

Gold Plated Rocket

A worker at the Chanee Vought Aircraft plant in Dallas uses a spray-gun to spray sulfo-resinate of gold, mixed in pine oil, onto interior shell of Scout missile nose cone. This red-colored coating soon turns to pure gold as it is baked in ovens up to 700 degrees Fahrenheit. Gold coating costs about 60-cents a square foot for the solution. The gold lining helps prevent heat from the missile's flight from damaging instrumentation inside the nose. (AP Photo)

Despite Loss

Aggies Remain Among Elite

From The Associated Press

A&M clung precariously to the top ten in national basketball rankings in the weekly Associated Press cage poll, grabbing the tenth slot.

Coach Bob Rogers' talented Cadets, despite a two-point tumble to the Southern Methodist Mustangs, amassed 219 points to lodge between Utah State and Miami.

Cincinnati—another of the select few along with eighth ranked Villanova who crashed from the unbeaten last week—maintained the top spot with 86 first place nods, but only a slight total over Bradley, the team stopping the Bearcats.

Bradley, California, West Virginia and Ohio State round out the top five.

The nation's sportswriters and broadcasters voted Georgia Tech, Utah, Villanova, Utah State and A&M in the second five.

West Virginia was responsible for tumbling Villanova from the undefeated ranks, while Bradley stopped Cincinnati, 91-90, in a chilling last-minute triumph.

The second ten was filled by Miami—which grabbed three first place votes, North Carolina, Illi-

nois, Southern California, Iowa, Kentucky, Toledo, St. Louis, Dayton and Detroit.

The Aggies tangle with the Rice Owls in a conference test tonight in Houston, before taking off for the holidays. Conference play will be resumed following the exam pause—but not before the Aggies go West to do battle with San Francisco and Santa Clara in non-loop competition.

A&M found its conference fortunes rise slightly Monday night when the Baylor Bruins dropped the Texas Longhorns in Waco to knock the Steers from a share of the league lead.

The Ags, SMU and Arkansas claim the top slot, but the Aggies can take over undisputed possession of the first rung with a victory over the Owls, or fall into the second spot with Texas by a loss in Houston.

A&M next plays a home contest Feb. 6 against the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

The top ten based on 10 points for first, 9 for second, etc. First place votes in parentheses:

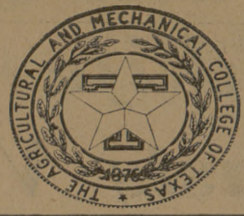
	Points
1. Cincinnati 86	1,691
2. Bradley 17	1,527
3. California 22	1,514
4. West Virginia 13	1,417
5. Ohio State	1,046
6. Georgia Tech 2	850
7. Utah	465
8. Villanova	314
9. Utah State	280
10. A&M	219
Second Ten	
11. Miami 3	205
12. North Carolina	151
13. Illinois	120
14. South California	103
15. Iowa	83
16. Kentucky	75
17. Toledo	71
18. Saint Louis	56
19. Dayton	54
20. Detroit	49

Women Set 'Leap Year' Requirement

The following article was submitted to The Battalion as it appeared in The Bells, official newspaper of Mary Hardin-Baylor College recently—with respect to Leap Year procedure.

"Rules and qualifications for the 1960 contest of 'How to Win a Friend and Marry One' have just been announced by the rules committee of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, the oldest female college west of the Mississippi."

"Contestant must be at least 16 years of age or older and single. They must have been disappointed in love during the year 1959. Contestants must be able to cook, sew, keep house and manage a budget. (Or show definite proof that they are willing to learn). They must know of a single male who needs a 'friend,' and they must be willing to give up a few of their precious study hours in cheering up a lonesome male. Any person who is found guilty of 'stealing' another contestant's friend will forfeit her 'How to Win Friends and Marry One' hunting license. There must not be underhanded tactics used such as bear traps, shotguns or special invitations to dinner (where the contestant has prepared his favorite dishes).



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Rudder Declares Switch May Not Effect Grades

President Speaks To Fish in Guion

President Earl Rudder warned freshmen changing schools would probably not have much effect on their making better grades at a meeting of the Class of '63 held Saturday in Guion Hall.

Better grades come not from changing schools, but from correcting something within the individual person, Rudder said.

Look Closely

"Students should look closely into this matter (changing schools) with an eye for staying at A&M and possibly choosing a different course, or taking a lighter load or attending summer school to complete their college education," Rudder said.

Rudder told the freshman gathering this year 180 cadet freshmen and 53 civilian students have indicated that they may desire to shift to another school at the end of the first semester.

400 Last Year

"Last year some 400 students left at the end of the first semester, many through no choice of their own," Rudder said.

Addressing his remarks to those students who were planning to leave at the end of the semester, Rudder said students who leave school sometimes feel they must justify their action to their parents and friends by blaming the college rather than themselves.

"Unjustifiable complaints against instructors, college policies, Corps life, civilian dorm life or high costs do not do the student any real good and are a definite dis-service to the college," Rudder said.

Exaggerated Tales

Usually such tales are exaggerated in their re-telling so much, it becomes hard for people who are connected with the college to recognize A&M from the later versions, Rudder added.

"Remember," Rudder warned, "Among your classmates tales of school boy adventures may prove entertaining, but to an outsider they will not make sense and will certainly be mis-contrued."

'Say So'

"If you were poorly prepared for college—say so. If you chose the wrong course and lacked the necessary interest to make good grades admit that fact. If you did not know how to study in the time available to you admit that also.

"Do not invariably blame it on the instructor or the Cadet Corps or some outside organization," he said.

Not Only Corps

Rudder said it wasn't only Corps freshmen who were planning on changing schools at the end of the semester.

A number of young civilians, including many who have already changed to civilian status "on the theory that their grades would become better rapidly, but found that such was not the case," are also planning to change schools, he said.

350 Apply For Degrees On Jan. 23

Three hundred and fifty students at A&M, are candidates for degrees at the Jan. 23 commencement in the G. Rollie White Coliseum at 10 a.m.

Dr. Eugene Slater, minister at Polk Street Methodist Church in Amarillo, will deliver the commencement address. Slater will be presented by President Earl Rudder, who will also confer the degrees.

Carl Tisher, professor and head of the Department of Health and Physical Education, is chairman of the Convocations committee.

The program follows: Procession, "Triumphal March," Grieg, Mrs. A. B. Medlen, organist. Invocation, Cadet Lt. Col. Phillip G. Robberson of San Antonio, corps chaplain.

Announcements and introduction of speaker, President Earl Rudder. Commencement address, Dr. Eugene Slater, minister of Polk Street Methodist Church of Amarillo.

Conferring degrees, President Rudder.

"The Spirit of Aggieland," Dunn, graduates and audience led by Cadet Joe M. Leeper of Dickinson.

Benediction, James O. Manley of Baytown, civilian chaplain.

Recession, "Festival Postlude," Martin, Mrs. A. B. Medlen, organist.

Guide Posts

"Religion is man's quest for assurance that he can live by faith and love while doubt and fear lay siege to his heart. It is his attempt to resolve inward dilemma by organizing his relations with the world in a way that will serve his need for security and fulfillment. It is the search for what is enduring in time and eternity."

—Oren Huling Baker



New Parking Area

The parking area running along the boulevard west of the Memorial Student Center reserved for faculty and staff has been moved across the street in the area illus-

trated above. The move was necessitated by giving the area along the MSC to visitors and guests.

More in \$1,000 Bracket

Local Aggie Club Raises \$40,000 in Scholarships

In the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Aggie Club in the Bryan-College Station area which was held Saturday in the Memorial Student Center, President Wesley W. McKemie of Tyler announced this area produced almost 10 times as much money this year in the several \$1,000 rather than in the several \$100 bracket towards the athletic scholarship fund.

The total amount raised was \$40,000.

New Officers

Newly elected officers for the coming year are president, Bruno Schroeder, '39, from Austin; vice presidents Lewis Dodson, '25, from Amarillo and Niley Smity, '39, from Cameron; and executive secretary, Dr. David R. Fitch, from College Station.

In the report McKemie delivered, he said, "A special program was designed for the Bryan-College Station area which emphasized the economic importance of the College in general and the athletic program in particular.

'Help Asked'

"Help was asked and received from the Bryan Chamber of Commerce. All civic clubs in Bryan were written at least one letter explaining the Aggie Club. Substantial help was sought and received from the four Bryan-College Station banks.

Architecture Gets Scholarship Slate

The Division of Architecture at A&M has received a \$750 scholarship program from the Tile Council of America.

The program was established on a three-year basis and A&M was selected as one of seven colleges in the nation to participate in the program. This is the second year of its participation.

\$500 of this fund will be awarded to the student scholarship fund and \$250 will go to the division for equipment and teaching facilities.

"A great degree of cooperation was received from the Bryan-College Station area. This support was not included limited to Aggies but included many people, non-Aggies but good citizens of the community."

McKemie Commended The Board of Directors com-

mended the work of McKemie as president for the past year. They also commended the sub-committee on raising funds which was composed of John C. Mayfield of Houston as chairman, with A. W. Davis of Paducah and W. T. Burns of Brownsville, also serving with him on the committee.

VIRGINIA PLANE CRASH CLAIMS 50 MONDAY NIGHT

HOLDCROFT, Va. — (P) — A Capital Airlines plane, frantically circling at housetop height in a blinding fog, crashed on a marshland hillside near here Monday night, carrying 50 persons to flaming death.

Early today, rescuers still had not been able to get close enough to the white-hot wreckage to remove the bodies of the victims, 46 passengers and a crew of four.

The big jet-prop Viscount, Capital Flight 20 from Chicago to Norfolk via Washington, plunged to earth like a leaden pancake shortly after 10:30 p.m.—the time she was due in Norfolk.

Only a few hundred yards away was an open field where the plane might have made a safe emergency landing—had the pilot been able to see the field.

"She seemed to come down like somebody pulled a rug out from under her," said Robert H. Tench, whose farmhouse is only about 300 yards from the crash scene near the Chickahominy River. "She came straight down."

Tench said the plane, which had left Washington for Norfolk at 9:48 p.m., was perilously low and circling, apparently lost in the heavy fog and light rain, shortly before the crash.

"It came pretty near hitting my house twice," Tench said. "The second time it went over it was so low that when I went outside, my whole yard was full of smoke from the engines.

"I went back in the house, and

all of a sudden I didn't hear anything. I didn't hear an explosion and I didn't feel a jar.

"All of a sudden, everything was quiet."

Tench went upstairs then, saw the beginning of the fire that subsequently swept the plane, and summoned police.

All of the plane except its tail assembly and a part of a wing, which were torn off by the crash, burned for hours.

The charred trunks of trees protruded upward through the flaming fuselage in which passengers and crew died.

Formation, Letters Topic at Meeting

Temporary non-compulsory formations and letters of complaint from parents were main topics discussed at the Friday commander's conference held in the Biological Sciences Building Lecture Room.

Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant, told the assembled commanding officers, first sergeants and sergeant majors formations for the rest of the semester would be non-compulsory to facilitate studying. Uniform of the day for finals week will be fatigues, according to Col. Davis.

James P. Hannigan, dean of students, stated student dropouts were lower than the average in other American universities and colleges.



Henderson Dedication

President Earl Rudder, Chancellor M. T. Harrington, H. B. Zachry, president of the Board of Directors of the A&M College System, and Homer Norton, coach of the 1939 Aggie team which won the National

Championship, congratulate Jim Myers, head coach and athletic director, at the dedication ceremonies for Henderson Hall Sunday. Henderson Hall is the new A&M athletic dormitory.