

# No Comment' Popular Answer In ROTC Poll

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An informal cross-section of campus opinion was taken yesterday to see what Aggies thought about the Defense Department's proposed changes in high school and college ROTC programs.

The proposed changes include the elimination of high school ROTC programs, non-compulsory ROTC in land-grant colleges and the elimination of the first two years of military cadet training.

But "A&M is not materially affected by the proposal," said resident Earl Rudder, and for this reason, many Aggies did not

have ready answers for questions asked to learn their opinions.

Malcolm Rust, a junior aerospace engineer from Mobile, Ala., said, "There was mention of the proposed changes among corps members, but since there will be no change here at A&M, there was not much discussion about it."

When asked if the high school ROTC program should be eliminated, 70 per cent of students asked said "yes."

John Prickette, senior marketing major from Waco, said, "Yes, I think the program should be eliminated. I don't think it ac-

complishes very much since it can't offer commissions."

Jimmie Coombes, senior English major from Brownsville, said, "I don't feel that the program has any lasting benefits. It is not universal enough to justify its expense."

Gil Smith, junior English major from San Antonio, said, "They have a good time playing soldier boy in high school the same as we do here."

Paul Page, junior industrial technology major from El Paso, said, "No I don't think it should be eliminated. It was very interesting, and I felt that it did me a lot of good, especially since

I plan to make the military my career."

Would A&M benefit in its continued four-year program while most other schools changed to a two-year program?

"Yes," answered 60 per cent of the students asked. A&M would benefit, some said, through an increase in its prestige as a four-year military college.

But those who supplied negative answers were more elaborate.

Mike Dunn, senior history major from Chicago, said:

"No, I don't think A&M would benefit except through its pride

and traditions. I think a program similar to the Navy ROTC would make a better corps at A&M."

John Rawley, sophomore electrical engineer from Houston, said:

"No, people would want the two-year program. Why fight it with four if you can get it in two?"

Forty-five per cent favored a two-year non-compulsory ROTC program at A&M.

Dunn said, "There is a lot of money wasted on freshmen and sophomores in A&M's four-year program. There are a lot of drop-outs."

"If the corps is to survive in a useful form, it may have to change to a two-year program, and I think the Corps should survive," Coombes said.

"No, A&M shouldn't change to a two-year program," maintained Prickette, "It would wreck the Corps."

When asked if enrollment at A&M might increase if other schools changed to a two-year ROTC program, 40 per cent said that there might be a slight rise.

Kenneth Laws, freshman business administration major from Sherman, said that A&M's enrollment might decrease. "If they could get the same thing

for two years, I don't think they would come here for four years."

Eighty per cent of the Aggies polled decided that if they were a high school senior not necessarily planning to come to A&M, they would prefer to take the two-year ROTC program.

James Reynolds, freshman pre-med student from Ft. Worth, said, "I had rather go two years in order to get a contract than four, but maybe a four-year program would be better preparation."

"At another school, I would prefer a two-year program," Rust said, "but here, I would prefer the four-year program."

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## Paintings Worth \$2,000 Sought After MSC Theft

### 'Space Fiesta' Will Feature Speeches, Technical Exhibits

A fantastic "Space Fiesta," featuring speeches from leaders in the space fields and exhibits depicting major milestones and achievements in space, will be held in the Memorial Student Center Feb. 4-23.

The high points of the event will come Feb. 6-8 when addresses from these prominent men will be heard in the MSC Ballroom:

1. DR. HERBERT Trotter, chairman of the board of General Telephone and Electronics Laboratories, Inc., Feb. 6.

2. Gifford Johnson, president of Ling-Temco-Vaught, Feb. 7.

3. Robert Gilruth, director of the Manned Spacecraft Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Feb. 8.

Also during this period movies by Lt. Col. Paul Maret of the Air Force Systems Command at Andrews Air Force Base at Washington, D.C., will picture various space shots—both successful and failure.

MSC director J. Wayne Stark said the 50-minute programs by Maret will be held several times on each of the three days.

THROUGHOUT the fiesta the MSC will be crammed with exhib-

its concerning space and related areas, including communications. Stark said the displays would occupy several thousand feet of floor space easily.

The program is being sponsored by the Great Issues Committee of the MSC along with various departments of the School of Engineering. Stark said Dean of Engineering Fred J. Benson was instrumental in obtaining speakers and displays.

CONFIRMED organizations sending exhibits are:

- American Airlines
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D.C.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston
- Collins Radio, Dallas
- General Telephone and Electronics, New York
- Ling-Temco-Vaught, Dallas
- Bell Telephone
- Texas Instruments, Dallas
- Varo, Dallas
- International Business Machines, New York.

### STORM TO FOLLOW

## Congress Quiet For 'Family Day'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress came back to work Wednesday more intent on grappling with each other than grappling with the world's problems.

In the House, it was a quarrel over the size of the Rules Committee.

In the Senate, it was that same old fuss over what to do, if anything, about filibusters, although the formal arguing is to be delayed until later.

YET, FOR all this intramural bickering, this is the one day of its life that Congress is different. This is family day.

Mothers, fathers, wives and children show up to watch the

## U. S. Pacific Chief Arrives In Viet Nam

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP)—Adm. Harry D. Felt, commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific arrived Wednesday for talks aimed at reassessing the course of the war against Communist guerrillas.

U.S. and Vietnamese commanders are concerned about the political impact of recent Communist victories.

FELT PROBABLY will consider, too, criticisms by U.S. officers that Vietnamese field leadership lacks aggressiveness, coordination and initiative.

The admiral will confer with Gen. Paul D. Harkins, commander of U.S. forces in South Viet Nam, and with Nguyen Dinh Thuan, Vietnamese defense minister, among others.



Russ Potter

Tonight the MSC's Great Issues Committee will present Potter and his travel film "New India" in the MSC Ballroom at 8. Potter has gained wide recognition as a narrator. His travel film career began in 1956 with "Inside Red Russia."

## Rice Professor Speaks Tonight In Chapel

Dr. Niels G. Nielsen Jr., of the Department of Philosophy of Rice University, will speak Thursday night in the All Faiths Chapel.

The public has been invited to the program at 7:30 p.m. "Faith Is A Final Resort—Wherein Lies Its Strength" is the announced topic.

Nielsen was on the campus as faculty forum leader for Religious Emphasis Week in 1960. He completed his undergraduate studies at George Pepperdine College, then attended Yale University and earned the Bachelor of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. While attending Yale, he was an instructor in religion.

Nielsen joined the Rice University faculty in 1951. He has traveled extensively in Europe, the Middle East and India. He is president of the Southwestern Philosophical Society.

## Pictures Said Abandoned At North Gate

Four paintings worth \$2,000 are being hunted by Memorial Student Center director J. Wayne Stark and Campus Security chief Fred Hickman.

The paintings, by the late artist "Cowboy" Kelly, are valued at \$500 each. Two students have admitted taking the landscapes from the second floor of the MSC in late November to decorate their dorm room, Stark said.

According to Stark, the students said they dumped the paintings on a North Gate sidewalk when they found out how much the pictures were worth.

NOW THE PAINTINGS cannot be located.

Stark said the paintings were of outdoor and pasture scenes and were about 14 inches by 16 inches in size. He said that "Cowboy" Kelly, a "Grandma Moses" type painter from West Texas, died several years ago. Kelly became world famous for his minute, exacting detail, Stark said.

The paintings were framed and behind glass, the MSC director said.

"The main thing we want now are the pictures back," Stark said. "You can't replace paintings like those."

THE STUDENTS admitting the theft said they had no idea that the works of art were so valuable when they took them.

Stark said the exact date of the theft and the date the paintings were abandoned is not certain. He explained that the pictures are often loaned out to art shows, and that no one noticed they were missing until long after they were taken. He said the boys responsible claim they don't remember when they got rid of the pictures.

The Ford Motor Co. presented the paintings to the MSC about eight years ago, Stark said.

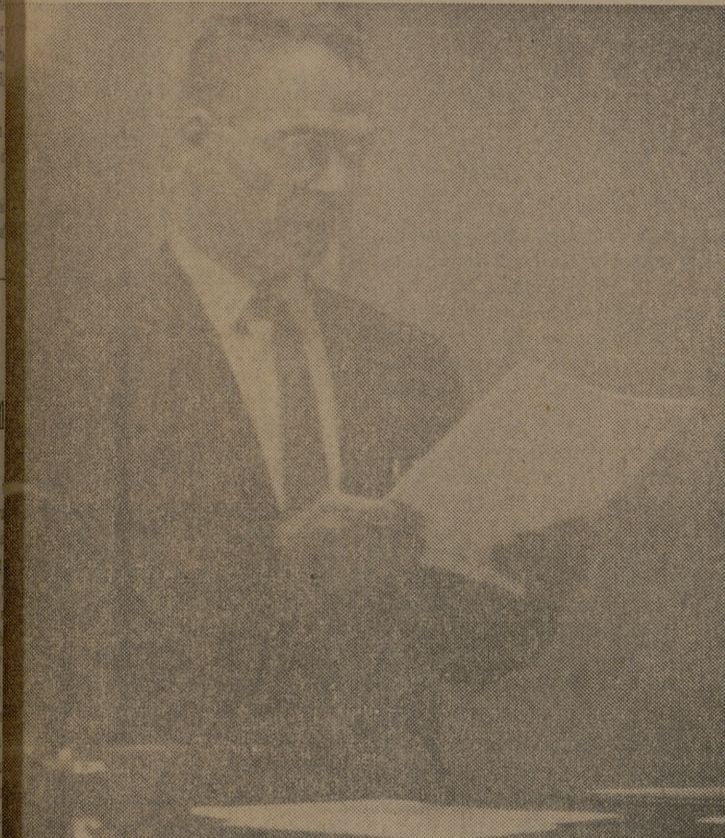
## Mona Lisa Smiles On Two Continents

NEW YORK (AP)—Television straddled the Atlantic via America's new space communications station Wednesday, flashing Mona Lisa's smile on two continents simultaneously.

A 10-minute program was transmitted through the originally ailing satellite, Relay, happily perked up to a fine performance.

Reception on both continents was reported excellent, for the most part. U.S. officials were elated.

Proficiency of the new television spacecraft, the second put on duty, brought a prediction from a British expert that international television will girdle the entire earth within four or five years.



DR. HENRY P. BEERS  
... national archivist lectures

## Lecturer Explains Archives Service

Dr. Henry P. Beers, a representative from the National Archives in Washington, D.C., spoke Wednesday night on "The Origins of the National Archives and Service."

Beers is presently working on the Texas archives in Austin, and collecting documents from the confederacy for the National Archives.

He has worked with archives in finishing graduate school, and has been with the National Archives since 1950.

BEERS' SPEECH dealt with the history of the National Archives from 1789. He commented that the United States was the last of the major world powers to establish a national archives department, and consequently, much historical material has been lost.

The first major collection of documents bought by the government to save for posterity were the writings of such men as Washington, Jefferson, Madison and Hamilton. They were purchased for \$15,000 in the early 1800's.

Beers gave a very detailed history of the Archives, telling of the early methods of storage of documents.

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## Wire Review

By The Associated Press  
WORLD NEWS

NEW DELHI, India—India has rejected a Red Chinese proposal that Indian forces stay out of Himalayan areas evacuated by Communist troops after the Nov. 22 cease-fire in the India-China border conflict, the Foreign Ministry reported Wednesday.

The Red Chinese proposal was made in a letter from Premier Chou En-lai to Prime Minister Nehru on Dec. 20. The proposal and Nehru's reply dated Jan. 1 were made public by the Foreign Ministry.

U.S. NEWS

WASHINGTON — The 88th Congress opened for business Wednesday and dealt sudden death to conservative members' hopes of recapturing control of the key House Rules Committee.

This victory for President Kennedy had been expected, but the size of his margin was a surprise. On the decisive vote in the House, his supporters won 235-196.

The vote kept the size of the Rules Committee at 15 members. If Kennedy's forces had failed, it would have reverted to 12 members, leaving the committee in the grip of a coalition of conservative Republicans and Southern Democrats opposed to

major elements of Kennedy's legislative program.

WASHINGTON—President Kennedy and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vasily V. Kuznetsov met for an hour Wednesday and skimmed over Berlin and other problems that divide their two countries.

It was the first high-level U.S.-Soviet discussion since the formal ending of the Cuban missile crisis.

TEXAS NEWS

A hard winter freeze, riding swiftly on strong northerly winds, headed toward Texas and prompted the U.S. Weather Bureau to sound cold wave warnings for wide sections of the state.

Forecasters said the cold arctic air would strike the Texas Panhandle by Thursday afternoon with its leading edge reaching the Texas coast by mid-day Friday.

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PECOS — A physician barred from the only hospital in Pecos, the home of West Texas promoter Billie Sol Estes, goes into court Thursday and some expect the hearing to air fresh sensations.

Dr. John Dunn, 35, seeks an injunction to void his dismissal from the medical staff of the Reeves County Memorial Hospital.

## Aggie Named New Bank VP

The First State Bank & Trust Company of Bryan has promoted Aggie to vice president and named two others from the college newly created advisory directorships.

Jim Holloway, '60, is the new vice president. He has served as agriculturalist for the bank since receiving his degree in animal husbandry. He was a member of the first collegiate livestock judging team to sweep three top contests at Fort Worth, Kansas City and Chicago shows in one year.

The advisory directors are Robert L. Smith Jr., head of the Data Processing Center, and Jim Lindsey, director of college information and publications.

Smith was named one of five outstanding young Texans in 1961. A 20-year Texas newspaper executive, Lindsey resigned as managing editor of the Midland Reporter-Telegram last August to join the college staff. He also left the Texas Tech Board of Directors after six years' service at his alma mater.