

Warmer and cloudy through Thursday with occasional rain today and tonight. Maximum temperature today about 55.

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## Left Monday Night

### Search Begins For Missing Ag Freshman

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A search was underway yesterday and today for a missing "A" Field Artillery freshman, Douglas T. Rodden, who disappeared from his room Monday night, leaving only a note to his roommate to explain his disappearance.

The Lubbock general curriculum major left his room in Dorm 6 about 9:30 Monday night wearing only blue jeans and a T-shirt.

His absence was discovered about 10:30 p.m. when his roommate returned after he had been studying on another part of the campus.

The note said he was dissatisfied with the way things were going and that he planned to join the navy.

At 10:30 last night he had not contacted his anxious parents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Rodden in Lubbock. He had not contacted any relatives in the state at that time, they said, expressing worry at his disappearance. The Texas Highway Patrol and local law enforcement officers were notified of his disappearance yesterday and a statewide pickup was to be issued today.

A brown-haired, blue-eyed lad weighing about 150 pounds and wearing glasses, Rodden was in

relatively good spirits when he left his home in Lubbock to return to school Sunday, his father said.

In the note, Rodden instructed his roommate to sell his books and send the money to his parents and to take his personal belongings to Lubbock for him between semesters.

Rodden left behind a sports jacket which he used to prop open the screen of his first floor window. His roommate said the only things missing were the jeans and T-shirt he was wearing plus a pair of black leather gloves and approximately \$10 he had with him.

Anyone who saw this boy Monday night or yesterday or who knows anything that might lead to the finding of him has been urged to contact either college officials or The Battalion.



Douglas T. Rodden  
... missing freshman

### Graduation Moved To G. Rollie White

January commencement exercises have been moved from Guion Hall to G. Rollie White Coliseum, according to Carl E. Tishler, chairman of the Convocations Committee.

Tishler, head of the Department of Physical Education, said the change was made to allow graduating seniors to bring as many guests to the ceremonies as they wished. Candidates had been limited to four guests each because of a lack of seating room in the campus movie theater.

"Seniors expressed 'quite a bit of concern' over limiting the number of guests and the Convocations Committee recommended that the exercises be moved to the coliseum," Tishler said.

No limit was placed on the number of guests candidates could bring to the ceremonies in G. Rollie.

### Aggies Called 'Poor Sports' By SWC Group

A&M was ranked last in sportsmanship for 1958 by the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Committee at their winter meeting in Dallas on New Year's Day.

The rating was handed down by four student representatives from the seven conference colleges. Texas Christian University and University of Arkansas were ranked "best sports" in the SWC and were presented twin trophies at halftime in the Cotton Bowl.

Judging was made on the basis of sportsman-like conduct exhibited by both students and athletes at conference football contests. Representatives were not permitted to vote for their own college.

Attending the winter meeting of the Sportsmanship Committee from A&M were John Thomas, president of the Student Senate; Richard Gay, representative from a varsity team; and Joe Buser, editor of The Battalion. R. D. (Smoky) Hyde, head yell leader and fourth member of the group, was unable to attend.

### Class Agents Set Meeting Jan. 17-18

The eighth annual class agents' conference of the Association of Former Students will be held Jan. 17-18, Dick Hervey, executive secretary, announced.

The club officers will also hold their meeting at this time, Hervey said.

Highlighting the program will be the annual winter sports banquet honoring the '58 football squads and cross country team Saturday night. Morris Frank of the Houston Chronicle will be master of ceremonies.



Lt. Col. Wilkins  
... to command school

### Col. Wilkins Leaves For Staff Training

Lt. Col. Taylor Wilkins, assistant commandant, left Sunday for Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where he will attend the Army Command General Staff School.

The course is four months long. According to Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant, Wilkins will return sometime in May.

Lt. Col. Frank S. Vaden will assume most of the duties of the assistant commandant in the absence of Wilkins, Davis said.

## A & M Ex - Students Win \$10,000 Award

### Development Fund Nation's Top in '57

Top honors, in the form of the grand prize and a check for \$10,000, went to A&M in recognition of the record compiled by the 1957 Development Fund of the Association of Former Students at the 45th annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges held in Kansas City last night.

Thirty-four of the nation's universities, college and schools in all parts of the country were honored at the meeting with cash prizes and certificates to the winners of the First Alumni Giving Incentive Awards Program. Entries were received from more than 300 universities, colleges and independent secondary schools.

A&M Development Fund The 1957 Development Fund at A&M was supported by gifts from 15,284 of its 31,200 former students. It represented a participation of 48.9 per cent. They gave a total of \$186,616.

"The participation figure of 48.9 per cent is the highest ever compiled for the alumni fund effort of a major tax-supported institution," the American Alumni Council announced at the meeting.

Objectives for the 1957 fund were a campus chapel, Opportunity Award Scholarships, Faculty Achievement Awards, President's Emergency Fund, Directory of Former Students and operation of the association's offices.

Freeman Was President The record was accomplished in the 1957 Development Fund of the Association of Former Students. E. M. Freeman, '22, Shreveport, La., was president of the Association and chairman of the Development Fund that year.

The Development Fund is administered by the college's Association of Former Students with general offices in the Memorial Student Center. J. B. Hervey, '42, is executive secretary of the Association.

President M. T. Harrington, accepted the top award for the college. Present also were Hervey, and E. E. McQuillen, executive director of the Special Gifts and Requests Program.

Prize Money for Alumni Use The prize money is to be used by the presidents at their discretion to further the alumni relations and educational fund raising programs for their institutions.

The Award Program, designed (See A&M on Page 4)

### Russians Hint At More Shots, Piloted Rockets

MOSCOW (AP)—Soviet scientists told newsmen Tuesday Mecha's space voyage can be considered a dress rehearsal for bigger and better rockets, though they haven't yet licked the re-entry problem for manned flights.

"I can assure you we will not stop at this," Vice President Alexander Topchiev of the Soviet Academy of Sciences told a news conference.

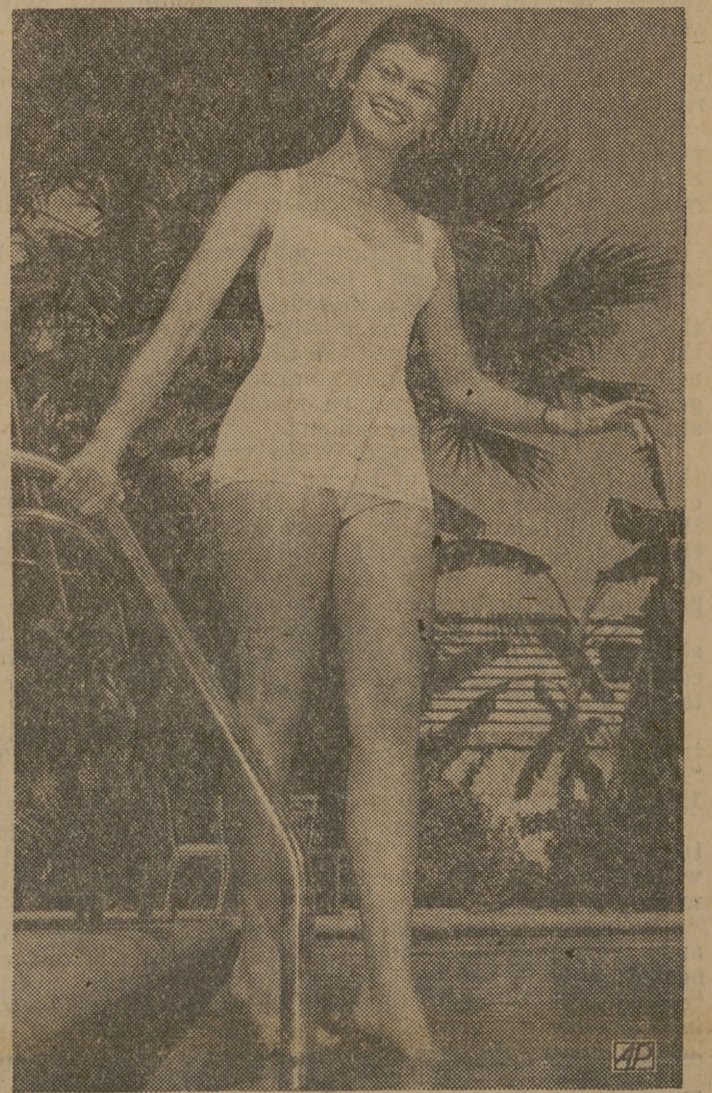
Academician Anatoly Blagonravov said no man has flown in a rocket and "how soon he does fly will depend on how soon we have assurances he will be able to return safely."

Blagonravov reported that the successful launching of the rocket Mecha Friday marked the first Soviet attempt to put a projectile outside the earth's gravitational field.

"There isn't a spot in the universe today which could not be reached by rocket," he said. "This would of course require time, but to wait would not be long."

A panel of Soviet scientists devoted an 80-minute news conference to generalities concerning their 1½-ton prodigy and what it means in the future exploration of space.

Topchiev announced that Mecha had practically entered orbit as the solar system's first artificial planet.



Winter in the Valley

Pretty Lucy Moon of Raymondville absorbs her quota of sunshine on a beach near Harlingen in the Rio Grande Valley. While some of the country has snow, it is almost like summer time deep in the Lone Star State. (AP Wirephoto)

### Wingren Named Prexy

## Kiwanis Officers Take '59 Posts

New officers took their posts for the coming year at the College Station Kiwanis Club luncheon yesterday, as the club reviewed its objectives for the coming months.

Officially, the new officers, led

by President Roy Wingren, will be installed at the annual Installation Banquet and Ladies Night to be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Assembly Room.

Kiwanians resolved that during the coming year they would strive to the utmost to build individual responsibility through morals, religion and education in the community.

Stressing individual responsibility and following the Kiwanis motto—"We Build"—the club likewise outlined plans to assist both in understanding and aiding the physically and mentally handicapped, to utilize the talents of senior citizens, further law enforcement and citizen safety, to champion high standards in business and public affairs, protect and conserve the nation's natural resources, strive for law and justice in international relations and reaffirm the blessings of freedom and democracy.

Following the review of 1959 resolutions, new officers and committee chairmen were introduced. Officers are Wingren, president; John Longley, immediate past president; K. A. (Cubby) Manning, first vice president; Lloyd Keel, second vice president; Murray Brown, secretary; Ed Pakenham, treasurer; and Harrison Hierth, editor of the KI-NOWA.

Committee chairmen are Walter Manning, Boys and Girls, Key Clubs, and Circle K; Bill Adams, Business and Public Affairs; D. A. Anderson, Agriculture and Conservation; Maurice Futrell, Underprivileged Children; Harrison Hierth, Education and Fellowship; Wendell Nedderman, Attendance and Membership; Dave Franklin, Inter-Club Relations; Howard Graves, Vocational Guidance; Tom Prather, Support of Churches; and Lloyd Keel, Programs and Music.

### After Hemorrhage Aggie Needs Blood To Repay Hospital

By DAVE STOKER  
Battalion News Editor

An Aggie buddy needs help.

Ed Hudson, freshman agricultural journalism major from Fredonia, Kan., has spent 12 days in Bryan Hospital starting during the Christmas holidays, and is now in need of four pints of blood with which to repay the hospital.

While Aggies are being asked to donate blood for Hudson, John Thomas, president of the Student Senate, said yesterday some funds will be drawn from the Campus Chest to help defray hospital expenses.

Hudson was admitted to the hospital on Christmas Day, suffering from a nose bleed which wouldn't stop. He lost a large amount of blood before the hemorrhaging quit and had to be given a transfusion.

In a few days he was released from the hospital, only to be readmitted on New Year's Day with pneumonia, believed to be the result of his earlier affliction. He has been in the hospital ever since.

Hudson's condition is improved now and he hopes to return to school soon. However, he must still repay the blood or \$60, along

with his hospital bills.

Nurses at the hospital said yesterday any type of blood will be sufficient, but that donors should not eat breakfast or lunch before reporting to the hospital.

"I would appreciate any help I might receive," Hudson said.

A part time employe at the A&M Press, Hudson is a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War. He is married and he and his wife, Lucine, have two children.

### Army Sets Tests For Contracts

Army qualifying examinations for advanced course contracts will be administered in Building H, Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

Personnel must have successfully completed four semesters of basic Military Science or be completing his fourth semester of Military Science training to be eligible for the examinations.

## News of the World

By The Associated Press.

### Africans Dub Soviet Rocket

JOHANNESBURG—South African Zulus came up with their own name for the Soviet cosmic rocket when told it would go into orbit around the sun.

They call it Isiphuphuteki, which means "the thing that goes round and round and never gets anywhere."

### Egyptians Warn of Danger

CAIRO, Egypt—The Cairo newspaper Al Kahira said yesterday King Saud of Saudi Arabia warned U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold that war will break out in the Arab world if Palestine Arab refugees are not returned to their homes.

The newspaper said Saud delivered his warning in a talk with Hammarskjold Monday.

### Flames Kill Sleeping Airmen

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Seven Air Force students perished in their sleep yesterday and 13 others were injured in a wild scramble to flee wind-whipped flames that made an inferno of a barracks dormitory at Syracuse University.

Twenty-five airmen escaped without injuries of consequence, mostly by jumping through windows of the one-story building.

The 45 men, many of them in their teens, had just been assigned to the university for a nine-month course in Russian. Their headquarters is Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, where they are attached to the Air Institute of Technology.

### Martin Ousted from House Job

WASHINGTON—In a close battle that turned on the issue of age and aggressiveness, House Republicans voted yesterday to toss out the veteran Joseph W. Martin as their leader and replace him with Charles A. Halleck of Indiana.

The vote, taken in a secret session on the eve of the new session of Congress, was 74 for Halleck and 70 for the Massachusetts congressman who has been the House GOP leader for 20 years.

### Guide Posts

"Advice is like snow; the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into the mind."—Coleridge