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Convocation's Top Attraction

James E. Webb, administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, will be principal speaker at the A&M Convocation Nov. 16, President Earl Rudder announced today.

The Convocation and Open House will honor members of the Century Council, former students and other friends of the college. It will mark the beginning of A&M's 86th year as the oldest state-supported institution of higher education in Texas.

Other distinguished scientists and educators will speak at programs sponsored by each of the four schools of the College.

Webb, who was appointed NASA administrator in February, 1961, by President Kennedy, assumed the position after a distinguished career in public service, law, aviation, business and education.

A FORMER Director of the Bureau of the Budget and Undersecretary of State, Webb is a veteran of more than 30 years in Marine Corps aviation.

At the time of his appointment as chief of NASA, he was president and trustee of Educational Services, Inc., of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He began his aviation career after graduation from the University of North Carolina in 1928. Webb won his wings and was commissioned in the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve in 1931.

HE FIRST went to Washington in 1932. After two years of government service he joined the staff of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America. He earned a law degree at George Washington University, then became personnel director of the Sperry Gyroscope Co., rising to the position of vice-president.

After World War II, he was appointed Director of the Budget by President Harry S. Truman, and in 1949 joined the State Department as undersecretary.

AFTER 1952 he was engaged in a number of private business activities before re-entering government service in 1961.

The day-long Convocation and Open House will begin with special programs in each of the schools of the college during the morning of Nov. 16. At noon, a luncheon will honor members of the Century Council.

The board's response, former student citations and Webb's address will be given during the afternoon session.

Enrollment Near 8,100

Fall semester enrollment at A&M is approximately 8,100 students, the highest since 1949. Preliminary figures available Saturday show a more than five percent increase over enrollment for the fall semester a year ago.

Classes began Sept. 17 but late registration continued through Saturday morning.

The current registration at 8,097 compares with the enrollment for the fall semester a year ago of 7,694.



JAMES WEBB
... to address convocation

FIRST OF RACE

Ole Miss Board Bows, Negro May Enroll Today

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP)—Under threat of court contempt, the Mississippi State College Board Monday agreed to enroll James H. Meredith, a Negro, in all-white University of Mississippi.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals set a 4 p.m. Tuesday deadline for his registration.

Meredith would be the first Negro admitted as a student at Ole Miss in 114 years.

THE BOARD OFFERED to register Meredith at Jackson, the Mississippi State capital which is 150 miles closer to New Orleans than is the University of Mississippi campus at Oxford.

Meredith's attorneys agreed. But these agreements did not take into account Gov. Ross Barnett of Mississippi, who has sworn to go to jail rather than enroll a Negro in a Mississippi school.

During the day, when the college board was being forced into action, Barnett did these things:

1. GOT A STATE court order forbidding university officials from enrolling Meredith and Meredith from trying to enroll.

2. Issued an executive order which orders state police to arrest anyone who tries to arrest or fine a state official.

Just before the long hearing in

New Orleans ended, the Mississippi Highway Patrol announced a 24-hour standby alert. It didn't say why.

Meredith told newsmen after the hearing: "I've been admitted a lot of times before."

A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT spokesman in Washington said the department had been advised of the board's agreement and he added, "We're making arrangements for Meredith to register."

Asked whether this meant Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy was telephoning Barnett as he had done several times in recent days in an attempt to settle the controversy,

the department spokesman said, "I can't say at this time."

Judge Elbert P. Tuttle, Atlanta, Ga., presiding, said the court found the board members did willfully and intentionally violate the desegregation order.

Judge Tuttle then asked if the members were "ready and willing to take such action as to comply with the injunction."

BOARD CHAIRMAN Tom Tubb, speaking for the 12 members of the 13-member board who were present, told the court the board will comply with any order of the court.

One of the 13 members was hospitalized in Jackson, Miss., but he confirmed by telephone that he would join the other 12 in their action.

Robert B. Ellis, registrar, one of three top Ole Miss officials also summoned to the hearing, was instructed to register Meredith no later than 4 p.m. Tuesday.

House Puts Reserves Back In Grab-Bag

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House passed and sent to President Kennedy Monday a bill authorizing him to mobilize 150,000 reservists if the situation in Cuba or elsewhere grows more threatening.

The measure was passed by a 341-13 roll call vote after several Republicans questioned its value. On the final tally 131 Republicans joined 211 Democrats in support of the measure. Against it were 2 Democrats and 11 Republicans.

Democratic leaders urged the House to give Kennedy what he asked for to strengthen his hand in dealing with limited emergencies while Congress is in adjournment.

The House responded by shouting down a series of amendments and passed the bill in exactly the same form as it cleared the Senate a week ago last Thursday. Rep. Gerald R. Ford, R-Mich., protested that "this legislation will have as much impact on Mr. Khrushchev as a single leaf falling in a mighty forest." He proposed enlarging its callup authority from 150,000 to one million men but his amendment was defeated.

The House also rejected an amendment proposed by Ford under which the reserves called up would be limited to those in the Air Force and Navy.

Air Force Ball Date Corrected

The Air Force Ball, originally set Oct. 5, has been rescheduled for Dec. 7, it was announced Monday by Reggie Richardson, deputy corps commander. The original date on the college calendar was in error, Richardson explained.

Placement Service To Be Explained

Details of placement service operations and advice to the graduating students concerning the job outlook will be given Wednesday. Graduating seniors have been urged to attend either a morning session at 11 or the 4 p.m. session at the Memorial Student Center.

Representatives of corporations interested in interviewing prospective employees will visit the campus beginning Oct. 15.

W. R. Horsley, director of the Placement and Special Services Office, said that if a student finds it inconvenient to attend either of the meetings Wednesday, he is invited to visit the office on the third floor of the YMCA Building at his convenience.

New Program Will Expose Students To Houston Culture

By RONNIE BOOKMAN
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Plans to take approximately 20 student leaders to Houston for a culture-jammed 48-hour sojourn with the fine arts was unfolded before the Memorial Student Center Council Monday night.

Preliminary work by Council President James Ray and Councilman Don Morgan has resulted in a schedule to expose Aggies to:

1. The famous Houston Symphony Orchestra.
2. The renown Alley Theater
3. The Museum of Fine Arts
4. The World Trade Center
5. The Port of Houston
6. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Ray said the group is tentatively set to leave here the morning Oct. 28 (Sunday) and return late the next night.

Students selected from top leadership positions and nominated by various deans, will make its Bayou City headquarters at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel.

Funds for the project, designed to provide a survey of background not available in this immediate area, will come from a \$10 per student registration fee and sponsorships from interested businessmen.

Also, in some instances reduced rates will be used to advantage by the group.

COUNCILMAN Morgan, serving as chairman of the Houston trip, told the MSC rulemakers the group would be attended by four or five faculty and staff advisers. He said:

"We feel this trip will be a great opportunity for Aggies. For only \$10 students participating will be getting about \$50 back, counting tickets to everything, hotel room and meals."

"We have even made plans to use the excursion boat 'Sam Houston' for a tour of port and industrial facilities."

In addition to the creation of the special "culture committee" the council approved a trial run with the National Cultural Network.

THE NCN will bring to the campus, via closed circuit giant-screen television, live and video-taped portrayals by the Metropolitan Opera, renditions by professional Thespians and works by famous masters of the pen.

Under the plan requiring a year's contract, admission to the sessions will cost \$2 per student. MSC Director J. Wayne Stark said the offering would probably be held in Guion Hall.

The NCN will furnish its own personnel, technicians and electronic equipment for 90 per cent of admission receipts.

Director Stark pointed out that such a trial by A&M involved no risk by the school since no guarantee was required. Stark said NCN has previously asked for stiff guarantees before offering any contract.

OTHER ACTION in the council meeting saw the okay of a \$300 increase in budget for the music committee to provide funds for the purchase of additional recordings for the extensive MSC music operation.

Bill Adams was confirmed as chairman of the directorate's creative arts committee and Council Vice President Howard Head issued a call for sophomores willing to work with the MSC directorate as assistants.

Stark also took time at the meeting to explain recent room rate increases at the MSC. He said the old rates had been way below prices being charged by area motel owners.

New rates are: Standard single room, \$6; Standard twin, \$9; large standard single, \$6.50; large standard twin, \$9.50; deluxe single, \$8.00 and deluxe twin, \$11.00.

In a final move councilmen gave a formal nod to gifts to the college totaling \$715.



Short Visit For Johnson

Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson inspects an honor guard of the Ross Volunteers during a brief stop here Saturday en route to dedication ceremonies for the new \$17 million Somerville Dam and Reservoir. Johnson landed at Easterwood and traveled by car to Somerville. To the vice president's rear is Roger M. John, '63 from Houston, commander of the Ross Volunteers.