

Smith Explains IBM Computer to Lions

Robert L. Smith Jr., head of the Data Processing Center, told members of the College Station Lions Club Monday noon that the new IBM 704 computer now installed in the center could be compared to a "centipede with his shoes off."

Explaining his statement, Smith said the machine is much like a little boy counting on his fingers, except that the 704 has thousands of fingers compared to those of the little boy.

"In some respects, the 704 is stupid. Where man normally uses figures from one to nine in counting, the 704 can use only zero and one," commented Smith.

"However, when you stop to think that the machine can make thousands of computations in a single second," Smith added, "it makes us look pretty stupid ourselves."

Smith also pointed out that of five such computers located on college campuses through the nation, the A&M computer is the only one open to use by students themselves.

The center, according to Smith, will be used for the support of teaching, project support, methodology and for fiscal support for the A&M College System.

Speaking of the flexibility of the 704, Smith said the most striking example of this is the B-52.

"The B-52 never went through a prototype flight test. The entire test was done by the 704. The

Ecumenical Conference Set Friday

The eighth annual Ecumenical Student Christian Conference, sponsored by several student Christian movements at A&M, will begin at the A&M Wesley Foundation Friday and will run through Sunday.

The conference was started in 1952 as a needed addition to the growth opportunities available to college people of any and all denominations and races. It has been well attended, bringing together as many as 400 students and leaders of all denominations and from 29 campuses at one conference.

This year, The Rev. Gray Blandy, dean of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, will be the platform speaker. The Bible lecturer for the conference will be The Rev. Roger Cilley who is rector of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Angleton, Tex.

The program outline calls for programs to begin Friday at 7:30 p.m. and last until 10:15.

Saturday, an early breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. and the program, consisting of speakers and discussion groups, will last until noon. More services and discussion groups are scheduled for the afternoon session, ending with recreation at 11 p.m. Sunday morning the breakfast will be at 8 and the program will last until noon, at which time the group will be dismissed.

Registration fee for the conference is \$3 and should be sent to Mike Carlo, chairman, Ecumenical Student Christian Conference, YMCA, College Station, Texas, as soon as possible, since the registration will close as soon as 400 people have registered, according to the conference bulletin.

Morgan Calhoun, plant superintendent at Yonkers Raceway, says the racing strip at the harness track was worn down seven inches following 115 nights of racing.

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Ice Storm Hits Hard

A giant pine tree rests on a power line in Marshall, Tex., after a crippling ice storm struck the area causing trees to topple under the weight of the ice. Utility crews worked around the clock in sub-freezing weather in an effort to repair the damaged lines and restore power to homes. (AP Wirephoto).

More Than a Cocktail

Airborne Martinis Create High Level Controversies

NEW YORK (AP)—A martini at 35,000 feet is more than a cocktail. It's a controversy.

Although a drink or two before dinner has become an accepted part of air travel, many people responsible for air safety don't like it.

Many pilots and stewardesses insist liquor threatens the safety of an airliner. Their bosses and

the Federal Aviation Agency defend the airborne cocktail on the ground that there is no evidence to condemn it.

For more than five years the Airline Pilots Assn. and the Air Line Stewards and Stewardesses Assn. have urged Congress to ban drinking on airplanes. Bills have passed the House but never got by the Senate.

Last July James T. Pyle, deputy administrator of FAA, told the House Commerce subcommittee that a survey had revealed no specific drinking incidents which directly threatened an airliner's safety.

There were some incidents which were potentially hazardous, he conceded. But in almost every case, said Pyle, these were caused by passengers who had been drinking before boarding the plane or had brought their liquor with them.

But the FAA feels it has regulated the "bottle-sucker" into sobriety with new rules—the first governing drinking aloft—which take effect Thursday.

The rules:

1. Require airlines to refuse to serve liquor to anyone who appears intoxicated.
2. Require a passenger bringing his own bottle aboard to turn it over to the stewardess who will pour his drinks and decide when he has had enough.

If a passenger is caught tipping and refuses to surrender his supply, the stewardess need only warn him of the FAA regulation and take his name. The FAA will

prosecute and fine the offender up to \$1,000.

The regulations have been received without enthusiasm.

"A passenger could sue me for slander if I told him he couldn't have any more to drink because he appeared intoxicated," says a TWA purser.

"We don't have time to serve someone from his own bottle," says an American Airlines stewardess.

"The only real solution to the liquor problem aboard planes," says a spokesman for the pilots' union, "is to abolish liquor in flight, as we have long advocated."

CAREER DAY

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 the ability and a real interest in this field the horizons are unlimited."

20-minute Movie
 Dean of the School of Agriculture G. M. Watkins presented a 20-minute movie entitled, "Dynamic Careers through Agriculture."

The School of Veterinary Medicine of A&M College is one of 18 accredited veterinary colleges in the United States," Dr. A. A. Price, dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine, told the students. "There are three phases to the program of the A&M School of Veterinary Medicine—the three phases are teaching, research and extension."

"The training is to qualify graduates to deal effectively with problems of disease and disease prevention in domestic farm animals, poultry, pet animals, zoo animals, fur-bearing animals and wild life. Graduates are qualified to administer and advise in the public health problems arising from intertransmission of diseases between man and lower animal."

Cafe Rue Pinalle Features ITS Acts

Cafe Rue Pinalle will feature three acts from the ninth annual Intercollegiate Talent Show and the Jerry Brown Band Friday night in their special dance lasting from 10 p.m. until 4 a.m. in the Memorial Student Center Lower Level.

Breakfast will be served to those at the dance at approximately 1 a.m., according to Frank Callahan, chairman of the MSC Dance Committee which sponsors the event.

Linda Woods, 18-year old piano major and miramba player at North Texas State College; Karol Goin, 18-year old popular music vocalist from Oklahoma State University; and Tappy and Hamp Dickens, a brother and sister dance team from the University of Arkansas and Southern State College in Arkansas, respectively, will provide floor show entertainment.

The three floor show acts will be part of the 10 acts to be presented at 7 Friday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum on the ninth annual Intercollegiate Talent Show.

The floor show will begin at 11:30 p.m.

Advance tickets for the dance at \$2 per couple are now on sale at the Cashier's Window on the ground floor of the MSC. Tickets will also be on sale at the door.

Decoration for the dance will be a French night club setting and will feature the theme of Cafe Rue Pinalle, the Aggie version of a French night club, Callahan said.

Three Professors Attend Fourteenth Cancer Symposium

Three members of the staff of the Department of Biology attended the Fourteenth Annual Symposium on Fundamental Cancer Research in Houston February 25-27.

The three were Dr. S. O. Brown, professor in the Department of Biology; Dr. Fred Kasten, assistant professor in the Department of Biology and Dr. George Krise, associate professor in the Department of Biology. Several graduate students in the Department of Biology also attended the meetings.

The title of the symposium was "Cell Physiology of Neoplasia." It was sponsored by the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute.

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Highway Course Registration Open

Registration for the 34th Annual Short Course in Highway Engineering, to be held through Thursday, got under way Monday morning.

District engineers and division heads of the Texas Highway Department held a meeting Monday. President Earl Rudder gave the welcome address this morning in the Memorial Student Center at the opening session.

The short course is being held under the direction of the School of Engineering, Department of Civil Engineering and the Texas Transportation Institute of the college and in cooperation with the State Highway Department of Texas.

Chas. J. Keese, research engineer in the Texas Transportation Institute, is general chairman. Dr. S. R. Wright, head of the Department of Civil Engineering, chaired the general session this morning. About 800 are due to attend the sessions.

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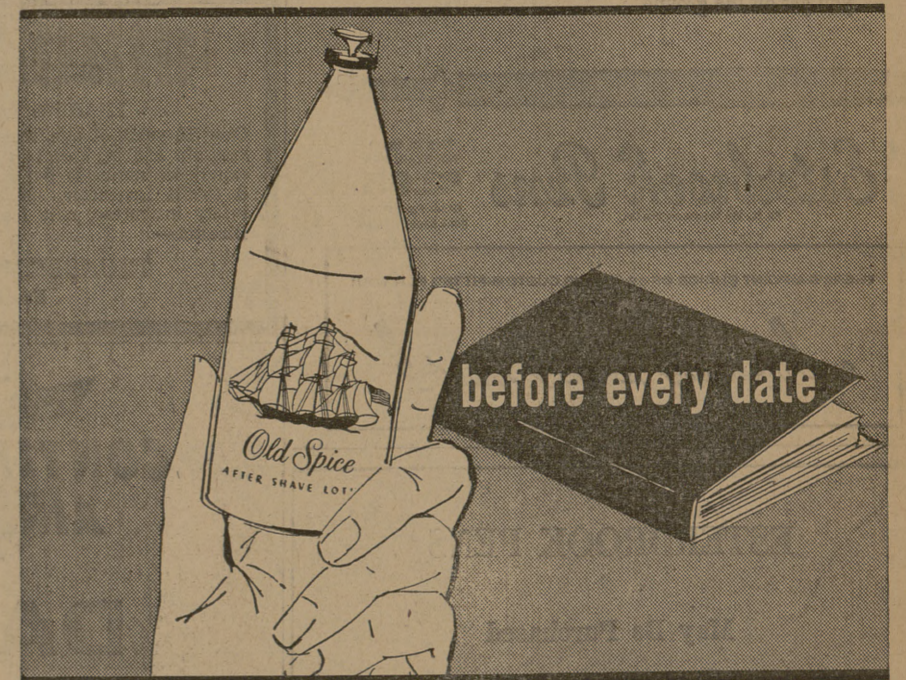
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