

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle

SCONA IV Has Eight Working Committees

How does SCONA function? Just how does a student-run college activity function? And especially one carrying a payroll of \$14,500.

The conference committee is divided into eight separate committees, each responsible for some phase of SCONA. An overall chairman is selected, and a secretary and conference manager are announced. These students, together with the Memorial Student Center Council president and Great Issues Committee chairman, compose the Executive Committee of SCONA. These 13 students advised by the director of the Memorial Student Center, J. Wayne Stark, and professors and other interested persons, lay the groundwork through many discussions and considerations.

Each committee chairman composes a budget which he must work with and submits to the SCONA chairman. Thus, the entire SCONA budget is found and the "money-making" begins. Throughout the summer SCONA members tour Texas and Mexico looking for possible financial sponsors of SCONA.

committee chairman meets with the students of his committee who were selected the preceding year through interviews. He outlines what they must do to meet their part of the overall goal. And... they go to work.

The Program Committee spends many hours lining up the tentative program for their December performance. With the grateful help of their advisors, they arrive at what they consider a "perfect theme."

The Planning Committee then begins to think about speakers and composes a long list of tentative "keynoters" and "round-table co-chairmen" to fill the spots which soon are not to be vacant.

Colleges throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico are selected to send delegates to SCONA. It is these persons for whom the conference is being held and careful selections are made, both here at their college.

(One of the unique features of SCONA is that it pays for most of the expenses that these students will incur while here, and also their travel expenses.)

of the selected colleges asking them to pick their delegates (usually two from each college). When this has been done, their names are sent back to SCONA headquarters in the MSC. And now the "non-glory" work of keeping books, records and such really begins.

Speakers are chosen either by letter or by personal contact. Those that respond are from the 40 or 50 "top men" the Planning Committee invited.

Finally the big day arrives and a big welcome is given to all.

The conference itself consists of a series of four major addresses, covering the large topics covered by the program. But the real heart of the conference is the round table discussions, and it is here that each student delegate devotes a major portion of his time each day. These round tables are staffed by co-chairmen who are men of experience and reputation.

The round tables provide the setting for a serious exchange of student ideas sought in planning the conference. Speeches and panel discussions set the stage by providing immediate information and opening new areas for further study.

As SCONA is held annually during the month of December, the conference usually closes with a Christmas carol songfest in the main lounge of the MSC.

The students then leave for their individual colleges, taking with them a new knowledge of problems critical to the world

'Infant Care' Book Gets Recognition

By ARTHUR EDSON
 WASHINGTON (AP)—This government's most popular publication, "Infant Care," reached its 40 millionth copy Thursday, an event important enough to receive special recognition by the White House.

So here came Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Levelamier of Carbondale, Ill., with their two "Infant Care" products, Steven, 2, and Terry Lynn, 1.

Reporters were not admitted for the ceremony. Mrs. Levelamier later said that President Eisenhower had put Steven in the presidential chair, and then had trouble getting him out of it. Steven isn't the first to hang on like mad once he got into that chair.

Steven also whirled the presidential globe around with great satisfaction, which fretted his mother. Eisenhower, with grandfatherly tolerance, said, oh, let him do it as long as he doesn't hurt himself.

Eisenhower, in handing Mrs. Levelamier copy No. 40 million, said she might as well have it since he probably wouldn't need it until his great-grandchildren come along.

The Eisenhower's only son, John, has four children. Since the oldest, David, is but 10, great-

grandchildren shouldn't be any immediate problem.

The Levelamiers, by the way, were chosen for a couple of reasons.

The Health, Education and Welfare Department wanted someone who had used "Infant Care." The Department thought it would be nice if this someone came from near the nation's center of population. Illinois health authorities helped make the choice.

It proved to be a happy one. When Mrs. Levelamier was asked about the book, she said: "I'm enthusiastic about it." Apparently a lot of mothers have been.

The booklet, which takes the baby up to the age of one, first came out in 1914. The author was Mrs. Max West, a widow with five children, who had tremendous difficulty in digging up reliable information since child-care literature was scanty then.

Although Mrs. West did a good job, you'll get some idea of how times have changed from this: Nowhere did she say anything about vitamins, cod liver oil, or immunization measures.

Baby-raising psychology has changed, too. Following the experts of her day, Mrs. West advised a stern schedule. Today's advice is: Ride with the punches, let baby set the pace.



"IT'S CERTAINLY NICE OF THE COLLEGE TO GIVE US DATES A WHOLE DORM TO OURSELVES FOR THE WEEKEND!"

Who's Here at Aggieland

'Cajun' Aggie Enjoys Flying and Water Skiing

By JACK TEAGUE
 Joseph (Leroy) Bergeron, a true "Cajun" straight from the heart of Louisiana, is an Aggie that really took over his high school.

Leroy was born in Church Point, La., and moved to Hamshire, Tex., about 12 years ago.

A graduate of Hamshire High School, Leroy really went to town there. During his four years there, he earned 13 sports letters in football, basketball, baseball and track. He was salutatorian of his class, was editor of the school paper, editor of the annual his senior year and president of his class for three years. He was also vice-president of his class his sophomore year, was an officer on the Junior Red Cross Council and was Civil Air Patrol commander for the Beaumont CAP squadron. He was also named the most representative boy of his junior class and "Mr.

Hamshire" his senior year.

Leroy has always been interested in flying, and it was this reason that sent him to Aggieland. He seriously considered a military career and came to A&M to learn "more about military life." He has since changed his mind about a military career but he does plan to enter the Air Force for five years as a pilot.

Here at Aggieland, Leroy is a member of the Newman Club, Math Club, a former boxing team member, a Ross Volunteer, Flying Kadets member and was vice-president of the Arts & Sciences Council his junior year. He was also Sgt. Major of the Sixth Group last year and is now that group's commander.

Leroy got his private pilot's license his senior year in high school and considers flying the ideal pastime. He has logged about 250 hours in the air.

He thinks his most interesting experience was his first solo cross-country flight from Lafayette, La., to Beaumont. The trip over was fine, he says, but when he returned, he found himself in the middle of a thunderstorm and completely lost.

"I came close to running out of fuel," he says, "but lucked onto a landmark that put me back on course again. No sweat."

Leroy is a mathematics major, and will graduate in January. He reports to the Air Force for active duty June 9. After this tour his plans are pretty incomplete and he feels the Air Force will help him choose a career in some field.

Besides flying, Leroy's favorite sport is water skiing, which he does a lot of in the bayous near Hamshire. And his greatest love is, of course, girls, and one in particular.

Interpreting

Peace and War:

By J. M. ROBERTS
 Associated Press News Analyst
 Through the long ages men have searched their minds for a workable peace formula while all the time preparing for war.

Since World War II the search has been particularly chaotic. The atmosphere has been such that no peace conference in the traditional sense has been held.

There have been conferences, to be sure, many of them centering around the United Nations, but all of them have taken on the aspects of mere committee meetings. Nearly all have been enveloped in hopelessness from the start.

Adolf Hitler followed a plan for peace which has suggested itself to simple and unimpaired men repeatedly. When he had conquered the world, he would impose international peace. But one of his tactical approaches was to eliminate minorities. He executed millions. They call it genocide.

All of the dictatorships have expressed in one way or another a lack of confidence in morality as a workable basis for peace. Through killing off the opposition first and then providing economic sufficiency for the remainder, they would eliminate inter-

national wars but leave no room for the free in the heart of man.

The free world also has adopted economic sufficiency as its chief hope.

Any compendium of ideas for peace, such as the one produced at the current international convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), shows this emphasis.

Get all countries including Red China into the U.N., they suggest, and then attack the major fields in which international competition is produced. Money and technical help for the have-nots, freedom for colonies and satellite countries, racial equality, freedom of communication, freer trade, birth control for overpopulated areas. All of these have fundamental economic aspects.

And everything which has an economic aspect involves a basic human trait, selfishness.

All of the world's great religions have as one of their basic objectives the elimination of personal and collective selfishness.

So far, since World War II, selfishness has not led to war purely because of the old school yard formula of "Both of 'em are scared, and the other one is glad of it."



We Aggies like to read about Wee Aggie. When a wee one arrives call VI 4-910 and ask for the Wee Aggie Editor.

A future Corps commander was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack C. Malone '58, C-20 College View. The little boy arrived at 4:11 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hospital.

A future Aggie date was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bradberry '59, Box 585, Bryan.

Tammy Denise arrived at 3:45 p.m. in Bryan Hospital.

The addition to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Lowie Rice '59, arrived Oct. 13 not Oct. 14 as stated in Tuesday's Battalion.

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What's Cooking
 The following organizations will meet tonight:
 7:30
 Guadalupe Valley Hometown Club will meet in Room 2A of the MSC.

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Weather Students Play With Ballons

Several meteorology students have been devoting their afternoons to "playing with balloons" on the main drill field in front of the Memorial Student Center. Actually they are using the balloons to determine the direction and velocity of upper air currents over the campus.

The balloon work is a part of Meteorology 318, which consists of the study of meteorological instruments, observations and communication. Most of the students in the class are graduate students who have been sent here by the Air Force to study meteorology. Their course calls for two regular semesters and two summer sessions for completion, at which time they will become Air Force weather officers.

They turn the balloons loose and measure the angles of ascent with a theodolite. By recording these angles of ascent they are able to determine the direction and velocity of air currents at

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