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## Cooper Aims Around Globe For 22 Orbits

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—Astronaut Gordon Cooper, a superbly performing space pilot, sped on toward completion of his marathon 22-orbit flight today, heading for an afternoon splash-down in the Pacific Ocean.

With astronaut and spacecraft in excellent working order, Mercury Control Center flashed the word to Cooper during his 22nd orbit that he had the green light to go all the way.

If there is no emergency hitch in reverse rockets on Cooper's 7th capsule are to be fired eastward toward Shanghai, China, about 6:30 a. m. Eastern Standard Time to begin a gradual descent to a parachute landing in the Pacific some 1,000 miles southeast of Midway Island.

Touchdown time was scheduled for 6:23 p. m. - 12:23 p. m. Midway Time.

Whirling along at five miles a second more than 100 miles up in the sky, Cooper shattered the mark established by Walter M. Schirra, Jr. Schirra did six trips around the world on Oct. 3, 1962.

Words like "excellent," "beautiful" and "perfect" have been thrown about gaily, matching Cooper's own exuberance as he headed into outer space.

"It feels good, buddy," said the normally laconic Cooper.

Those intricate chores demanded of an astronaut were being performed almost perfectly, including the release of a small satellite which revolved around him, sending out a flashing light.

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## Army Corps Commander Takes 'March In' Salute

### Commends Corps On 1st Inspection

Brig. Gen. William R. Calhoun took the "march in" salute of the Cadet Corps at noon Wednesday and reacted with "I never saw a finer looking bunch of young men."

The new VIII U. S. Army Corps commander visited the campus on his first inspection trip to the Bryan-College Station.

"We are complimented that General Calhoun would come to see us so soon," President Earl Rudder said. A major general who commands Texas' own 90th Infantry Division, Rudder was host at a luncheon in the Memorial Student Center for the VIII Corps leader.

General Calhoun assumed the two-state Corps command a month ago, moving to Austin headquarters from a Pentagon assignment in Washington, D. C. His responsibilities include administration, training and supply of all Army Reserve units in Texas and New Mexico.

### Co-ed Paper Is Cleared For Floor Debate

AUSTIN (AP)—The House State Affairs Committee cleared for floor debate Wednesday night a resolution asking that A&M not admit females.

Rep. Will Smith of Beaumont is the author of the resolution which brought about 300 A&M cadets to a public hearing on the measure Monday night.

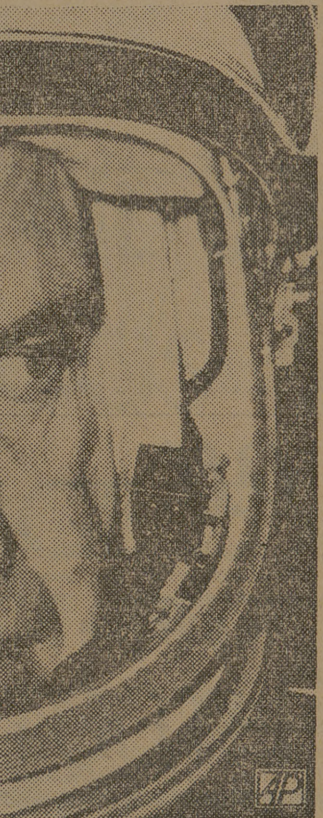
The House Monday gave Rep. Mack Edwards of Pattonville permission to introduce a bill banning girls at A&M. Edwards said the school faces \$1 million annual loss in donations because of its decision last month to let females attend the school during the regular terms.

The A&M board ended 92 years of male-only tradition last month by its ruling.

### Degree Candidates Warned; 'No Cuts'

The Academic Council Wednesday reminded undergraduate candidates for degrees that they are required to attend all scheduled classes during the period May 20-24.

The announcement emphasized that any unauthorized absence incurred during the period will be considered sufficient cause to withhold the degree at the regular commencement exercise May 25.



Ready For Flight Into Space

Astronaut Gordon Cooper looks out of his space helmet during preparations in Cape Canaveral, Fla., for his round-the-world orbit mission Thursday. (NASA Photo via AP Wirephoto)

### AT PRESBYTERIAN CENTER

## Clergyman Offers Rebuttal To Views Of Agnosticism

Rev. Fred Holt, Methodist minister and Wesley Foundation director at Rice University, said last night during an address at the Presbyterian Student Center that we live in an age of distrust, accepting only those things that we can depend upon.

Practical agnosticism deals with the reality of trusting that which is trustworthy, said Rev. Holt.

"I believe that we live in an agnostic age and that as such we are conservative of that which we find to be dependable."

REV. HOLT said that even liberalism is conservative in the sense that it may be willing to sacrifice an image in order to perpetuate its cause. The church itself, in trying to create a favorable image, sometimes compromises the very faith for which it stands, said Rev. Holt.

The problem of the age is that, in trying to find proof of our faith, we tend to kill that faith, he said.

In committing ourselves to a cause we, and especially students, find ourselves in a state where we are cautious to accept only that

knowledge that we feel is dependable.

Quoting a comedian, Rev. Holt said that "Everybody has his own thing going."

IN AN AGE where we feel secure in labeling persons not so much for what they actually are but what they assert they believe in, we try to categorize people, said Rev. Holt.

"We therefore find people in various societies and minority groups all over the world trying to identify themselves in various categories."

"We are agnostic in the sense that we try to defend ourselves against surprise and we are unwilling to open ourselves to contradictory opinions and theories. As religious men we are distrustful," said Rev. Holt.

Turning the discussion to faith, Rev. Holt said that people who have faith have the ability to hear alternatives and can even change.

Rev. Holt said that science is based upon faith. "Science seeks to give credence to that which has previously been based upon faith."

For example, Rev. Holt said that the contemporary artist is faithful insofar as he is willing to express himself in fresh ways. Often these ways are incomprehensible to people.

"IN THE PAST artists have mostly portrayed the most historically significant events. The contemporary artist tries to find ways to express the ordinary things and events in our lives."

Rev. Holt said that human relations is another example of faith. "The relation of one person to another is primarily expressed in terms of what is expected of one another."

In essence faith is the trust of that which is untrustworthy, said Rev. Holt.

"While agnostics want freedom from the unexpected, the man of faith welcomes the irrational and unexpected aspects of life."

In expressing the alternative to Agnosticism in religious terms Rev. Holt said that God calls man out

of his religiousness into faith. In the book of Job, Job assumed that he could receive certain goods and services because of his righteousness and therefore cursed God when he did not receive them.

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### ON HIS INVENTION

## Prof's Help Asked For World's Fair

An A&M architecture professor, James H. Marsh III, has been asked to help design one of the New York World's Fair buildings.

The proposed one-story structure will feature a new building design concept, the "lift-shape process," which Marsh invented.

The A&M researcher supervised construction of a similar facility which serves as a picnic shelter in Hensel Park earlier.

Marsh has been asked to be a consultant to the George A. Fuller Construction Co. of New York. The building, which will house a photography firm, will be placed in Flushing Meadow Park, site of the 1964-65 World's Fair.

The lift-shape process involves the development of a structural steel skeleton in such a way that it can be fabricated on a flat plane and then lifted and "sprung" into final position for a spray coating of concrete or other materials.

Before the concrete is applied, the framework resembles a "spider web" of steel rods. After the steel is lifted into position to form a three-dimensional shape, concrete is applied.

The World's Fair model, designed with a 57-foot span, will have some modifications, Marsh pointed out. The Hensel Park structure is 50 feet in diameter.

### Adjunct Still Open To New Students

Openings in both sessions of A&M's Junction summer school camp for college freshmen are available but applications should be made immediately, W. D. Kutach, director said.

The Adjunct was begun in 1951 to bridge the gap between high school and college. Students register for seven semester hours of credit for the six-weeks term including freshman mathematics, English, physical education and guidance.

Summer terms this year are June 3-July 12 and July 15-Aug. 23. Applications forms and information about the Adjunct are available from the registrar.

## House Agrees On Poll Tax Ban, 109-26

AUSTIN (AP) — The House agreed Wednesday with the Senate that Texas' poll tax should be scrapped, but in a different manner.

The vote was 109-26. Sen. Abraham Kazen, Laredo, sponsor of the poll tax ban when it passed the Senate, said Wednesday afternoon he will decide Monday whether to ask fellow senators to accept the House changes or ask for a conference committee to settle differences between the houses.

The principal House change would send the proposed constitution change to voters this November instead of November, 1964, as specified in the Senate version. Under the House change the ban would become effective Dec. 31 this year, affecting all voting in important presidential election year of 1964.

Should the \$1.75 poll tax finally be repealed by action of the legislature and voters, then a new voter registration law would become effective—if it gets approval of this legislature.

Different House and Senate versions of a voter registration law are in the hands of a conference committee which met Wednesday.

"We agreed on everything except the 25-cent registration fee," said Rep. Don Hefton, Sherman, one of the negotiators. The Senate wants 25 cents per registration to repay counties for the work involved. The House wants free registration. Hefton said conferees agreed to a House change that would not exempt from registration persons over 60 years of age in counties of less than 10,000 population.

"We are stuck on the 25-cent fee," Hefton said. "It looks like we the House may be asked to accept it."

## Wire Review

By The Associated Press

WORLD NEWS

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti—President Francois Duvalier gathered a score of American correspondents in his ornate white palace Wednesday and told them emphatically: "Haiti will continue under my administration."

Duvalier's constitutional term of office expired Wednesday, but he declared himself re-elected for more years after a rigged ballot two years ago. His enemies marked him for assassination.

LONDON—The United States and Britain searched Wednesday for ways of saving the Geneva nuclear test ban negotiations from collapse.

The last-ditch efforts came at a time when the Soviet Union was stiffening its position.

Informal sources in Moscow said Premier Khrushchev told both President Kennedy and Prime Minister Harold Macmillan last week that he will make no more concessions on the test ban issue.

U. S. NEWS

WASHINGTON — The House voted 213 to 204 Wednesday to raise the national debt limit in two stages to a record \$309 billion.

The action came just two weeks before the debt, by Treasury estimates, is due to break through the present \$305-billion ceiling.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — An

angry Gov. George C. Wallace, accusing President Kennedy of setting up a military dictatorship, Wednesday promised a court suit to see if federal troops can be used in Birmingham.

He told newsmen the suit will be filed "in the appropriate federal court" but declined to say where or when.

## Summer Storage Facilities Slated To Open May 27

The Department of Student Affairs released a plan Wednesday whereby students may store trunks, lamps, and other personal belongings on campus during the summer.

The basements of Dormitory 3 and Ramp A of Walton Hall will be available for storage May 27.

The storage will be handled by the Agronomy Society and all revenues from the project will go to the Society.

The announcement said that all possible precautions will be taken to safeguard students' belongings but the baggage will be stored at the owner's own risk.

On Monday, May 27, the storage rooms will be open from 4 to 5 p. m. and then the basements will be open from 11 to 12 and 4 to 5 during the week until June 1.

Students who will attend the first summer term and not the second will be allowed to store bag-

gage in Ramp A, Walton, July 12, from 4 to 5 p. m. Those attending the second term and not the first may store belongings during the last week in May and withdraw them July 15 from 4 to 5 p. m.

Items stored in the two rooms must be removed by 5 p. m., Sept. 20. The announcement stressed that any items not picked up by the above date will be disposed of so that the rooms will be clear.

The following rates were listed for the summer storage: lamps, 40 cents each; all other baggage in containers not exceeding footlocker size, 40 cents per container; separate articles not in containers, at proportionate rates with a minimum of 20 cents;

All bicycles, typewriters, radios, televisions sets, and similar articles not in boxes, \$1.00.

Storage charges must be paid at the time baggage is turned in, said the announcement.

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