

## AGGIES GIGGED... LITERARILY

# Time's Article—How It Happened

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Battalion Editor

A former A&M professor got off a "parting shot" Tuesday when the first issue of the Sept. 28 issue of Time Magazine arrived in the local area.

In an article written by Robert Glenn Sherrill of Austin, a former member of the Department of English faculty, A&M received some of its most misleading and false publicity since the founding of the school.

Reaction here, of course, was anything but favorable. Copies of the magazine could not be purchased by afternoon and the article was on the lips of almost every student.

President Earl Rudder even commented: "I am disappointed, as I know every Aggie is, with

the story. It was particularly disappointing that the writer missed the real meaning of being an Aggie. He overlooked many fine areas to concentrate on the few, which resulted in a distortion of the real A&M. We all recognize that in some areas our efforts fall short of our goal, but in fairness, these must be examined in light of our progress toward a goal of excellence."

Sherrill probably summed up his beliefs when he said, "the prime requirement may not be scholarship, but the prime blessing is belonging."

The story behind the article, however, is even more interesting than the final article.

Sherrill himself attended three colleges before receiving a BA

degree from Pepperdine College in California. Then he received an MA degree from the University of Texas.

In his short career he has worked for five newspapers—none for over one year—as well as instructed. His latest employer was the Texas Observer, a liberal newspaper printed in Austin. He is not a full-time writer for Time, but a stringer who works on specific assignments.

He was with the English faculty here for only nine months—resigning after the 1956-57 regular session.

Accompanied by a commercial photographer from Austin, Sherrill arrived here during the week of Sept. 3-8 and spent his first full day with Normand DuBeau,

director of the system information office.

DuBeau showed the writer nearly all of A&M's science facilities—which rated a total of nine one-column lines in the final story.

Sherrill then turned to J. Wayne Stark, director of the Memorial Student Center, who briefed the writer on various aspects of student culture. None of this appeared in the final draft.

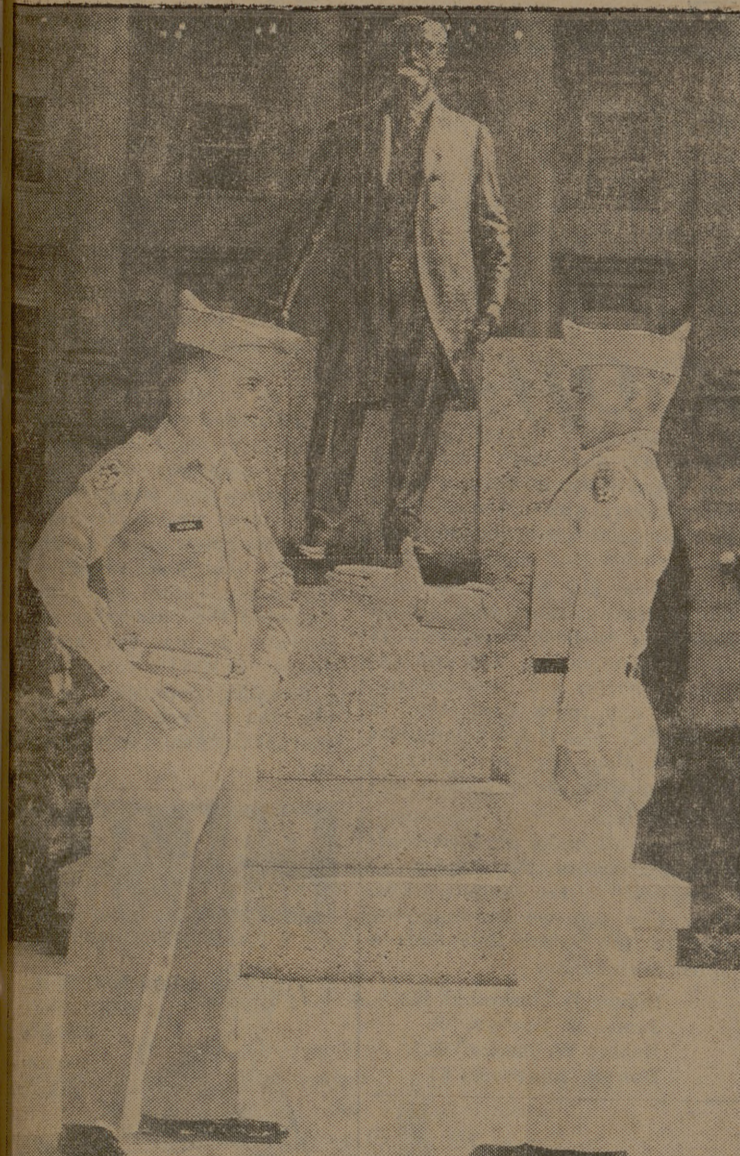
Five students were formally interviewed, but others were stopped at random across the campus. Sherrill spoke for over two hours with Corps Commander Bill Nix, Student Body President Sheldon Best, MSC Council President James Ray, SCONA

Chairman Vic Donnell and Civilian Student Council President Jeff Harp.

These interviews were devoted primarily to campus traditions and customs—with little of the information being printed.

Sherrill then interviewed College Greeter P. L. (Pinky) Downs, J. B. (Dick) Hervey, executive secretary of the Association of Former Students, and Football Coach Hank Foldberg. The result was the same—no mention in the final story.

One interesting point did turn up, however. Sherrill made a typically slanted remark about freshmen coming from such towns as Wink, Sundown or Cottonwood—the author was born in Frogtown, Ga.



AGGIE "HAZING"—TIME MAGAZINE-STYLE  
... Charles Coffin, '66, meets Gerry Brown, '63

## YMCA Proposes Program Changes

The YMCA has put into high gear a plan to acquaint the student body with the "Y." Up to the present time, meetings of the YMCA Cabinet, the ruling body of the "Y," have been held weekly, with attendance and participation open to general membership as well as officers.

The rapidly increasing membership in the past year has made this arrangement too unwieldy to continue.

Beginning Oct. 8, meetings will be held every Monday night for the general membership, and Cabinet meetings will be shifted to another time.

Committees will meet this week to arrange details for the change. These details will be released as

soon as they become known, along with reports from other committees.

The change in program was the major topic of business at last Monday night's meeting. The only other major item of business was election of members to the YMCA Advisory Board. The board consists of two staff members, two faculty members, one minister, the "Y" president, a representative of the general membership and J. Gordon Gay.

Those selected to join Gay are Dr. Bardin Nelson, Rev. Norman Anderson, Dr. John Abbott, Dean Frank Hubert, Dr. Charles Lyons, President Don Willis and Gary Rudder. The names of the two men elected to replace retiring members, Rev. Anderson and Lyons, are being held pending their notification and acceptance of the position.

Before adjourning the meeting, the cabinet voted to sell candy, as in the past, to help finance their projects. Last year's sale of candy went to help a Korean boy through medical school.

Officers of the YMCA Cabinet for this year are Don Willis, president; Joe Chapman, vice president; Lannie Jackson, secretary; Curtis Morton, treasurer; and Jack Cline, program committee chairman.

## Wire Review

By the Associated Press  
WORLD NEWS

**COPENHAGEN, Denmark**—NATO Secretary-General Dirk U. Stikker warned the Russians Tuesday to keep hands off West Berlin. He served firm notice the Western Powers would never compromise or surrender their rights in the front-line city.

More than 300 delegates at a meeting of national associations which support the North Atlantic Treaty Organization applauded Stikker's assertion: "If our adversary should decide to move against Berlin, he will be confronted by a whole series of counteractions which will be evidence of our firmness."

**U.S. NEWS**  
**UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.**—U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko met for more than three hours Tuesday but apparently failed to come to grips on the vital issues of Berlin and Cuba.

It was the first meeting of the two foreign ministers since the conference on Laos in Geneva last July. It is expected they will meet again in New York, but no date has been set.

**WASHINGTON**—The Senate ignored a barrage of sharp-tongued denunciations of the compromise farm bill Tuesday and passed it 62 to 41, with the Republicans voting solidly against it.

The action sent the measure to President Kennedy, who is expected to sign it even though it contains only about half the authority he asked to control grain surpluses. Congress was put on notice that the administration will be back next year with a new request aimed at putting grain supplies in balance.

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# SCONA Budget Reached

## Barnett Defies Federal Courts For 2nd Time

**JACKSON, Miss. (AP)**—Gov. Ross Barnett—sworn to go to jail rather than integrate—defied federal courts Tuesday for the second time. He denied James H. Meredith, a Negro, admission to the all-white University of Mississippi.

Almost immediately the Justice Department said it would seek a contempt citation against the governor.

The announcement from the Justice Department at Washington said papers were being drafted for presentation to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans.

A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT spokesman said he understood that Meredith would make a third try to enroll Wednesday, this time at the campus at Oxford.

Meredith left Jackson by airplane shortly after 5 p.m. for an unknown destination.

The registrar of the university, Robert B. Ellis, said here Tuesday night that he expected to return to the campus and would register Meredith under orders from the State College Board if Meredith appeared.

The governor and Meredith, 29, met face-to-face for the second

time in less than a week while a hooting, jeering crowd of 1,500 milled around outside the state office building.

**BARNETT, 64, MET** Meredith at the door of State College Board office, received copies of federal court orders, refused to accept them, and read a proclamation asserting the state's sovereignty in the case.

A Justice Department attorney accompanying Meredith called at

the federal court orders again. Barnett replied he was acting under state laws, the State Constitution and portions of the U.S. Constitution delegating powers to the states.

The Justice Department attorney then asked: "Well, you refuse to register him?"

The governor replied: "I refuse politely."

The Justice Department attorney said: "We'll leave politely."

## Campus Entrances May Be Restricted

A possible reduction in the number of through streets on the campus was discussed by Dean of Engineering Fred J. Benson in the Monday night meeting of the College Station City Council.

At the meeting, Benson, city engineer for College Station, gave an unofficial forecast of A&M plans which would affect the City of College Station.

In the future, campus entrances which will remain open to through traffic may be limited to the East Gate on Highway 6, the highway circle on Farm Road 60 and an entrance on the west side of the campus, Benson said.

Only two entrances would be open to through traffic on the north side of the campus, the Farm Road 60 circle and a street at the northwest corner.

Although North Gate would be closed to through traffic from the College Station area, North Gate merchants can look forward to additional dormitories being built on the northern portion of the campus, Benson stated.

He added that the Missouri Pacific Railroad is seeking to abandon its Bryan-Navasota tracks and hopes to use the nearby Southern Pacific tracks instead. The Texas Highway Department is planning to install a railroad overpass at Farm Road 60 for the Southern Pacific tracks.

Benson stated that in the future, a main traffic thoroughfare could be built between College Station and Bryan on the site of the Missouri Pacific tracks.



JOHN KREBS

## Advisors Needed For Bridge Club

Advisors and instructors for the Aggie Wives Bridge Club are badly needed, club president Mrs. Jenne McFadden reported Tuesday night.

Mrs. McFadden said interested faculty wives, student wives or other citizens would be more than welcome to help those wives just beginning to play bridge.

Interested persons can contact Mrs. McFadden at VI 6-5754 or club Reporter Mrs. Dixie Seagrist at VI 6-6219.

The club contains from 125 to 160 members in beginners, intermediate and regulars classes. It meets weekly from 7:30-9:30 on Wednesday nights.

## Debate Team Planning Trip

Dr. Harrison E. Hierth, faculty advisor of the Aggie Debate Club, announced Tuesday that four members of the Debate Team will attend a debate workshop at North Texas State University Friday and Saturday.

They are George J. Stengel, Robert Denney, Frank M. Muller and Jerome Rektorik.

The topic to be discussed will be: "Resolved that the Non-Communist Nations Should Form an Economic Community." Teams from all the Southwest Conference schools will attend.

## Krebs Reports \$12,600 In, More To Come

SCONA VIII is now on firm financial footing with \$12,600 banked and almost \$7,000 to come in from other sponsors and delegate's registration fees, according to John Krebs, chairman of the giant conference's finance committee.

The Student Conference on National Affairs, due to begin on campus Dec. 12, has a college approved budget of \$18,660. Krebs said \$2,000 would be accounted for by \$15 registration charges. However delegates from A&M will pay only \$5 registration fees.

The balance of the budget has been committed by educational foundations and interested business firms.

The MASSIVE canvass for funds to run SCONA VIII began last Easter when students began calling on businessmen throughout the state. This summer more volunteer workers called on prospective patrons in untapped Texas cities in addition to possible sponsors in Louisiana and Mexico.

SCONA General Chairman Victor Donnell estimated \$1,500 came from trips to Monterrey and Mexico City. Donnell said:

"We still have letters of request going out to people we have contacted down there. Additional contributions come in almost every day."

THIS YEAR'S budget of almost \$19,000 tops last year's limit of \$17,900. Chairman Krebs, '63 from Victoria, directed the drive which will provide funds to operate the largest student conference of its type. Topic for this year's four-day session will be "Sources of World Tension."

Krebs echoed Donnell's statement that more money earmarked for the conference arrived each day. He said:

"It's very hard to keep up with just how much money we do have. By the time an exact total is figured up it has changed."

Expenses of the ingathering from universities from Canada, are (See SCONA Page 3)

## Cashing A Check At The MSC Starts Many Ag Weekend

What marks the beginning of an Aggie's weekend?

Memorial Student Center Director J. Wayne Stark's answer is: "When he cashes a check at the MSC."

And chances are Stark is right. Analysis of the MSC's check cashing record shows that last year 208,989 checks were turned into more than \$1.3 million in greenbacks.

Based on 320 school days, business manager Charles Cosper fig-

ured that 653 checks worth an average \$4,130 were converted to cash.

Based on 365 days 572 checks were cashed for \$3,620 per day.

THE NUMBER of checks that pass through the MSC's hands has increased from 78,584 in 1953-54 to last year's staggering number. The 128,818 checks cashed in 1960-61 were worth \$1,099,526.

Said Director Stark:

"The A&M MSC is in the top five per cent of the 400 college

unions in the United States in check service. That puts us among less than 10 schools in the United States that go to the trouble of cashing check without service fees.

He said that probably 90 to 95 per cent of the checks cashed at the MSC were for students—the majority just prior to weekends and big campus events.

A SPECIAL fund of \$10,000 is tied up almost continuously by the check cashing service. Several MSC personnel spend almost full time tending to bookkeeping and cashing duties.

Business manager Cosper said out of the many drafts and checks cashed only a negligible number was ever written off as uncollectable. He said:

"In the three years I've been here we have only lost \$233 on bad checks. Of course we get many more than that but they are usually collected."

Stark said that recently a student wrote a total of 22 hot checks for a sum of only \$55. He added that the student was required to pay a \$2 penalty on each hot check, so the sum of penalties was almost as much as the amount of the checks.



DEAN FRED J. BENSON

## Senators Ponder Special Bill To Allow Filipino Orphan To Become Aggie

A special bill has been introduced in Congress to help a Filipino orphan realize his dream of coming to Texas to attend A&M.

The boy, 19-year-old Maximo Leach, is one of five orphans adopted by Grady R. Leach of Fort Worth, a bachelor civilian employee of the Army Corps of Engineers on Okinawa. Leach has been offered a job in the state and is willing to take it if his "sons" are allowed to come with him.

Maximo, a recent high school graduate and a member of the All-

Far East football and basketball teams, says he wants to attend A&M if he is allowed to come to Texas.

Hearing of his interest in A&M, college officials have written to Maximo and offered all possible assistance in helping him enroll.

A special bill was introduced in Congress by Rep. Jim Wright (D-Tex.) of Fort Worth to allow Leach to bring his sons into the country. The bill was passed in the House Sept. 18 and is now before the Senate.