys Chorus and the Senior Chorus will lead the senior high assembly.

## Weather Today

College Station forecast calls for cloudy skies and occasional showers or thundershowers today, with a maximum temperature of 63 degrees and a low tonight of 58.

Relative humidity at 8 a. m. was 96 per cent, and the temperature, 58 degrees.