

4 Suspended In Shooting Of Ag Senior

Four students involved in the "sniper" shooting of Jerry Gilliland, senior from Liberty, have been suspended from school, authorities said yesterday.

College officials did not release names of those suspended.

Gilliland was shot in the hand Monday evening, Oct. 17, while returning from Sbis Dining Hall to Dorm 17. The incident set off an investigation which terminated late last weekend, according to B. A. Zinn, director of student activities.

Centered on Walton

The investigation was centered on Walton Hall, civilian dormitory where the shot was said to have come from, resulting in the suspension of the four civilian students living there.

"We are fully convinced there was no truly malicious intention toward Gilliland in the incident on the part of these students," said Zinn.

"The persons involved said they originally had intended to shoot one of the men working on the contract job around the quadrangle, and it was by pure chance that

Gilliland was the person hit," he added.

No Indication

Zinn said there was no indication of personal bad feelings from the students concerning the persons they attempted to shoot from the dorm.

The weapon used was a pellet gun, of the variety using a cartridge instead of air pressure. Apparently the cartridge hitting Gilliland was an old one, because if it had been new, it would have been considerably more injurious, said Zinn.

"We had many misconceptions of a pellet gun shown by numerous persons investigated. Some had heard of such a weapon, but had never seen one. Concepts of the pellet gun ranged from an air rifle to some gun more powerful than a .22 caliber. Some thought Gilliland had been shot with a .22 rifle, when in reality it was a highly powerful pellet rifle," said Zinn.

Struck in Hand

The bullet struck Gilliland in the hand as he stood in front of the flag pole in the quadrangle next to Walton Hall. It entered and left a deep hole, but apparently struck a bone and bounced back out onto the ground, according to hospital authorities who examined the patient after the incident.

Had the rifle been aimed slightly higher, there was a possibility of Gilliland being killed, said investigating officers. All four students suspended for the deed had left the campus by Tuesday morning, said Zinn.

Freshman Injured In Intramural Football Contest

Chris Sowell, freshman in Squadron 3, was injured Tuesday during an intramural football game. He suffered a severe blow on the head.

Sowell, 18, was visited in his dorm later in the evening by Dr. W. D. Willis, a college physician, and Dr. C. R. Lyons, director of student health services. Sowell was taken to the College Hospital after the examination.

Soph Reception Offers 'Rare' View

Parents and friends of the Class of '63 will get a chance to view "the side of A&M life visitors rarely see" at a reception in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom Saturday from 2 - 4:30 p. m.

Class of '63 President Tony Thomas said the sophomore class reception would emphasize the dignity, quiet and reserve that marks the more formal occasions at A&M.

...renew old'

"It will be a good opportunity for parents and students to meet each other and, in some instances, to renew old friendships," he said. "And for those who have traveled a long way, the reception will offer a chance to rest a little before the game."

Thomas said all sophomores would be welcome at the reception, particularly those with dates or parents on the campus.

Refreshments will be served and

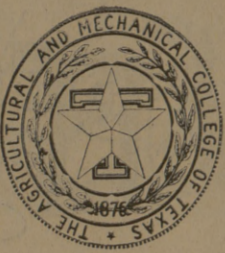
dance music will be played all afternoon.

Reception Line

In the reception line to greet the students and their guests will be two officers of the class and their dates and W. D. (Pete) Hardy, student organizations advisor.

Thomas said the dress for the reception would be Class 'A' summer uniform for cadets, "and something dressy for parents and dates."

Class of '63 officers working on the reception are Thomas, Scotty Brown, vice president; Ed Sartain, social secretary, and Johnny Burton, secretary-treasurer.



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THE BATTALION

Enrollment Up Over Last Year

Ag School Claims Highest Increase

By ALAN PAYNE

Final enrollment figures released yesterday show 7,221 students enrolled at A&M this semester, an increase of 137 from the first semester last year.

The School of Engineering claims the largest percentage of students enrolled, with 2,974, or 41 per cent of the student body.

The School of Arts and Sciences follows with 2,360, or 33 per cent of the enrollment.

The School of Agriculture is third with 1,231 students, or 17 per cent.

The School of Veterinary Medicine has 481 students for seven per cent of the enrollment. General curriculum claims 175 students and two per cent.

All of the percentages include freshmen, sophomores, juniors, fifth year, sixth year, graduate and special students.

Biggest Increase

Compared with last year's figures, the School of Agriculture shows the biggest percentage increase of students, being up two per cent. The School of Veterinary Medicine is up one per cent, the School of Arts and Sciences is up one per cent.

The School of Engineering, however, is down four per cent. General curriculum students remain two per cent of the enrollment.

Last fall's final enrollment total was 7,094.

Of the 7,221 currently enrolled, 764, or 9.3 per cent are graduate students. The School of Agriculture boasts the largest total, 234. The School of Engineering follows with 218, the School of Arts and Sciences has 206 and the School of Veterinary Medicine has 16 graduates.

Freshman Class Largest

The freshman class has the largest percentage of students—32.4 per cent, or 2,336. This division of freshmen is by academic classification and includes not only freshmen who enrolled in September, but all students who do not have 30 hours and 30 grade points.

Academic seniors comprise 20.8 per cent or 1,502 students for second honors, followed by academic juniors with 17.9 per cent or 1,292 students. Sophomores comprise 16.1 per cent of the student body, or 1,160 students.

There are 131 special students, 76 fifth year students and 50 sixth year students are in the School of Veterinary Medicine.

Punkin Crick Setting For CHS Show

"Y'all come" will be the hill-billy yodel when the Speech Department of A&M Consolidated High School presents "Aaron Slick from Punkin Crick" Nov. 3 and 4 in the Consolidated School cafeteria.

Everything is fine and spankin' dandy on Mrs. Berry's Okiyohmy farm until a sly speculator takes a suspicious interest in her old broken down farm. Aaron comes to her rescue just in time to find himself bewitched by the mysterious Lady in Red.

Aaron Slick will be played by Ronald Lockley. Others in the cast are Mr. Wilbur Merriew, Bob Fitts; Clarence Green, Jody Rush; Little Sis Riggs, Judith McCorvey; Mrs. Berry, Shirley Rodgers, and the Lady in Red, Janet Darrow.

There will be plenty of entertainment in the "Red Eye Saloon" as the Saloonets (Bengal Bells) will demonstrate a catchy can-can as one of the variety acts during intermission. A rink-a-tink piano player will add to the rip-roarin' fun.

The "Red Eye" hostesses will be Wallace Ann Chamblee and Mary Anne Franklin. They will sell real old-fashioned pie and pink lemonade. Byron Pruitt, the bartender, will set up the drinks.

Tickets are limited and will be sold in advance by calling VI 6-5694. All tickets are 75 cents.

SMU Ducats On Sale Now

Student and date tickets for the A&M-SMU football game in Dallas Nov. 5 went on sale Thursday morning and will remain on sale through 5 p. m. Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Student tickets for the Corps Trip game are \$3 and date tickets are \$4 each.

The game will begin at 2 p. m. in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

'Came Away With Spirit Of Campus'

(Editor's Note: The following letter has been received from Dr. L. M. Cochran, manager of the Temple Veterans Administration Center, expressing his thanks and appreciation for the treatment given a group of the Center's patients when they were special guests of the school at the Aggie-TCU game two weeks ago.)

"My staff informs me that our group of hospitalized veterans who attended the game at College Station, Oct. 15, had a wonderful time and a thrilling experience when the Aggies tied TCU by a score of 14-14.

"The volunteer trip supervisor, Mrs. Margaret Wade, as well as all of our veterans, came away with the spirit of the campus. P. L. Downs, Jr., is a favorite of our group and I understand he played the role of host in his usual manner that will not be forgotten by those who were treated so royally.

"I am very grateful to the officials of your fine school for inviting our veterans and sincerely appreciate the thoughtful attention given these men by L. B. Moon, L. D. Trevino and O. C. Plantt at Duncan Hall.

"It is a nice feeling we have here at the Temple Veterans Administration Center for Texas A&M. You have made this great school a reality to many of these veterans who have been confined for years.

"May I again thank you for your thoughtfulness and sincerity."

Letters were sent to Downs, President Earl Rudder and representatives of the System's Information and the Department of Student Publications, College Information Office, the Department of Athletics, the Department of English and Duncan Dining Hall.



Getting the Information

This is one of eight like groups that met in different buildings on the campus this week to discuss various topics of interest to Tex-

as Agricultural Extension Service employees. The annual conference started Monday and ends Thursday night.

TAES CONFERENCE

Michigan State Chancellor Emphasizes Public Info

By MORRIS ASBILL

Michigan State University Chancellor D. B. (Woody) Varner spoke to the annual Texas Agricultural Extension Service conference group yesterday on "Public Relations and You."

His speech and the Epsilon Sigma Phi dinner were the big items on the agenda of the TAES conference crowd of 725.

He discussed the importance of keeping the public informed of agricultural extension activities, with special emphasis on two of several defined public.

The two Varner emphasized are farm people, or producers, and elected officials, or appropriating bodies. He also included the mass media, agricultural businesses and the general public as people not

to be forgotten by extension information sources.

V. G. Young, State Agricultural Agent, said the task Varner described is the job of each individual in the Agricultural Extension Service.

Epsilon Sigma Phi is a national honorary society of Agricultural Extension workers. A person must have served in extension work 10 or more years to be eligible for membership in the society.

A plaque, given by the County Judges and Commissioners' Association of Texas, was presented to nine retired members of the society at the Epsilon Sigma Phi dinner in the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center last night at 6:30.

Recipients of the plaques were:

Jean Steele, Hidalgo County; Frank Brunemann, Cameron County; Pearlina Coffman, Archer County; Ralph R. Thomas, Gray County; Charles H. Clark, Hill County; Willett S. Foster, El Paso County and Sadie Hatfield, Howard County and Nena Roberson of the A&M staff.

Public Relations Reports

Public Relations Reports were made this morning in the general session. Some of the subjects reported on were: Within the Extension Organization Itself, The Parent Institution, Elected and Appointed Officials, Relationships with Organizations, Business, Relationships with Mass Media Personnel, Governmental Agencies and Other Colleges and Universities in the State, and Individuals and Families.

President Earl Rudder also addressed the morning group on "Your A&M College of Texas."

Tonight's Program

The big item for tonight is the Joint Agent's Association Banquet to be held in the Sbis Hall Annex.

"The Challenge Ahead" will be described by P. V. Kepner, administrator of the Federal Extension Service in Washington. His will be the last major address of the conference.

World Wrap-Up

By The Associated Press

Half of Available Cotton Bowl Ducats Gone

DALLAS—The first three days of the mail sale of Cotton Bowl tickets brought applications for half of the 25,000 available to the public, secretary Howard Grubbs said Wednesday.

With seven days to go on the sale, all indications are that there will be a sell-out for the Jan. 2 game matching the Southwest Conference champion and an invited team.

The Cotton Bowl seats 75,504 but only 25,000 tickets can be bought by the public. The remainder goes to the competing schools and bondholders of the Cotton Bowl.

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German Army Moves Into France

PARIS—German soldiers rolled into France again—not as foes this time but as allies who will train on French soil.

Advance detachments of panzer and parachute troop battalions from the West German army Wednesday headed for French bases at the old battle grounds of Sissonne and Mourmelon, flanking the cathedral town of Reims.

France agreed to allow West German soldiers to train here because the growing German army, a keystone of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, is cramped on its home grounds.

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Parking Meter Saves Life

KENEDY, Tex.—A parking meter in front of Waylon Houck's jewelry store will have a warm spot in his heart from now on.

It saved Houck's life in Kennedy's flash flood Tuesday night. The jewelry store owner tied a rope around himself and, with a companion holding one end, sought to enter his flooded store during the height of the flood.

But as he inched toward the building the rope slipped from his body and the swirling waters carried him down Main Street. Fortunately, Houck managed to grab the parking meter and cling to it until rescued.

Said Houck Wednesday: "Every time I pass that meter, I'm going to drop in a nickle."

NOV. 4 APPLICATION DEADLINE

Science Aids Available

Three National Science Fellowships were announced by Dr. Wayne C. Hall, dean of the Graduate School, yesterday.

The Fellowships include Cooperative Graduate Fellowships, Summer Fellowships for Graduate Teaching Assistants and Regular Graduate Fellowships.

Cooperative Graduate Fellowships for the 1961-62 school year are available to all graduate students and graduating seniors admitted to the Graduate School prior to the beginning of the 1961-62 school year. Candidates must show demonstrated ability and special qualifications for advanced training in the sciences to be eligible.

Applications must be received in the Graduate School by Nov. 4.

The annual stipend for this fellowship is \$2,000. Tuition and fees will be paid by the participating institution.

The awards are made on a competitive basis by March 15, 1961. Preliminary evaluation of applications and recommendations are made at A&M and further evaluation and screening is done by a panel of scientists at Washington,

D. C. Up to 21 candidates for the Cooperative Graduate Fellowships can be recommended.

Applications for Summer Fellowships for Graduate Teaching Assistants for the summer of 1961 must be received by the Dean of Graduate Studies by Dec. 9, 1960, Hall said.

Applicants must have had at least one academic year of experience as graduate teaching assistants prior to summer school, 1961. Stipends are not less than \$50 per week and not more than \$75 per week up to 12 weeks. Tuition and fees will be paid for the student by the institution. Ten candidates can be recommended for this fellowship.

Students, who are citizens or nationals as of Mar. 1, 1961, studying for the master's or doctoral degrees in the physical, biological, mathematical, special social sciences, and engineering sciences are eligible to apply for Regular Graduate Fellowships. College seniors who expect to receive a baccalaureate degree during the 1960-61 academic year are also eligible.

Three categories of fellowships

exist. First year fellowships, students who have completed less than one normal year of graduate study, will receive an annual stipend of \$1,800. Intermediate Fellowships, students who completed at least one normal year of graduate study but who require more than one additional year to complete the Ph.D., will receive an annual stipend of \$2,000. For Terminal Year Fellows, students who expect to complete the requirements for a doctoral degree within one year after receiving the fellowship, the annual stipend will be \$2,200.

Applications must be received by the Fellowship office by Jan. 6, 1961.

Married students are eligible to receive a dependency allowance of \$500 for each dependent. Tuition and fees are paid by NSF National Science Fellowships. Special equipment and materials or unusual research expenses are permitted up to \$250.

Additional information and application forms for all three fellowships are available in the Graduate School Office on the second floor of the Richard Coke Building.



The Lady in Red

Janet Darrow, with the glass, is the mysterious "Lady in Red" in the Consolidated High School production of "Aaron Slick from Punkin Crick." Applauding her toast in this scene taken at a rehearsal of the show Wednesday night are, (left to right), Marcy Goode, Jody Rush, Marien Nichols, Molly Martin and Mary Ann Hollis.