

A Job Well Done

The men of the Class of 1961 will graduate Saturday—leaving behind a record of accomplishments parallel to those of any other class in A&M's history.

The Class of '61 has been a novel class since it first registered for college courses at A&M in September of 1957.

The registration total marked the class from the beginning as one of the smallest classes in recent years at A&M. These men were also the last class of entering freshmen during the year of a non-compulsory Corps of Cadets.

Of the registering group, 282 men resigned from the Corps during this first year.

Since then, however, registrations have decreased annually—a definite credit to this class.

The Corps resignation figures in the three years since then have been 213, 154 and this year, only 117.

Civilian registrations during this period have followed a similar trend. One hundred six Class of '61 civilian freshmen resigned from school, while only 91 resigned in 1958, 68 last year and only 66 this year.

Corps-Civilian relations during this four-year period have also showed a marked improvement. The election of a civilian, Roland Dommert, as this year's Student Senate president saw this improvement in relations reach its pinnacle.

The Class of '61 has seen and prominently influenced the rise of scholastic achievement in both the Corps of Cadets and civilian life. Academic marks this year reached an all-time high in the Corps and were even higher among civilians.

In addition to the improvement in registration figures, the Class of '61 has also instigated a marked improvement in the percentage figures of freshmen returning for their sophomore years.

Figures in this category have risen from 48 per cent in 1958, an all-time A&M low, to this year's 60 per cent.

The Class of '61 graduates will leave behind three classes when they receive degrees Saturday. Without a doubt members of all three of these classes will remember for many years the assistance and encouragement they received from these men.

These men will have every right in the world to leave with their heads high—there's has been a job well done.

Pressmen, Police Hinder 'Riders'

(Editor's Note: Here is an eye witness account of the "freedom riders" bus trip from Montgomery, Ala., to Jackson, Miss., as told by an Associated Press reporter who bought his ticket and made the 253-mile trip.)

JACKSON, Miss.—No matter what else befalls them, the 12 "Freedom Riders" who went by bus Wednesday from Montgomery, Ala., to Jackson, Miss., must rank among the most heavily protected and most extensively interviewed passengers in the history of interstate commerce.

The bubble-domed Trailways bus that transported the nine Negro men, two Negro women and one white man on the 253-mile trip was escorted to the Mississippi line by a convoy of 42 cars bearing National Guardsmen in battle dress, uniformed state troopers and assorted reporters, photographers, radio announcers and television camera men.

When the bus crossed the state line at Scratch Hill, Ala., a simi-

lar and even more impressive array of Mississippi Guardsmen and state troopers took over the detail of protecting the bus and its passengers.

National Guard reconnaissance planes and helicopters hovered overhead throughout the entire trip.

Until their eventual arrest in the Jackson bus station, the segregation-defying riders expressed some resentment against the enormity of the police and military preparations and the extensiveness of the press coverage.

The 16 reporters and cameramen on board the bus for the entire trip actually outnumbered the "freedom riders."

"This is not a normal situation," protested the Rev. James Lawson of Nashville, Tenn., who headed the group. "It does not carry out the purposes of our project. We are not traveling as private citizens but as protectees of a government. We are not seeking violence."

HOLIDAY

Tuesday, May 30, 1961, being a Holiday, in observance of Memorial Day, the undersigned will observe that date as a Holiday and not be open for business.

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- Bryan Building & Loan Association
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CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"... and then at Final Review I take off these pants and—BANG—I've got my boots and boot pants on!"

Bulletin Board

The El Paso Hometown Club will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3-C of the Memorial Student Center.

The Matagorda County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the lobby of the YMCA Building.

The Tyler-Smith County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Cashion Room of the YMCA.

The San Patricio County Hometown Club will meet in the Academic Building tonight at 7:30 p.m.

The Laredo Hometown Club will meet in Room 2-D of the MSC tonight at 7:15 p.m. Money for the banquet must be paid by this week.

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Plus
"SWORD AND THE DRAGON"

LATE SHOW FRIDAY NIGHT
"THE TINGLER"
with Vincent Price
Plus
"THE STRANGLERS OF BOMBAY"
with Guy Rolfe

SATURDAY
"TEENAGE WOLF PACK"
"SENIOR PROM"
"LIFE BEGINS AT 17"
"GIDGET"
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RECORDS
Mantovani
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Percy Faith
Roger Williams
Jackie Gleason
George Shearing
A Most Complete Selection of Gifts
AT SHAFFER'S

Kennedy Urges Public To Help Buy Tractors

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON—Declaring a government hands-off policy, President Kennedy Wednesday urged Americans to contribute to the \$15-million fund to buy tractors Fidel Castro has demanded for release of Cuban invasion prisoners.

At the same time, the White House revealed that Kennedy had helped organize the citizens group that is spearheading the fund drive.

The President's statement made it clear he considers there are no legal blocks to the deal, as some members of Congress have argued. But he emphasized: "The United States government has not and cannot be a party to these negotiations."

Kennedy added that while the government is "putting forward neither obstacles nor assistance to this wholly private effort, I hope that all citizens will contribute what they can."

Sen. J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee who has opposed any government sanction of the deal, told reporters:

"I didn't realize the President had taken such a personal interest in this project."

White House press secretary, and Richard N. Goodwin, a presidential aide, gave newsmen this picture of Kennedy's participation in setting up the committee:

After Castro publicly offered to exchange the 1,200 prisoners for 500 tractors there were several private moves to accept the offer. One was by Mrs. Roosevelt, so Kennedy telephoned her.

Because of the nature of the equipment demanded by Castro, Kennedy then called Reuther, whose union members make tractors.

It is headed by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers, and Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, president of Johns Hopkins University and brother of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Andrew T. Hatcher, assistant

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Robert Ryan
In
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SATURDAY, MAY 27

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PRESENTED BY WARNER BROS.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION
This ends the 1960-61 season of Guion Hall. The management would like to thank the student body of Texas A&M and the residents of College Station for their patronage and we hope to see them again next September
MANY THANKS!

By Charles M. Schulz

COMMENCEMENT EVE SMORGASBORD

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Dining Room

Friday, May 26

5:00 to 7:30 p. m.

PEANUTS

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I'LL LEAVE YOU TWO ALONE TO GET ACQUAINTED...

WHAT DO YOU SAY TO CATS?

YOU'RE NOT RELAXED!

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