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Rudder Commends Corps On Dorm Study Conditions

Freshman Grades Down From 1958

President Earl Rudder told Corps commanders and scholastic officers that study conditions in the dormitories were to be commended, but that freshman grades were lower as a class this year than last.

The meeting was held in the Biological Sciences Lecture Room yesterday at 5 p. m.

This year 8.26 per cent of the freshman class posted above a 2.0 grade-point-ratio as compared with 10.59 last year. 37.31 per cent were in the 1.0 to 2.0 as compared with 39.17 in 1958, said Rudder.

The President added that 54.43 per cent fell below the 1.0 mark while only 50.24 dropped below the mark last year.

In spite of the lower grades, Rudder pointed out, only 94 freshmen had left this year as compared with 155 at the same time last year.

"We have no thought of abandoning the plan of treating our men as we would want to be treated," said Rudder.

On a national average, Rudder pointed out, 70-75 per cent of entering students return to their colleges the second semester. He added that 40 per cent graduated on schedule and that an added 20 per cent graduated soon after.

The president then called for questions from Corps members.

"Are we trading quality for quantity?" one man asked.

In answer Rudder said 72 per cent of the freshmen who had left were in the top half of their high school class, and that they had been in the top 68 per cent of the college placement tests.

"Our goal is to keep the man around long enough to make a good Aggie out of him," said Rudder. "Our faculty has a great obligation in this, too. But it is going to take everybody to do it."

Another question was, "Is the Corps CQ policy with its honor passes too lax?"

Rudder said it could be too lax. He said, "The honor pass system is no good unless the honor is there."

"Is it not true that the Aggie freshman takes a bigger course load than most college freshmen?" asked another.

Rudder said this was true, and that no comparison with other colleges could be made, since our system of grading is different from most colleges.

James P. Hannigan, Dean of

Students, presented the results of a study by Frank W. Hubert, dean of Arts and Sciences on why the grades might be low from a faculty standpoint.

He said Math 100 and English 100 had been dropped. They were introductory courses for freshmen who were weak in these subjects.

Two other changes in the Department of Mathematics were putting calculus into the curriculum earlier than before, and a new intensity in Math 102, making it a more difficult course than before.

He said the Department of Chemistry had adopted a new book and new theories which outdated older books.

In summary Hannigan said, "I consider the Corps at A&M a splendid one. Any low grades that the students get are not the result of a lax policy."

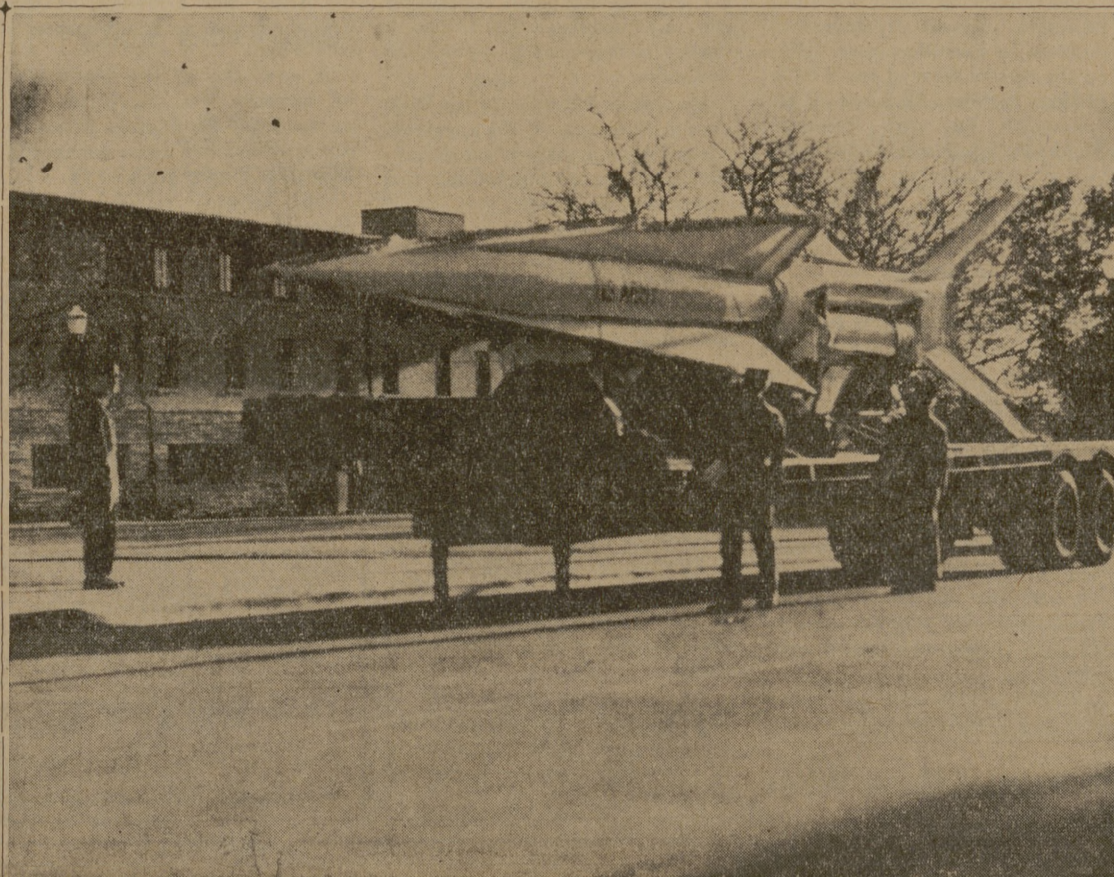
"The senior class is doing a whale of a good job and 90 per cent of the juniors are, too. However, in certain outfits there is a bad situation that should be corrected," he added.

Fish 'Doing Well' After Fall in Dorm

Toby Cunningham, freshman petroleum engineering major from Miami, suffered a fall down a flight of stairs in Dorm 14.

He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital where he was x-rayed and reported not to have been seriously injured, according to hospital attendants.

Cunningham fell shortly before noon Monday.



Nike Missile on Display

A U. S. Army Nike missile is now on display in front of the Memorial Student Center in conjunction with the talk Wednesday by Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris, chief of the

U. S. Army Missile Program. Gen. Medaris will be the first speaker for the fifth annual Student Conference on National Affairs.

Aggie Campus Chest Totals \$1,074.25 in First Round

The Aggie Campus Chest put \$1,074.25 in the bank in the first round of the 1959 drive.

"It's not quite what we expected," commented Marvin Schneider, Chairman of the Student Senate Welfare Committee, "but it's still pretty good." There are still several outfits which have not turned in their money, Schneider pointed out.

On the whole, the Corps did a good job this year. One outfit contributed over \$100, said Schneider.

Contributions to the Aggie Campus Chest were taken in the Corps of Cadets last Saturday morning. Each military unit commander was responsible for the collection within his own outfit. Money collected was turned over to Brigade or Wing staffs and then forwarded to Marvin Schneider or Wade Dover, members of the '59 Campus Chest Committee.

Last night and tonight collection for the Campus Chest will be made in the civilian dorms. William H. Brown, M-1, Puryear and Roland Dommett, I-10, Walton are in charge of the civilian collection this year, according to Schneider. Results of this year's Chest drive will not be known until sometime Friday, Schneider said. Totals from the Corps and Civilian collections, and the amount taken from the boxes in the MSC will have to be considered.

Sixty per cent of this year's Aggie Campus Chest will be returned directly to the student body, Schneider said. In the past, sev-

eral checks have been sent to deserving Aggies or their families.

The remaining forty per cent goes to such deserving organizations as the World University Service, the Brazos County Tuberculosis Association, the College Station Community Chest and the March of Dimes.

Aggies who missed the collectors when they came around the dorms are reminded that they can still contribute by putting their money in the receptacles located at the end of the coffee lines in the MSC, or by contacting any member of the Student Senate Welfare Committee.

MSC Event Begins at 8 in Guion

Aggie Talent Show Tonight

The Aggie Talent Show is set tonight at 8 in Guion Hall with 10 outstanding acts highlighting the evening program.

The winner of the show will represent A&M in the eighth annual Intercollegiate Talent Show to be presented in March. Both talent shows are presentations of the Memorial Student Center Music Committee.

In addition to the 10 scheduled acts, specialty numbers will be presented between the acts including the first public presentation of a satirical song, "Soldier, Statesman and Knightly Gentleman." The song was written by Dr. Phillip B. Goode, professor in the Division of Business Administration.

The acts include:
• Jerry Brown, a rock 'n' roll singer who accompanies himself.
• John Holveck, hillbilly singer and fiddle player.
• Melvin Goodwin, singer of old Irish songs.
• Jose Maher, Spanish guitarist

and calypso singer.
• "The Emeralds," a combo.
• Buchanan and Lee, pianists.
• Paul M. Paige, popular singer.
Master of ceremonies for the

Lions Begin Sale Of Christmas Trees

The College Station Lions Club opened its annual Christmas tree sale Monday and will continue the sale through Wednesday, Dec. 23.

Proceeds will be used to continue club projects.

The sale lot on Highway 6 at the East Gate will be open on weekdays from 1 to 8 p. m., on Saturdays from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. and on Sundays from 2 to 6 p. m.

In additions to the trees, the club also has lights and pine cones for sale.

Medaris Address To Launch Event

By JACK HARTSFIELD
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Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris, chief of Redstone Arsenal, will kick-off the Fifth Student Conference on National Affairs tomorrow in the Memorial Student Center.

Medaris, responsible for launching the Free World's first earth satellite, Explorer I, will talk on "Facing the Challenges of the Space Age" at 1:30 tomorrow in the Ballroom of the MSC.

In conjunction with SCONA's address by Medaris, an exhibit on United States Army Missiles opened at noon today in the Promenade of the MSC, and in front of the MSC.

The exhibit is composed of a Nike Hercules Missile, America's first line ground-to-air high altitude defense weapon. The exhibit will display nose cones, instruments and space experiments. There is also a continuous showing movie on the preparation and launching of a missile. Army personnel will explain the exhibits.

Munro Delayed

Sir Leslie Munro, United Nations Special Representative to Hungary and former New Zealand Ambassador to the United States, was scheduled to follow Medaris tomorrow evening at 8 in the G. Rolie White Coliseum.

However, Munro notified SCONA officers by phone last night that he will be unable to appear as scheduled due to the current Hungarian and Algerian debates in the United Nations.

Moved up to replace Munro's talk will be the address by The Hon. R. S. S. Gunewardene, Ambassador of Ceylon to the United States, tomorrow night at 8 in G. Rolie White Coliseum. His topic will be "Coping with Crisis Areas in the Cold War."

Ambassador Gunewardene was a founder-member of the Ceylon National Congress which led the country through the path of constitutional development to ultimate independence in 1948. He was leader of the Ceylon delegation to the United Nations General Assembly sessions in 1957 and was elected vice president of the General Assembly, polling one of the highest votes yet recorded.

This past year, he was re-elected Chairman of the Human Rights Commission. He was also recently appointed concurrently Ceylon's Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to both Cuba and Mexico.

Dr. Howard R. Bowen

At 8 p. m. Thursday in the MSC Ballroom, Dr. Howard R. Bowen, president of Grinnell College in Iowa, will address the student assembly on "Expanding Our Economy in an Unstable World."

As one of America's most outstanding economists, Bowen will cover in his speech the effects of mutual assistance programs, promoting international trade, productivity, automation and a shorter work week and potentialities of the common market.

Bowen has been an economic consultant to many federal and state agencies, to the National Council of Churches and to the Social Science Research Council. In 1949 he was a member of the United States tax mission to Japan which reorganized the tax system of that country. In 1950 he was president of the American Finance Assn.

Along with his duties at Grinnell, (See FIFTH on Page 3)

SCONA V SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Following is a summary of the schedule of events for SCONA V:

Wednesday
1:30-3:45 p. m.
Speech by General Medaris (MSC Ballroom)
6-7 p. m.
Smorgasbord (MSC Ballroom)
8-9:30 p. m.
Speech by The Hon. R. S. S. Gunewardene (G. Rolie White Coliseum)
Thursday
6-7:30 p. m.
Texas-Style Barbecue (Back Lawn—MSC)
8-10 p. m.
Speech by Dr. Howard Bowen (MSC Ballroom)
Reception Immediately Following (Assembly and Birch Rooms—MSC)
Friday
6-7 p. m.
Buffet Supper (MSC Ballroom)
Speech by Dr. Nabor Carrillo (MSC Ballroom)
Reception Immediately Following (Assembly and Birch Rooms—MSC)
Saturday
8:30-10 a. m.
Review of Corps of Cadets (Main Parade Ground)
12:15-1:45 p. m.
Luncheon and Final Speech by William H. Lawrence (MSC Ballroom)

Ballinger Named TACT Vice Prexy

Dr. Richard H. Ballinger, professor in the Department of English, was elected vice president of the Texas Assn. of College Teachers in Austin Saturday.

Dr. James H. McCrocklin of Texas A&I was named president; Claude Bowen of Lamar Tech, administrative vice president; and Clifford Casey of Sul Ross, secretary-treasurer.

The next local chapter meeting of TACT will be held tonight at 7:30 in Room 107 of the Biological Sciences Building.



Debate Team Wins Second

Andrew Schovaloff, left, and Jay Hirsch won second place in the Southwest Conference Traveling Debate Championships held Saturday at Texas Tech. The pair were the top affirmative team in the tourney.

Debaters Win Second in SWC

The A&M debate team finished a close second to Baylor for the second consecutive year in the Southwest Conference Traveling Debate Championships held at Texas Tech in Lubbock Saturday.

The Aggies racked up 26 decisions to Baylor's 27.

An A&M team composed of Andrew Schovaloff and Jay Hirsch was chosen top affirmative team, while a Baylor team of Judy Williams and George Schell was chosen best negative team.

Teams from schools in the Southwest Conference, with the exception of Arkansas, debated the question: "Resolved, that Congress should have the power to reverse decisions of the Supreme Court."

Each team competed in six rounds in the two-day tournament.

Woodard, program design; David Hughes, publicity chairman; and Mike Bozard, staging.

ASAT Re-Elects Anderson Officer

Dr. John Q. Anderson, professor in the Department of English, was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the American Studies Assn. of Texas at its fourth annual meeting at the University of Houston Saturday.

Other faculty members from A&M who attended the meeting included Dr. J. Milton Nance, head of the Department of History and Government, J. T. Duncan, Herbert H. Lang, and Haskel Monroe, all of the Department of History; and Melvin M. Rotsch of the Division of Architecture.

The fifth annual meeting of the A.S.A. of Texas will be held in San Antonio in December, 1960.