

Reaction To Tobacco Text Varies

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Reaction on the A&M University campus after Saturday's governmental report calling cigarette smoking a grave menace to life and health is practical, but should give the slightly shaken tobacco industry momentary relief.

Students, faculty and employees who offered their opinions on the report and smoking were of the general consensus that smoking is detrimental to health and that there will be some decline in smoking. It will soon recover and surpass the previous amount of usage of tobacco,

the opinions indicated.

IN THE REPORT the 10-man group held heavy cigarette smoking is the principal cause of lung cancer and a significant cause of larynx cancer. It found some association between smoking and heart and blood vessel diseases and many other ailments but did not claim any causal relationship.

Those who expressed opinions in the sample poll taken late Monday afternoon for the most part held two general views on the subject.

One, the report was valid and forceful but no more than crystallized beliefs that the public

has held for years. And two, smoking is a personal thing and bad for on's health, but the report will not have noticeable influence on the present smokers.

ROBERT W. BARZAK, Assistant Dean of Graduate Students and associate professor of English, partially held both of these beliefs in his opinion.

Barzak said, "The report shows about what everyone expected it to show. Smoking is something people have been fighting a long time before the report and it helps to open their eyes just a little more."

As for his plans after reading about the report he feels,

"It might help me slow down. Certainly I am going to give more thought about reaching for a cigarette. I've been trying to wean myself off cigarettes on to a pipe for some time now anyway."

DON A. BEARDEN, a sophomore aerospace engineering major, held a more definite opinion on what the national reaction would be. He said, "I don't feel it (the report) will have any effect on people's decision. I mean if someone came up and said you had a 50-50 chance of dying in a car wreck you wouldn't quit driving a car, would you?"

Not everyone was quite so positive. Jim Houston, a sophomore marketing major, committed himself to certain actions in light of the report.

Houston said, "I'm definitely going to quit. Although this is something everyone has known for years, the scientific and medical backing of this report made the realization finally hit you."

AFTER LIGHTING UP a cigarette, he concluded, "This is my next to last cigarette right here. I'll finish this pack and then give it up."

Houston wasn't alone in his intentions. According to one

married student, his wife is going to cut him down to one pack a week — that is, three a day — which he feels will be just as bad as being stopped.

Many students felt that possibly the greatest benefit from the report will come to those that don't smoke and are thinking of starting.

JOHN B. HOPKINS, a sophomore accounting major, fell into this category. Hopkins commented, "If those statistics will keep people from starting, it will be worth it even if they don't get people to quit."

Mrs. Gene Westmoreland, a salesgirl in the gift shop of the

Memorial Student Center, is a non-smoker but held an opinion on the subject. She said, "I think the report is right. If people want to smoke it's their own business, but I feel they should stop because of the great danger involved."

No noticeable effect on the sale of cigarettes and tobacco and cigars had been noticed in the MSC gift shop as of Monday morning. According to another salesgirl, the cold weather and short time since the release of the report hadn't given the report a fair chance to cause a reaction.

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Aggie Players Present Subtle, 'Timeless' Play

Production Views Life's Real Beauty

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A subtle satire on the realities of life was conducted Monday night by the Aggie Players as they presented their second performance of the year in its opening show.

The play, "Six Characters in Search of an Author," was written in the early Twenties by Luigi Pirandello. The play is timeless in that it presents an idea that itself is ageless. This idea contends that real beauty is to be found in the imagination, that nothing in life can be so good as it is in our imagination.

THE SITUATION deals with a company of players who are in the process of a rehearsal when they are interrupted by a group who say they are characters in search of an author. They live in a situation created for them and contend that they can express it in the form of a play. They represent a family torn by every imaginable form of hate and tragedy. When they present this situation the extent of this imagination is so powerful that the manager of the company decides to produce it.

He, however, tries to take the identity away from the players and fit the parts of the characters to his own players, to make the situation more "true to life." He cannot succeed in this, for his own players lack imagination. The real-

Wray Breaks Arm During Workout

William D. Wray, a fifth year architectural student from Houston, suffered a broken left forearm Monday in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

According to James P. Juvenal, senior physical education student, Wray obtained his injury when he fell from a side horse during a workout in the coliseum.

He was taken by ambulance to the College Hospital where he was treated and released.

Wray resides during the school term at 307 Foch St. in Bryan.

Aggie Exes Set Annual Confab For Next Week

Approximately 150 Aggie Exes throughout Texas will be on campus Jan. 24-26 for the annual Association of Former Students' meeting, J. B. Hervey, executive secretary, announced.

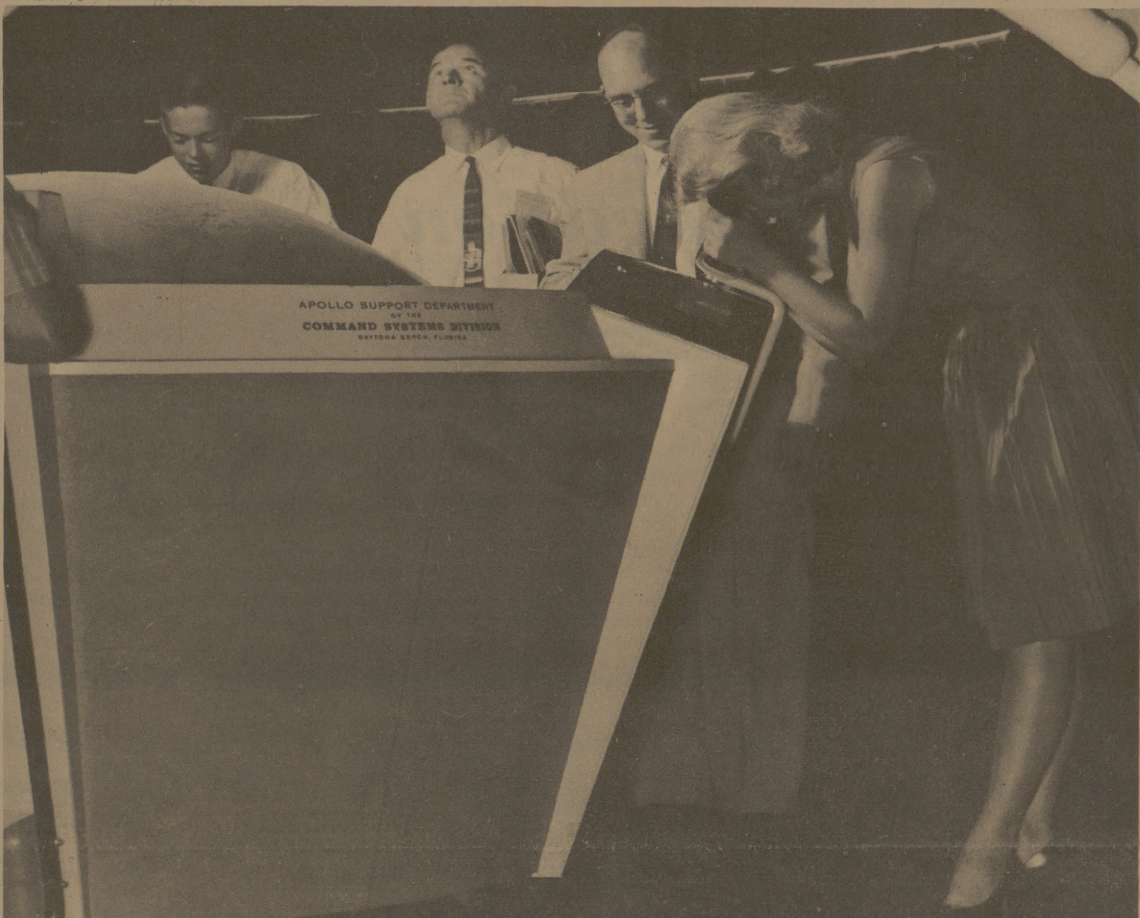
Various groups of the association will meet at the same time, Hervey added, including the class agents, club officers, executive board and council.

An executive board meeting at 8 p.m. Jan. 24 will begin the weekend activities. Association president L. F. Peterson of Fort Worth, who is also a member of the A&M Board of Directors, will preside.

The 13th annual Class Agents' Conference will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday. The agenda includes reports on class reunions, development fund and other programs. Asa Hunt of Dallas will chair the class agents' session.

The 18th meeting of A&M Club Officers will begin at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, with Guy King Jr., of Waco presiding. The talks include plans for 1964 association programs, to be presented by Jack Crichton of Dallas.

Other speakers at the club officers' meeting include E. L. (Pete) Wehner, Houston; Dorsey McCrory, A&M Development Fund Director; Jim Lindsey, information director at A&M; H. B. McElroy, Houston, and Dr. William Graff, Dean of Instruction.



Space Fiesta Exhibit

The General Electric Co.'s Space-A-Tarium Feb. 3-14. The exhibit will feature an audience controlled flight to the moon, an exploration exhibits to be sponsored by major industries throughout the U. S. for the Memorial Student Center's Space Fiesta,

Johnson Strongly Stresses Security Of Panama Canal

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Johnson conferred Monday night with key officials he sent to Panama and the White House said afterward that "the United States cannot allow the security of the Panama Canal to be imperiled."

The statement said that the President "continues to believe that the first essential is maintenance of peace."

BUT IT ALSO SAID that: "We have a recognized obligation to operate the canal efficiently and securely and we intend to honor that obligation in the interest of all who depend upon it."

The crisis burst out in Panama last Thursday and the next day Johnson dispatched a task force to Panama to try to promote peace and turn rioting and shooting into order.

Those conferring with the President included the new assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, Thomas C. Mann, who led the task force for peace to Panama and the Canal Zone in the midst of rioting that claimed a score of lives.

CorpsRoomChange Rules, Deadlines Set

Students who will live in Corps dormitories next semester are asked to check by the Housing Office for room assignments. No Corps student will register for a room before class registration.

Also, Corps students who plan to live in civilian dorms must register for their new rooms by 5 p.m. Wednesday. Room change slips must be signed by the unit commander and the civilian counselor. They must also turn in a "Clearance for Dropping ROTC" form to the Housing Office by registration. Mattress covers should be turned in with uniforms. Students should check bulletin boards for more information.

Junior Hi Student Dies Mysteriously

Ott Charles Reeves, 13, a student at Anson Jones Junior High School, died at 1 p.m. Monday after collapsing following noon recess.

Young Reeves was the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Reeves, 3100 W. Highway 21.

Funeral services were held at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Hillier Funeral Home chapel.

Ramsey Rites, Set

Garland A. Ramsey, 64, foreman at the A&M University Poultry Farm, died at 6 a.m. Friday in a Marlin hospital.

Ramsey had been employed by A&M for 18 years.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Helen Ramsey, and a daughter, Mrs. Larry Olson of Seguin.

Funeral arrangements were conducted by Hillier Funeral Home of Bryan. Burial services were held Sunday at Bryan City Cemetery.

Today's Thought

This is a great country, but you can't live in it for nothing. —Will Rogers

Degrees Due For Students On Saturday

Hannigan Proud Of Aggie Conduct

Dean of Students James P. Hannigan Monday praised students for their "splendid conduct in Austin Saturday at the Texas University-Texas A&M basketball games."

"I'd like especially to compliment the Student Senate and the Civilian Student Council and staff of The Battalion for their fine suggestions concerning conduct while away at athletic contests," the dean said.

504 To Receive A&M Sheepskins

Approximately 500 senior and graduate students will receive degrees at A&M University commencement ceremonies Saturday.

C. E. Tishler, Convocations Committee chairman, said activities will begin at 10 a.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Commencement speaker will be President John A. Hunter of Louisiana State University, A&M President Earl Rudder has announced.

H. L. Heaton, registrar, said the degree listing shows 30 candidates for doctorates, 72 for the master's, one applicant for the Professional Degree, 55 for Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees, and 346 for bachelor degrees, totaling 504 students.

Eighty members of the Reserve Officer Training Corps program are scheduled to receive reserve or regular commissions in the Army or Air Force. Exercises begin at 1:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Col. Denzil L. Baker, professor of military science and commandant of the Corps of Cadets, said the commissioning speaker will be Brig. Gen. William C. Lindley, commandant of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Col. Baker said 58 of the 80 cadets have applied for commissions in the Army Reserve. Col. James F. Starkey, head of the Air Science Department, said the balance of the cadet seniors are candidates for Air Force commissions.

Hunter, a Louisiana native, is widely known in educational circles and is president of the Southern Association of College and Schools.

Great Issues To Present Russian Film

"Russia and Its People," a non-political view of the people behind the Iron Curtain, will be the third presentation of the Great Issues Committee World Around Us series Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

The feature of the program will be a color film narrated by Raphael Green, a New England educator.

Green has taught on the high-school and college level and worked for the U. S. State Department.

The film will show many cultural scenes in Russian cathedrals, museums and symphony halls. It will view many of the Russian works of fine art as well as many small enterprises and businesses. The film will run one hour and 15 minutes.

Student Activities Cards and Great Issues season tickets will be honored. Tickets will be available at the door or they may be bought in advance from the Student Programs Office in the basement of the Memorial Student Center.

"The response to these programs has succeeded all of our desires and I believe it is because these are not propaganda but a candid view of the peoples of the world," said Hal Brown, chairman of the Great Issues Committee.

Poll Tax Deadline In Brazos County Slated For Jan. 31

"Pay your poll tax early and avoid the rush," Chief Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector Joe Wheat said Monday evening.

People can pay the poll tax fee of \$1.75 from now through Jan. 31 at the tax assessor-collector's office in the Brazos County Court House from 8-12 and 1-5 daily and from 8-12 on Saturdays, or by mail, Wheat noted.

Stations will be erected in the Memorial Student Center from Jan. 20 through Jan. 31, while Jaycee stations will be set up in the lobby of each Bryan-College Station bank the last week of this month. The tax office will be open during the noon hour the last week, he added.

People who have moved to Brazos County to become Texas residents for the first time may vote without paying, provided they have lived in Texas for one year prior to elections and in this county for six months prior to elections, and if they acquire an exemption, said Wheat.

Those who are 21 or will be before elections and people who were 61 by Jan. 1 are exempted, but must pick up their exemptions before Jan. 31 to vote, Wheat added.

Wire Review

WORLD NEWS

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanganyika (AP)—The African nationalist regime of Zanzibar sealed off the island nation Monday as supporters of the ousted Arab government were reported still putting up a fight.

CAIRO (AP)—Arab Kings, presidents, sheiks and strong men met at a summit meeting in Cairo Monday night in an unusual display of pan-Arab unity and quickly went into secret session to plan action against Israel.

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)—British troops were ordered Monday to use every possible means to prevent further violence between Greek and Turkish Cypriots on this troubled Mediterranean island. Previous orders were to shoot only in self defense.

RUSSIANS IN CUBA: A spokesman for Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., said Monday that Dodd has received reports indicating a considerable new Soviet military buildup in Cuba. The spokesman said the reports have come to Dodd, a member of the Senate internal security subcommittee, from many refugees, underground and other sources.

Kansans Recall Odd Law

WICHITA, Kan. (AP)—While the nation ponders what to do about cigarettes, old-timers recall that Kansas once tried to put a stop to smoking.

It tried for 18 years.

The Legislature passed a law on March 2, 1909, prohibiting the sale of cigarettes in the state. The law also prohibited persons under 21 years of age from smoking in public.

There was a penalty of \$25 to \$100 for each offense.

The law met mixed reactions—and had mixed effects on Kansans. The same mail which delivered crinolines to rural and small town ladies began bringing cigarettes to their husbands and boy friends from neighboring Missouri and Colorado.

Smoking was an expensive habit then. Cigarettes which sold for 11 to 15 cents per pack in Missouri sold for 20 cents a pack in Wichita and 25 cents in some smaller towns.

Only 3 More Batts Until Spring Term

Only three more editions of The Battalion will be printed before the beginning of the Spring semester. The next Batt will come off the press Thursday, as the staff starts cramming for final exams.

During final week of the only edition will come out on Thursday, while the Batt staff tries to round up enough grade points to return next semester. Between semesters The Battalion's schedule calls once again for a Thursday paper only. The big question is who will stay behind to put it out.

Fall Final Exam Schedule

The following final exam schedule is being re-run again in The Battalion to enable students to make plans concerning their individual schedules. Finals will be held next week.

Date	Hours	Class
Monday	8-11 a.m.	MWF8
	1-4 p.m.	TTh8F1
Tuesday	8-11 a.m.	MWF9
	1-4 p.m.	MWTh1
Wednesday	8-11 a.m.	MWF10
	1-4 p.m.	TF1
Thursday	8-11 a.m.	M3Th10
	1-4 p.m.	MWTh2
Friday	8-11 a.m.	MWF11
	1-4 p.m.	M4Th11
Saturday	8-11 a.m.	TTh9F2
	1-4 p.m.	TF2, TWF3, or TThF3