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BAND ENTERING KYLE FIELD  
... after rough treatment

## Damage To Band Is Near \$2,000

William T. Barnhart, '63 from Temple, commander of the Consolidated Band, announced today that approximately \$2,000 damage was suffered by the band during midnight yell practice Friday.

"We do not hold the Corps responsible for what had happened but we believe it could have been avoided," Barnhart said. "With more cooperation from the Corps as a whole we could control future midnight yell practices," he added.

"Not only were band instruments damaged but some students cut into the band from behind and knocked down four seniors and their dates," Barnhart stated. "We know it was done unintentionally and hope that next time it will be eliminated," he added.

Cadet Col. of the Corps William D. Nix, '63 from Canadian, said that from now on it will be a senior privilege to march immediately behind the band.

Barnhart said that most of the damage was suffered along the route between the Exchange Store and Kyle Field. He also said that if the corps didn't cooperate the band would not be able to participate in future midnight yell practices.

William H. Brashears, head yell leader, said the "Twelfth Man" played its part this weekend and he hopes they will make this adjustment at future midnight yell practices.

# Grid Pilgrimage To Florida Dies From Lack Of Interest

## 37 Minimum Never Reached

The battle will go on, but the pilgrimage is off. The "Twelfth Man" will not follow the eleven to Florida this weekend, at least not by bus, according to Head Yell Leader Bill Brashears.

The planned bus trip to the Aggie-University of Florida game has been called off because the minimum of 37 riders could not be mustered from the student body. Only two people had money refunded on the deadline date Tuesday, Brashears said.

Brashears said that some Aggies had put money on the line for the trip, but for unknown reasons had backed out and asked for refunds. At no time during the ticket sale were there more than 10 or 12 Aggies signed to make the trip, he said.

Brashears coordinated the 2,000-mile trip with a Houston firm before the opening of school Sept. 17 to accommodate students for \$31.10 plus personal expenses. The firm had also agreed to carry dates, wives or other guests at the same rate.

Tickets were placed on sale the first week of school, but as late as Sept. 27, no tickets had been sold. However, with a show of confidence in the "Twelfth Man," Brashears extended the deadline of Oct. 1 to Oct. 9, because "several students had purchased tickets for the trip after an unexpected slow start."

BRASHEARS EXPRESSED disappointment when he announced the failure of the trip to materialize.

The busses had been scheduled to leave Houston Friday morning, arrive in Gainesville, Fla., Saturday morning and start back for Texas after the afternoon game.

The Aggie football team will leave from Easterwood Field sometime Friday to make the 2,000-mile trip for the game.

## 14 Chosen To Select Sweetheart

Fourteen students have been selected to form the Aggie Sweetheart selection committee this weekend, Student Body President Sheldon Best disclosed Tuesday.

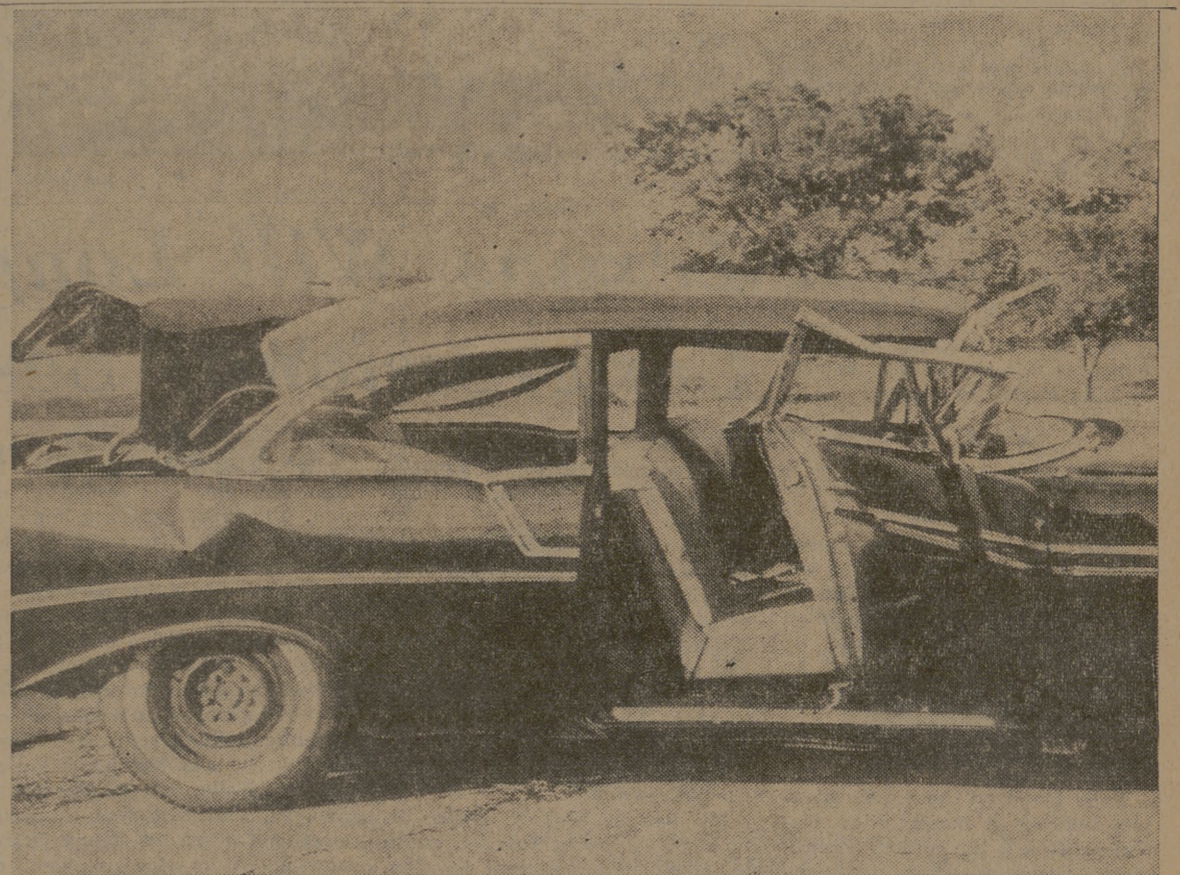
The 14 will spend the weekend in Denton and name this year's sweetheart Sunday. Activities will begin Saturday at 12:45 p.m. and continue through the naming of the sweetheart at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Members of the committee, most of them provided by the college's Magna Charta, are:

Best, Cadet Col. of the Corps Bill Nix, Civilian Student Council President Jeff Harp, senior class President Charles Blaschke, senior class Vice President Chuck Nichols, Deputy Corps Commander Reggie Richardson, 2nd Wing Commander Randy Jones, 3rd Brigade Commander John Meyer,

Law Hall President Frank Vercera, Dorm 13 representative Wally Echols, CSC senior representative Charles Cockrell, Mitchell Hall representative Bryan Ralph, Puryear Hall representative Mike Vuleck and student life committee chairman Jerry Vion.

In addition one change has been made in the sweetheart finalists, Best said. Junior nursing major Carolyn Franklin of Dallas has been added to the group.



Nothing Serious, You Understand  
More than one student was stunned to find this wrecked auto in the sophomore parking lot behind Duncan Hall Monday morning. Campus Security officials told The Battalion the car's owner had not reported the acci-

dent and was attending classes as usual. His tactical officer said nothing had been reported and he knew of no injuries. Officers assumed the car had rolled over several times at an apparent high speed.

## PIERRE SAYS: 'MISUNDERSTANDING'

# Jackie's Guards Arrest Reporter, Photographer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mrs. John F. Kennedy returned to Washington Tuesday under special precautions to guard her privacy that brought the temporary detention and brief questioning of two newsmen who attempted to photograph her.

Photographer Roddy Mims and courier John Steinberger, both of United Press International, were taken into custody by National Airport police who told them they had entered a restricted area.

Mims said he was told he was under arrest.

HIS FILM was confiscated by a White House Secret Service agent. White House press secretary Pierre Salinger said later that "it was a misunderstanding," and the film was returned.

The incident occurred as the First Lady was returning from a three-month vacation, most of it in Newport, R. I., accompanied by her two children, Caroline, almost 5, and John Jr., almost 2.

Their military plane landed at the far south end of the airport, far from the passenger terminal and traffic areas.

SECRET Service agents had taken special steps to prevent Mrs. Kennedy from being photographed or observed, although she was frequently photographed during her Italian vacation in August.

A wire fence ringed the area. There were periodic signs reading, "Restricted Area, Keep Out."

The photographer and courier said they inadvertently had ridden on Steinberger's motorcycle into the restricted area of the public airport through an open gate and did not see the signs as they went to carry out their assignment.

A White House motorcade and Secret Service men were waiting near the fence for Mrs. Kennedy's plane, but it taxied to a stop almost half a mile away. The motorcade moved out to meet the plane, in a maneuver to prevent close observation.

MIMS said he was taking pictures with a long lens about 100 yards from the plane when he was told by Clint Hill, Mrs. Kennedy's personal Secret Service agent, that he was under arrest.

Mims said both he and Steinberger were released after brief questioning.

An Associated Press photographer took his pictures from outside the fence of the restricted area, a distance so far away that his photographs, taken with a worthy content.

long lens, showed little news-Reporters at the fence could not identify anyone at that distance.

## SCONA Planning Meeting Sunday

The first general committee meeting of SCONA VIII will be held Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Memorial Student Center, according to Vic Donnell, chairman of SCONA VIII.

Members are reminded that this will be a compulsory meeting.

## Wire Review

By The Associated Press  
WORLD NEWS  
LONDON — A coroner's jury returned Tuesday a verdict of suicide in Robert A. Soblen's death. It found the bail-jumping spy killed himself with an overdose of sleeping pills which he had hidden in a secret pocket of his trousers.

The verdict, reached after 82 minutes of deliberation, left unsolved the mystery of how and where Soblen, 61, got the pills with which he knocked himself into a fatal coma Sept. 6.

U. S. NEWS

AKRON, Ohio — A minister's daughter who thinks it's morally wrong to show her bare knees has until this weekend to agree to wear shorts in gym classes at Springfield Township High School.

If Judy Rae Bushong, 16, sticks to her decision not "to waver from what I believe in," the suspension school authorities handed her Sept. 24 will become a permanent expulsion.

The school board decided Monday night unanimously to expell the freshman unless she wears the traditional gym uniform of other girl students. Judy wants to wear pedal pushers, which would cover her knees.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A Polaris-packing nuclear submarine recently launched two missiles within minutes in a demonstration of the craft's quick-strike ability, reliable sources reported Tuesday.

The submarine was not on the Atlantic Missile Range when the firings were conducted, the sources said, but launched the rockets from a point in the ocean into an impact area on the range where the accuracy could be measured.

## Today's Thought

No people can survive and no free nation can endure unless its roots are imbedded in moral principle. Our Christian faith is basic to the spirit which motivates our society. It pointed the road to our way of life long before our forefathers gave it political meaning. — Walter B. Smith.

# Gathright's Grave — Link To 'Old' Army

By RONNIE FANN  
Battalion News Editor

"Thomas Gathright, born in Monroe County, Ga., Jan. 5, 1829 — Died May 24, 1880."

This is the inscription, corroded by years of wind and weather, which is found on the cracked and chipped marble column that serves as the headstone for A&M's first president.

Because of this man, and one other, Robert Teague Milner, also buried in this same cemetery at Henderson, A&M is utilizing its landscape architecture majors to improve the entrance area of the Henderson Cemetery and the grave area of both men.

Robert White of the Department of Landscape Architecture, accompanied by a team of students, Phillip Bryant, James Smith, Ross Calhoun and George Pickels, journeyed to Henderson last week for a preliminary study of the cemetery and according to White "... to gain a first hand impression of the areas concerned."

THE STUDENTS studied the terrain of the cemetery entrance and also took pictures. The improvement of the entrance and the areas about the graves of the two men will be a class project, consuming a

period of six weeks, and the best plan as proposed by the students will be used when the actual work begins.

"A civic charm and pride, both unique and pleasant, can be developed through the entrance area," White said. No vehicular access to the old cemetery is considered, he noted, and added that each student is to be responsible for a solution to the problem, with the choice to be made from the assorted sketches.

Henderson is considering plans for a memorial service to be held after completion of the improvements, and hopes to have president Earl Rudder attend.

Thomas S. Gathright took over the presidency of A&M in 1876, after Jefferson Davis declined. Classes began under the new president on Oct. 4, 1876, with an enrollment of 40 students.

As for the actual campus in those early days, one professor said:

"The campus was such a wild waste that it was not considered safe for children to be out at night. The howling of the wolves provided a nightly serenade. On one occasion, a wild animal wandered over the campus and threw the whole com-

munity into a frenzy of excitement. An alarm was sounded and the whole battalion of students and some professors turned out to kill it, but in the high weeds of the campus it easily escaped."

Freshmen may be unhappy with accommodations now, but

in the early days things were even more cramped. During the winter months, students kept their rooms warm with firewood cut from a common woodpile. Woodpiles were kept outside each room with the owner's name above each, threatening

punishment if someone were to steal them.

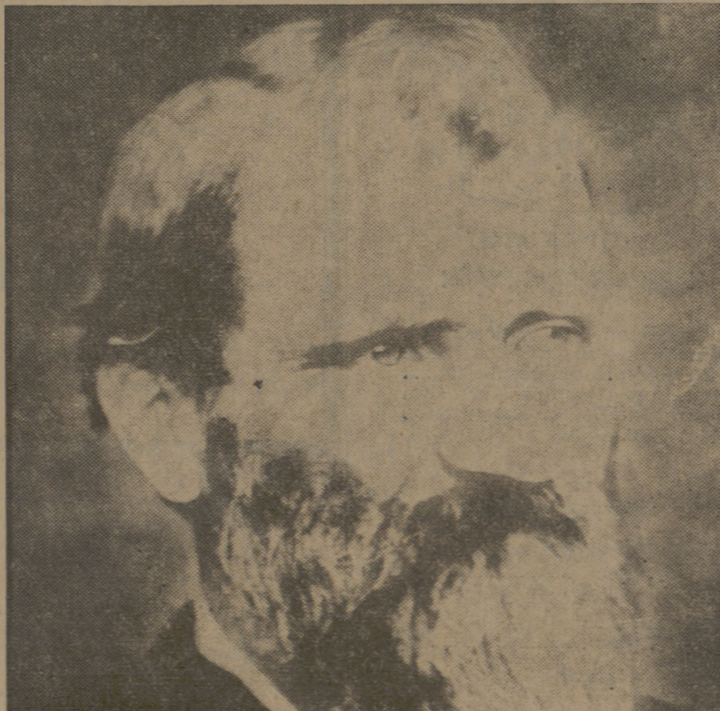
Even though uniforms were worn that first year, discipline appears to have been lax. Exercises were held San Jacinto day, but the corps broke ranks at the conclusion, ran furiously for the nearest woods, and found a swimming hole.

The conduct of the professors also left room for improvement during this first year. Following complaints from throughout the state, the Board of Directors fired the entire faculty.

A mathematics professor showed his concern at being fired by going fishing. "I can't be bothered," he said.

From its megar start under President Gathright and his 40 students, A&M has grown to an institution with an enrollment of over 8,100 students and more than 50 departments.

The facilities at A&M today would surprise the student under President Gathright. To even list them would require many pages. For example, new buildings are going up at an amazing pace. A \$2 million Plant Sciences Building is nearing completion, a new addition to the Military Sciences Building was added last year and a \$3 million Nuclear Science Center was recently completed.



THOMAS S. GATHRIGHT  
... first A&M president