

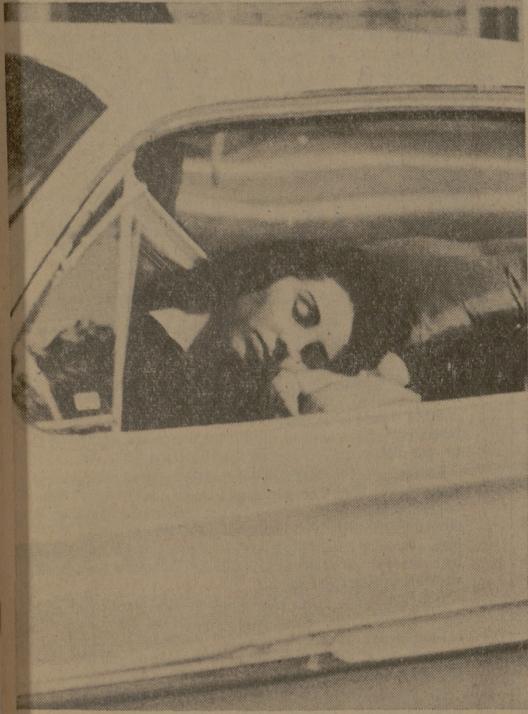
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Tiring Even For Dates

The long registration lines that formed Friday and Saturday had a profound effect on dates as well as the students who weathered the mass confusion to register for the new semester. Here Patricia Parkman of Houston shows the effects as she waits for Gary Lee Doerre of Spring to finish registering.

Lines. Wait. Stand. More lines.

That was the general opinion most Aggies had of registration last Friday and Saturday in Sbis Dining Hall.

And the Registrar's office continued to work at full tilt as late registration continues. The deadline for registrants is Saturday. Although enrollment figures will

Grad Notice Sale Begins

Spring graduation announcements went on sale today and will remain on sale through Feb. 28, it has been announced.

Announcements may be ordered at the Cashier's Window in the Memorial Student Center between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

World Wrap-Up

Missile Explodes On Canaveral Pad

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.—The second stage of a Polaris missile flew wildly out of control and smashed back onto the cape yesterday. The first stage, shooting flames high into the air, was left on the pad. No injuries were reported.

North Korea Critical Of U.S. Films

TOKYO—Communist North Korea in a Pyyngyang radio broadcast gave this report of 295 movies shown in Pusan, South Korea, last year: "186 were decadent American films and the rest were vulgar films of France, Italy and West Germany and South Korean films patterned after them."

Senate Gives Kennedy New Powers

WASHINGTON—The Senate Monday passed a bill to give President Kennedy wide authority to create new Cabinet-level departments and to reorganize any branch of government.

The bill, approved by voice vote, was the first major legislation to get through the Senate this session.

Woman Skydiver Dies In Exhibition

LIMA, Peru—The body of an Argentine woman parachutist was washed ashore at Ancon yesterday, the day after she made an exhibition jump at the Pacific beach resort of Santa Rosa.

Miss Maria del Rosario Carrizo apparently was pulled under the surface when a strong wind caught her chute after alighting.

New School For Retarded Planned

AUSTIN—A Senate committee Monday endorsed a bill providing for a new state school for mentally retarded youngsters in the upper gulf coast area.

Committee approval came quickly after Raymond Vowell, executive director of the State Hospital Board, reported there are now 1,200 exceptional children, mostly five to 15, on the waiting list.

Joint Research Project On Way

A&M Centers New Chemistry Studies

Two nationally known research groups plan to move an important joint research project to A&M early in April, President Earl Rudder announced Sunday.

The groups, the American Petroleum Institute and the Manufacturing Chemists Association, Inc., are moving their research projects on physical and thermodynamic properties of hydrocarbon and other chemical compounds from Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Findings of the new research center will be published every six months and distributed free to colleges, universities, libraries, non-profit research organizations and governmental agencies throughout the free world.

Mothers Hear Executives View College

The Mid-Season Executive Board meeting of the Federation of Texas A&M Mother's Clubs met Saturday in the Memorial Student Center.

Mrs. Earl Rudder and Mrs. M. T. Harrington, honorary presidents of the federation, attended the assembly.

E. L. Angell, Vice Chancellor of Texas A&M System discussed the history and purposes of the Committee of Governing Boards of the state colleges and universities.

"Fifty per cent of the courses taught in Texas A&M System are high cost courses, which is the greatest percentage of such course in any of the state schools," said Angell.

"When the mothers of this state enthusiastically support efforts to fill the needs of higher education there is no limit to what can be accomplished," he added.

Later in the business session members of the board pledged the aid of the Mothers' Club Federation in a general educational campaign among their own membership of more than 2,000, and their efforts toward securing legislation which will provide adequate financing of all state supported schools.

Aggie Exes Name Aston New Prexy

James W. Aston, Class of '31, will be installed as president of the Association of Former Students at the annual meeting here Feb. 10-12.

Aston, a Dallas banker, will succeed W. C. McGee, Class of '31, of Houston.

Election of officers for all posts will also be held at the meeting and along with President Aston they will take office immediately, J. B. (Dick) Hervey, Class of '42, executive secretary of the Association, announced today. There are 38,000 active members of the Association. Two hundred are due to attend the local meeting.

Committee reports will be given by Tyree Bell, Class of '13, of Dallas and Judge C. M. Gaines, Class of '12, of San Antonio. Gaines will report on a study of the by-laws of the Association. It will deal with suggested or proposed amendments. A report on a long range planning program, looking toward enhancement of the program of the Association will be given by Bell.

Barker Chapman, Class of '49, Waco, will be chairman of the Club Officers conference, sponsored by the Association, to which officers of all A&M clubs have been invited. There are 188 clubs throughout the world.

A high school relations seminar will be held at the Club Officers Conference with officials of the College providing information on the educational opportunities at A&M. This information will be made available to high school students in the club officers areas.

A public relations conference will also be held.

The 10th annual Class Agents session will also be held with A. E. Denton, Class of '45, College Station, chairman. Sixty-three graduated classes are due to have one or more representatives at the meeting.

Kennedy Urges Curtailment Of U.S. Foreign Spending

By The Associated Press WASHINGTON—President Kennedy told Congress Monday that to help solve the gold problem American tourists should be discouraged from buying numerous and costly souvenirs abroad.

He asked Congress to place a \$100 limit on the amount of foreign goods which returning travelers may bring into the country without paying customs duties. The present maximum is \$500.

Kennedy also proposed, in a 4,500-word special message, that American banks be permitted to pay foreign governments a higher rate of interest than Americans receive on savings accounts. He said this might encourage these governments to deposit their dollars here rather than use them to buy gold.

Measure Expansion For the most part, other items in the President's program to deal with the worrisome gold drain represented an expansion of measures initiated by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Like Eisenhower, Kennedy also promised to promote exports, encourage visits by foreign tourists, restrict military and foreign spending abroad, and maintain the price of gold at \$35 an ounce.

He also said Secretary of the Treasury Douglas Dillon will report to him by April 1 on whether the tax laws should be changed to discourage certain kinds of private investment in Western Europe.

And he said he will submit legislation to block Americans from avoiding federal taxes through the use of foreign "tax havens." Officials said he referred to special tax breaks now available in such countries as Panama and Switzerland.

Justifies Concern Kennedy asserted that the gold drain justifies concern but not panic or alarm. He said the United States has time in which to attack the problem calmly and deliberately.

Because of the wide range of subjects covered, the Senate took the unusual step of referring Kennedy's message to three different committees: Foreign Relations, Finance, and Banking.

The President's proposals generally found favor with Republicans as well as Democrats in Congress. Some members in both parties said they thought even further steps will be needed.

During the last six months, foreigners have bought a record \$2 billion of U. S. gold, reducing the American supply to a 22-year low of \$17.4 billion. They were able to do this because the U. S. balance of payments deficit gave them a supply of extra dollars.

For many years, the United States has been sending more dollars abroad, through payments for imports, investments, tourism and government programs, than have been returning. This deficit has increased sharply in the last three years, leading to heavy gold sales and foreign fears that the dollar was being undermined.

'GREAT PHALLIC SYMBOL' A Nod For Leaping From TU Tower

What appears to be an anonymous group on the A&M campus has sent a letter to The Daily Texan, the student newspaper at the University of Texas, suggesting that the sometimes observed tradition of jumping off the Tower at the University be retained.

The group, whose letter appeared in the letter-to-the-editor section of The Texan, the "Firing Line," calls itself the "Texas A&M Committee for Supporting the Tower-Jumping Tradition of Texas as University."

Evidently, the only persons on the A&M campus knowing anything of the group are the members themselves. This is what they had to say in the letter which appeared under the title "Oh, Go Jump . . .":

"To the Editor: It has come to our attention that the narrow, bigoted, dictatorial authorities of your Great University have attempted to destroy one of your finest traditions—jumping from the Tower! For many years this has been a sacred privilege of those who flunk courses.

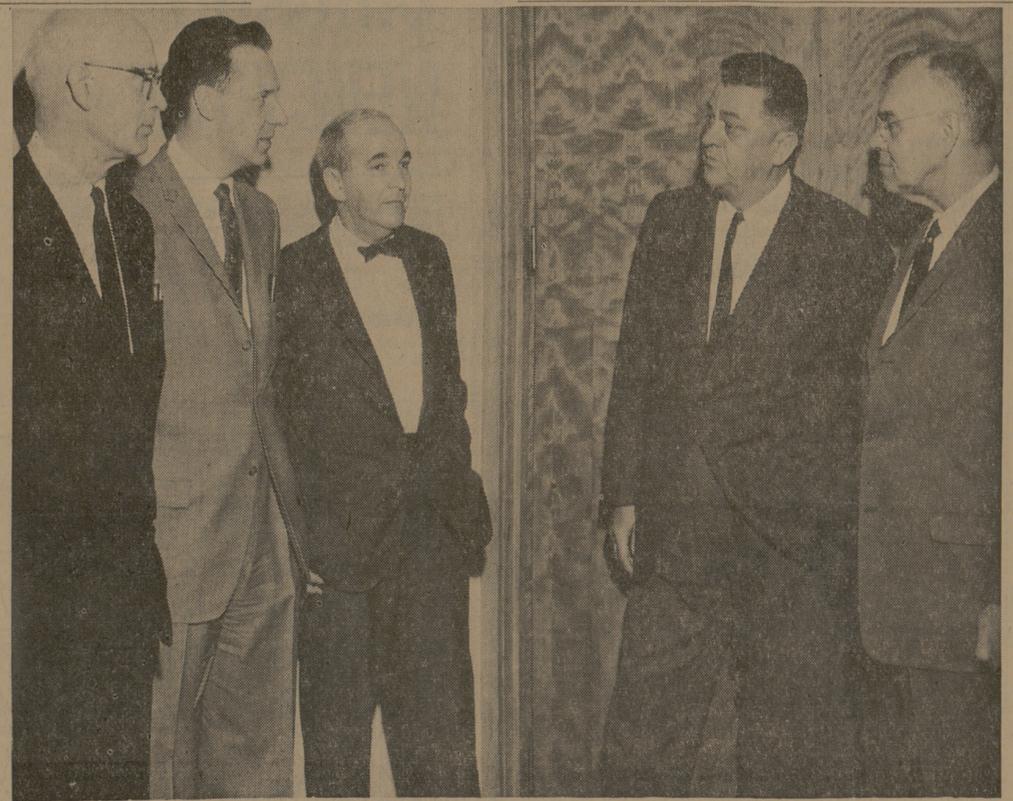
"Each of you must look down into the depths of his soul for the answer to this question: "Am I

going to stand idly by and see a great University of Texas tradition destroyed?" Of course there is always poison or slashing one's wrists, but jumping alone has remained through the years as the only honorable way for a Longhorn to go.

"In the interests of preserving your Great University's tradition and privilege and to promote relations between our two schools, we, the traditionalist students of Texas A&M, wish to humbly offer the use of our own Academic Building to all Texas students who would carry on your jumping festivities.

"We realize that our Academic Building does not reach the majestic height of your Great Phallic Symbol, but the concrete pavement below the Point of Departure is extremely hard and uncompromising. We can therefore assure success to any of your students who care to further your hallowed tradition.

The Texas A&M Committee for Supporting the Tower-Jumping Tradition of Texas University."



A&M, Research Officials Confer ... (from left) Crass, Cullison, Webb, Calaway, Mattocks

'Fourposters' Set To Open Tuesday

By TOMMY HOLBEIN Comedy and humor will prevail next Tuesday night, as the Aggie Players perform "The Fourposter" in the lower level of the Memorial Student Center starting at 8 p. m.

The three-act play is a late Broadway show recently going off stage in the past few years, and its plot deals with the trials and tribulations during 25 years of married life.

Being performed "in the round," the show features only two actors, the husband and wife. Michael is played by Harry Gooding, and Agnes by Regie Lundergan. Gooding and C. K. Esten are directing the production, which started rehearsals again last night following the semester break.

Being played "in the round" involves the audience's surrounding the stage on three sides, which means those on stage must handle their lines in a way to reach the entire audience in three different directions.

This technique has been handled very effectively by the Players in past performances, including last year's "A Night With George Bernard Shaw," in which two of Shaw's one-act plays were presented.

The set props include, first of all, a bed (the fourposter) in the right rear of the stage. In front of the bed is a mirror and dresser, and across the room on the left is a divan or love-seat.

In this setting, the audience will see 25 years of trials and tribulations, humor blended with pathos, pass before them, as "Michael" and "Agnes" experience the various pitfalls of marriage.

Handling lights for the production will be Charles Hearn and George; Marlene Rushing, Betty Simmons, Dave Woodard, Marcus Edwards and Randall Yeargan comprise the set crew, and Jane Eisner is in charge of costumes.

"The Fourposter" will be performed next Tuesday through Friday nights, Feb. 14-17, and admission charge is 75 cents per ticket.

A second play also in progress will be performed April 17-21, entitled "The Rivals," which will

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