

# Light Fish Voting Sets Up Run-Offs

## The Battalion

### Poll Commission, Senators Chosen

Freshmen voting yesterday set up four run-offs, approved five Fish for Student Senate posts and picked five freshmen to the election commission.

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A turnout of only 32.6 per cent of the freshman class brought 861 to the polls. In addition to the freshman election a total of only three votes were cast for Edward A. Todd, junior in the School of Veterinary medicine running unopposed for the Student Senate.

### A&M Scientists Eye Stratoscope Balloon Lofting

#### NCAR Project Set To Lift Off Today Near Palestine

Test launching of the Stratoscope II research balloon scheduled today near Palestine holds great interest for A&M scientists.

The big plastic balloon, filled with 14,500 pounds of helium and carrying a dummy payload of some 6,300 pounds, is slated to be lofted some time after 4 p.m. from the Scientific Balloon Flight Station established by the National Center for Atmospheric Research.

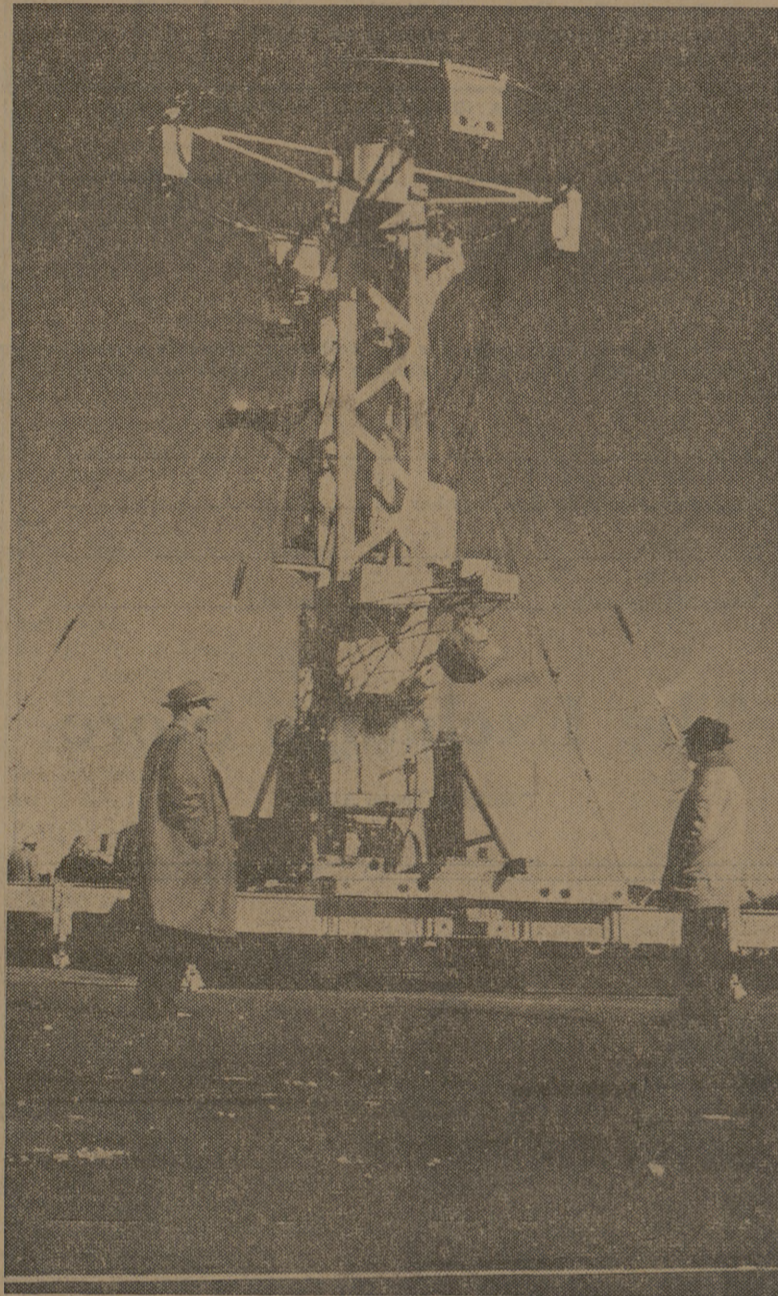
A&M is a member of the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research which established NCAR to encourage scientific balloon projects. Trustees of NCAR include Dr. John C. Calhoun, vice chancellor for development of the A&M System, and Dr. Dale Leipper, head of the Department of Oceanography and Meteorology.

Leipper and Dr. Vance Moyer, professor of meteorology, visited the balloon launch site Wednesday to observe pre-launch preparations.

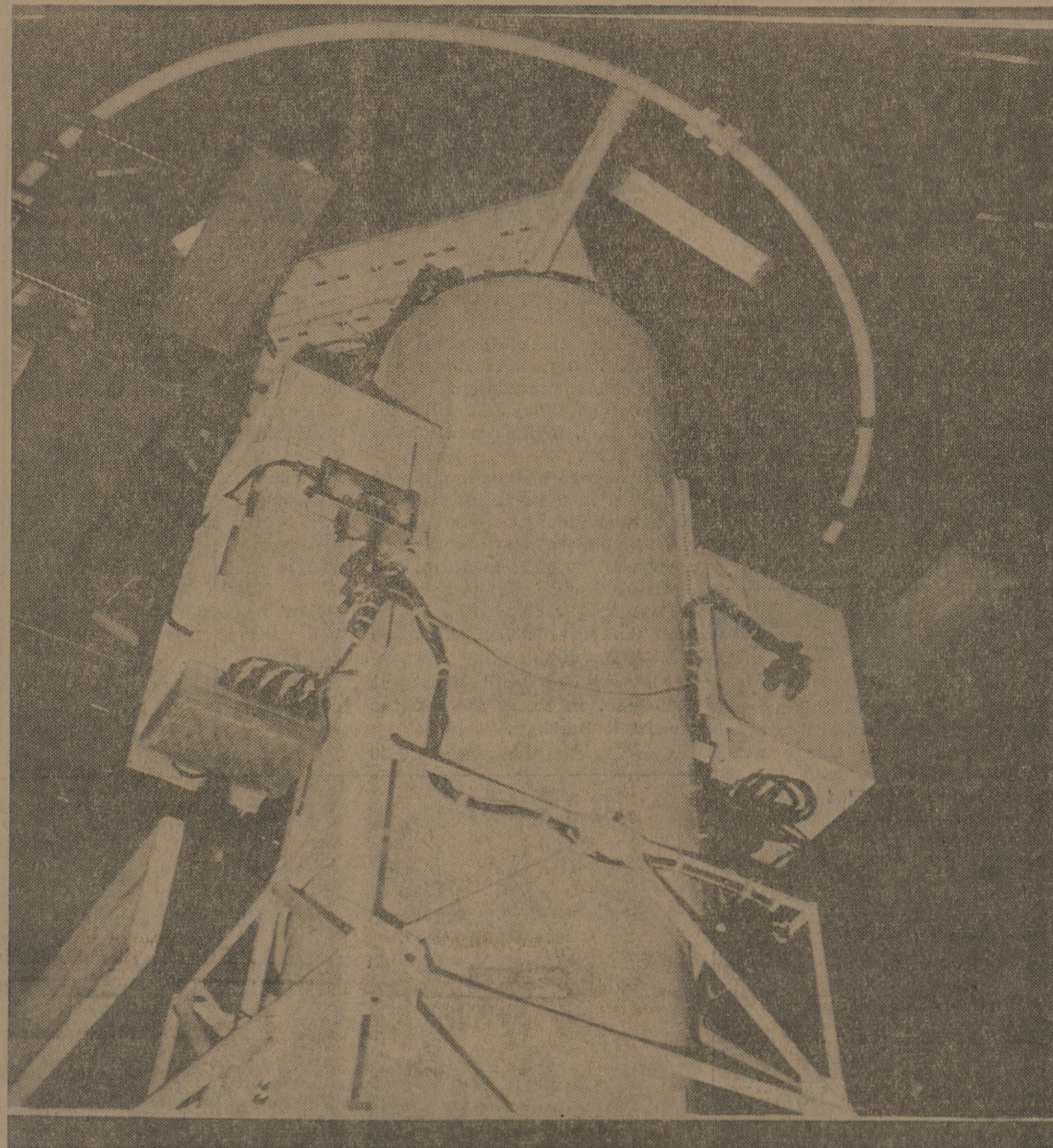
The Stratoscope II project is sponsored by Princeton University scientists. Their purpose is to put aloft a 6,300-pound package with a 36-inch telescope to 15 miles altitude.

This will enable them to photograph several planets from above 96 per cent of the earth's atmosphere.

Data obtained by the balloon projects are available through NCAR to A&M meteorologists and astronomers. The NCAR organization provides the know-how for ballooning, Leipper said. Various projects are supported by the National Science Foundation, Office of Naval Research and NASA.



**Dummy Payload Is Ready**  
Dr. Dale Leipper (left) and Dr. Vance Moyer, visiting the Scientific Balloon Flight Station near Palestine Wednesday, look at the mock-up of the Stratoscope II slated to be sent aloft today.



**Stratoscope II Telescope System**  
The 6,000 pound Stratoscope II telescope system—approximately three-stories high—is capable of distinguishing two objects 30-inches apart at a distance of 1,000 miles. It will be sent aloft early next year from the NCAR flight station near Palestine.

In the run-off for president of the freshman class will be Michael D. Ashworth and Charles W. Millikin III.

Running in a field of 17 candidates, Ashworth polled 94 votes and Millikin polled 73.

Sixteen candidates for vice president were narrowed to three, two of them in a tie. Ellis C. Gill received 84 votes, Michael E. Denney and Richard M. Dooley both took 82 votes.

From 12 men competing for secretary, Harris J. Pappas received 184 votes and Miro Pavelka received 139.

FROM A TOTAL of five candidates running for social secretary, Early B. Denison rated 273 votes and Elliott L. Higgins Jr. pulled 123.

Four out of 23 were approved for Student Senate posts. With their votes, they were:

Bill Camp, 188; Robert G. Cole, 210; Boyd I. Miller, 172; and William S. Moore, 176.

Five candidates from a total of 12 were elected to the election commission. They were:

Randolph C. Aldridge, 374; Peter B. Belinsky, 344; David E. Graham, 347; James C. Hansen, 313; and Larry R. Martin, 289.

Run-offs are scheduled 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. Voting will be conducted under the supervision of the election commission on voting machines located in the Memorial Student Center's bowling alley breezeway.

**'Mrs. A&M' Due A Special Reward**

A special reward for the Aggie wife chosen "Mrs. Texas A&M" this Saturday was revealed Thursday night.

Fifty bright silver dollars will be presented to the winner, said Mrs. Nat Alvis, president of the Aggie Wives Council, which sponsors the annual Mrs. A&M Dance and Contest.

First runner-up will get \$30 and the second runner-up will get \$20, she said.

The dance and contest is set Saturday night in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom from 8:30-11:30. Tickets are \$2 per couple and may be purchased at the main desk in the MSC or at the door.

Thirty-two Aggie wives are in the running for the title. The Battalion published pictures of 16 contestants Wednesday. The remaining 16 photos are on pages five and six today.

### Smog Chokes London Area; Hospitals Wait

LONDON (AP) — A choking smog tightened an icy grip on London Wednesday night and 200 hospitals were told to stand by for a major disaster.

The Weather Bureau said the sulphurous pall was as thick and polluted as the great killer smog which caused at least 4,000 deaths exactly 10 years ago.

Scotland Yard reported more than 40 cases of sudden death since Tuesday morning, most of them chest or heart sufferers. Some had collapsed and died on the streets.

VISIBILITY OVER most of southern England varied from 50 yards on the coasts to zero in some London suburbs.

Dense fog stretched over southern Scotland.

The Weather Bureau reported no sign of the fog lifting.

"This is as bad as the 1952 smog," a spokesman said. "It has not lasted as long yet but the fog is as thick and polluted as it was then."

The 1952 smog was at its peak for four days. This one set in Tuesday.

THE HEALTH Ministry warned old people and children and all persons with chest or heart diseases to stay home if possible.

The capital's airport and 60 miles of docks stood silent and unusable for the second straight day. Huge traffic jams piled up in the evening rush hour.

The deadly element in smog is sulphur dioxide pouring out in the smoke of factory chimneys and domestic coal fires. Ordinarily it rises and dissipates. But fog and atmospheric inversion can combine to hold it close to the earth.

The London County Council said the atmosphere's sulphur content at noon was 10 times the winter average.

### Additional Awards Open To Graduates

The A&M Graduate School has been awarded 10 additional graduate fellowships with an eventual value of more than \$90,000, Dean Wayne C. Hall announced Wednesday.

Formal notification of the National Defense Education Act fellowships action was received from Dr. Everett Walters, chief of the fellowship division, Office of Education, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

A&M has participated in the NDEA program since Congress passed the act in 1958 and currently has 32 students holding these fellowships.

A fellowship is on a continuing basis for the three years of study necessary for a student with a bachelor's degree to complete a doctoral program. The stipend is \$2,000 for the first year, \$2,200 for the second and \$2,400 for the final year of study, plus an allowance of \$400 for each dependent.

In addition, A&M receives an institutional allowance from which each student's fees and tuition are paid.

Additional fellowships available for 1963-64 and the number in each field are as follows: Industrial education, four additional fellowships; plant cytogenetics (grass), soil and crop sciences, two; physics, one; and plant physiology, three.

THE INDUSTRIAL education program at A&M is the only one in the nation recognized for NDEA fellowship purposes, Hall said.

The NDEA program was instituted in response to the critical need for additional college teachers. A college must expand existing doctoral programs or institute a new program to qualify for participation.

A total of 1,500 fellowships was awarded on the national basis according to the announcement received here.

Hall said national studies show that 90 per cent of the persons who have completed a doctorate in the program are now teaching.

The departments with fellowships available for 1963-64 will select their candidates and make the nominations to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare by Mar. 6, Hall said. Successful candidates will be notified in April of their acceptance.

Departments with NDEA fellowship holders currently enrolled include animal husbandry with two fellowships; soil and crop sciences, four; chemistry, four; civil engineering, three; industrial education, three; oceanography and meteorology, eight; physics, four; and plant sciences, four.

### IN CHRISTMAS SEAL DRIVE Giving Called Spirit

A&M's spirit of giving was called a part of the Aggie spirit by Mrs. W. E. McCune, chairman of the Brazos County Tuberculosis Association's Christmas Seal campaign.

The Christmas Seal drive annually receives much support from Aggies, she said.

The campaign to raise funds for combating tuberculosis in Brazos County brings in many letters, said Mrs. McCune, in which the Aggie spirit exceeds the actual money contributed by Aggies is no small sum.

Last year, according to Mrs. McCune, the Aggies contributed over \$700 to the campaign.

HERE IS a typical letter: "I'm sorry this contribution can't be more, but this represents a day's meals for me. I hope this will be of some help, small though it be."

Another Aggie wrote: "I regret that my income is so small it

hardly covers my college expenses. I am returning the Christmas seals with the hope that the goal you are striving for is reached."

One Aggie sent in a dollar saying: "I sincerely wish that my contribution could be more, but I simply don't have the money."

Another student sent in his letter with a fifty dollar check, a real expression of the "Aggie spirit," said Mrs. McCune, but no less real in spirit as the one, two and three-dollar donations.

ANOTHER typical letter says: "Thank you very much for including me on your mailing list for this year's Christmas Seal drive. However, I regret that I am unable to make a contribution, not because of a lack of sympathy for your cause, but because of a lack of funds. Thank you again, and good luck in your drive for this necessary and worthwhile work."

"Sorry I couldn't afford to give more," said one Aggie, "but I have only a limited amount of money to see me through this school year."

Wrote one honest Aggie: "I'm sorry that I can't help. At the present time I feel like I'm doing well not to have to ask for help. I'm returning the Christmas Seals with the hope that they will be used again to help in this worthy cause."

AND IN A similar vein: "I'm sorry this is all I can afford to give. It is not much, but maybe it will do some good when put with other small donations from folks in similar circumstances to mine."

And finally this from a sincere Aggie donor: "I'm sorry that I cannot afford to send more, but my financial standing is not the

best right now. I hope what I'm sending will help a little bit."

Mrs. McCune pointed out that it was the many one, two and three-dollar donations from those who can not afford more that makes the Christmas Seal campaign a successful community project each year.

### Wire Review

By The Associated Press U. S. NEWS

WASHINGTON — President Kennedy Wednesday stepped into the controversy swirling around Adlai Stevenson's Cuban crisis views with a letter making clear the U. N. ambassador would continue in his post.

"... It goes without saying you have my fullest confidence and best wishes," Kennedy wrote. He expressed admiration for Stevenson's work at the United Nations.

DENVER, Colo. — A widespread earthquake jolted the Denver area and eastern Colorado on Wednesday, the second in two days.

Tremors were reported as much as 125 miles from Denver. No serious damage was reported.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A slender young man walked calmly into the James R. Hoffa conspiracy trial Wednesday, whipped an air pistol from beneath his tan trench coat and fired point-blank at the nation's most controversial labor leader.

The pellets bounced harmlessly off the stocky Teamsters Union president's body and Hoffa sprang at his assailant, knocking him to the courtroom floor.

Authorities identified the man as Warren Swanson, 28, a Washington, D. C., dishwasher. Swanson described himself as a former mental patient who had a vision "that told me to do it."

SAN ANTONIO — An Air Force court trying Col. John A. Herrington on charges of slaying his wife and wounding a son recessed Wednesday night without reaching a decision.

The either-officer court, the same as a jury in a civil trial, had deliberated 7 hours and 13 minutes before it announced it would halt for the night and resume its work at 8 a.m. CST Thursday.

Herrington, 46-year-old decorated combat veteran, is charged with murder in the fatal shooting Aug. 9 of his 41-year-old wife and for assault with intent to murder in the shooting of his 19-year-old mentally retarded son, Joseph.

### Fish To March In Bryan Parade

A&M's precision freshman drill team will participate in Bryan's gala Christmas parade tonight at 7.

There are about 30 entries in the parade.

Six bands, eight drill or marching units and 13 colorful floats top the list, which also includes a large number of cars, trucks, boats, horses and wagons.

A special attraction to the children will be the arrival of Santa Claus, who will ride on the Chamber of Commerce float and throw candy to the youngsters.