

\$6 Million A&M Cyclotron Revealed

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TRS Benefits In For Change By State Group

The Teacher Retirement System has announced a reversal of policy concerning the effective date of retirement and a ruling concerning the tax exempt status of TRS benefits.

The Teacher Retirement Law until 1956 and the Board policy since that date have held that retirement did not become effective until the due date of the first retirement warrant. In Opinion No. C-201 dated January 10, 1964, the Attorney General reversed this policy by ruling that the death of a member after the date of retirement but before the due date of the first warrant was to be considered as a "retired" death rather than a death "in service." Under this opinion a member may revoke a request for retirement until the stated retirement date but not after that date. A member may no longer revoke a request for retirement until the due date of the first warrant — the last date at which a retirement may be revoked is the nominal or stated date of retirement.

"On January 13, 1964, in Attorney General's Opinion No. C-202, it was held that any benefits, annuities, etc. received under the Teacher Retirement Law since November 6, 1956, are exempt from state and municipal taxes, including the State Inheritance Tax.

Wire Review

By The Associated Press

WORLD NEWS

TOKYO — Peking Radio reported without comment Tuesday night Nationalist China's decision to sever relations with France. The Taipei regime took the step because France has decided to exchange charge d'affaires with Communist China.

U. S. NEWS

WASHINGTON — The failure of Ranger 6 send back pictures of the moon may have resulted from a brief accidental turn-on just after the launching, the office of radio telemetry equipment space agency reported Tuesday.

WASHINGTON — President Johnson said Tuesday that he and his family were "regardless of what some of the bellyachers say."

PHILADELPHIA — The first John F. Kennedy half dollars were struck Tuesday in America's mints in Philadelphia and Denver.

TEXAS NEWS

HOUSTON — An expert on the life of William Marsh Rice began testifying Tuesday in a suit by Rice University trustees to admit Negro students and charge tuition at the school.

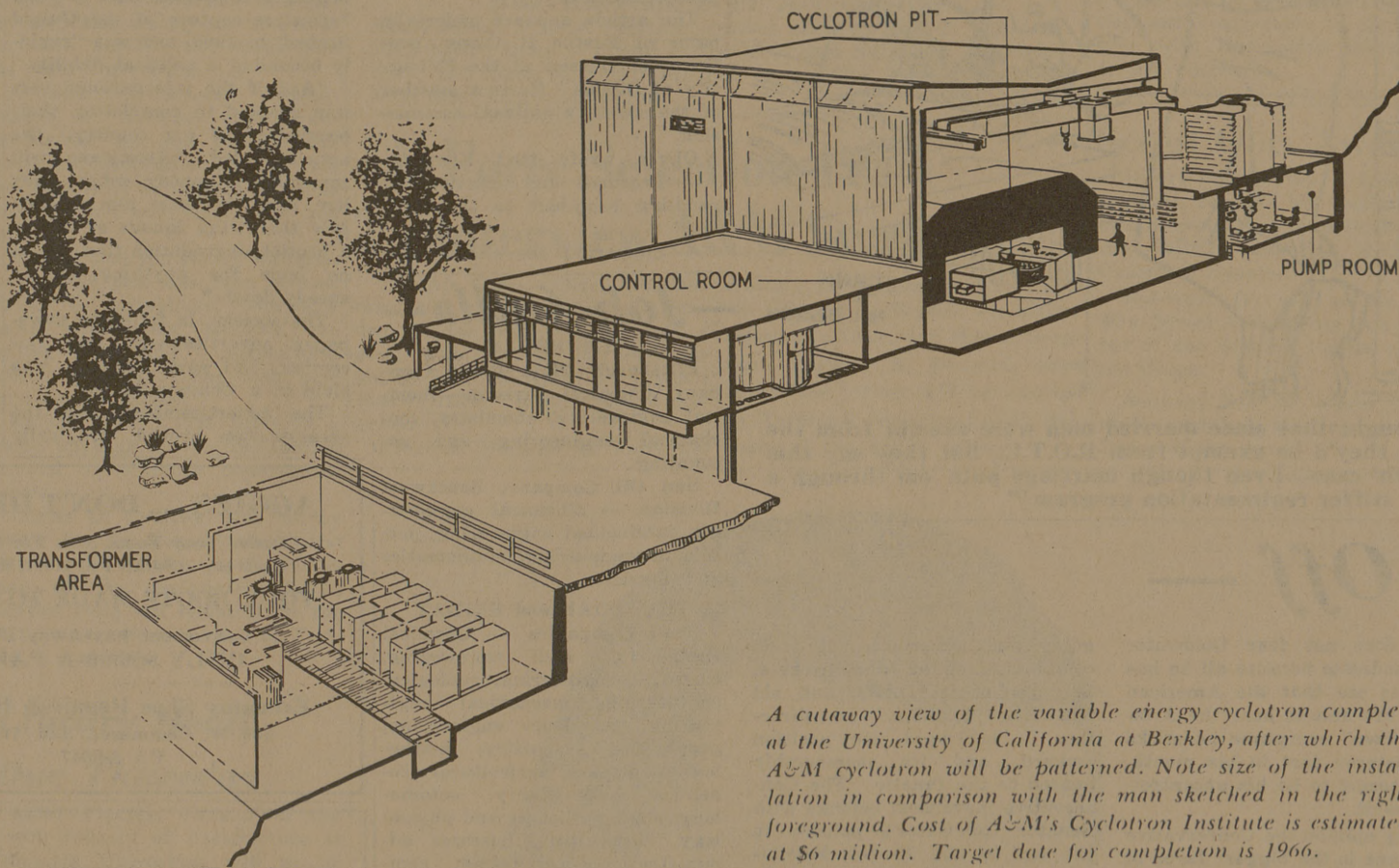
Naval Recruiting Team Plans Visit

A specially trained team from the U. S. Naval Air Station in Dallas will be on campus Feb. 17-21 to present information concerning the Navy's Flight Training Programs to interested students.

The team led by Lt. Commander Tom Weir will set an information booth in the Memorial Student Center which will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the stay on campus.

Actual qualifying test will be offered to interested students without obligation. The scores are good for four years. Test may be retaken after 12 months.

Those qualifying on the test who have required number of hours will be flown to NAS in Dallas for the physical. There is no obligation.



A cutaway view of the variable energy cyclotron complex at the University of California at Berkeley, after which the A&M cyclotron will be patterned. Note size of the installation in comparison with the man sketched in the right foreground. Cost of A&M's Cyclotron Institute is estimated at \$6 million. Target date for completion is 1966.

VIEW OF APPROVED CYCLOTRON
Atomic Energy Commission to join A&M in the construction.

'ANOTHER TRADITION DYING'

RE Week Hits All-Time Low; One Church Plans Services

By GLENN DROMGOOLE
Battalion News Editor

A&M University's 18 year-old Religious Emphasis Week appears to have fallen to a minimum observance. The A&M Church of Christ is the only local church group planning any special services for the week.

Originally a week when religious services were held on campus and students were excused from classes to attend, it was turned over to the individual churches last year in an effort to better familiarize students with the churches of their choice.

Last year's crowds were encouraging as students turned out to hear the six denominations different speakers during the week.

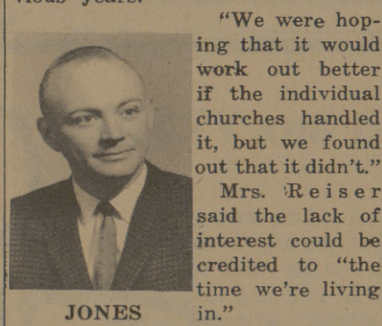
This year the A&M administration decided to let the individual churches handle RE week again, but plans did not develop and the Church of Christ remained alone in its intentions to observe the week of special religious emphasis.

Efforts by the student chaplains to retain the period devoted to campus spiritual life failed to gain

support from area religious workers and RE Week, as such, fell by the wayside.

Mrs. Raymond Reiser, president of the Campus Religious Workers Association, reaffirmed the report that the administration had left the week to local religious leaders. "If any of the churches wanted to continue with it, they could," she said.

Pertaining to last year's attendance, Mrs. Reiser noted, "We didn't get as many people as we have had, certainly not as many as we had in Guion Hall in previous years."



JONES
Joe Chapman, Corps chaplain,

"We were hoping that it would work out better if the individual churches handled it, but we found out that it didn't." Mrs. Reiser said the lack of interest could be credited to "the time we're living in."

said that for all practical purposes RE week is gone.

"It's kind of like another tradition dying out," he said.

Dean of Students James P. Hanigan said, "As far as the University is concerned, Religious Emphasis Week will go on as last year. Cadets will be excused from Call of Quarters to attend any services that might be held. It is still on the calendar as RE week."

Jon Jones, minister of the University Church in Austin, will speak at 7:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday in the All Faiths Chapel.

Thomas Seay, local Church of Christ pastor, said all students—regardless of faith—are invited to attend the services.

Jones will also conduct counseling sessions at the YMCA Building from 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Aggies At Home Send Telegrams, Wait For Team

The Aggie basketballers ran into a fired-up Tech team and 13,000 supporters in Lubbock, but they were backed by almost 7,000 other Aggies who hovered over their radios and sent their encouragements by wire.

Carmon Tax, Western Union operator in the Office of Student Affairs, said last night that approximately 30 telegrams were sent to Coach Shelby Metcalf and his team before the game. Most of these bore the legend "Beat the Hell Out of Texas Tech" and represented the best wishes of Corps outfits and civilian dorms and organizations.

Here at home, Dan Louis Jr., editor of The Battalion, and Head Yell Leader Mike Marlow appeared on radio station KORA to announce a reception for the team at Easterwood Airport. Other student leaders were quick to support the gathering.

At the airport the team was met by the Fightin' Aggie Band and a throng of well-wishers.

This is the kind of spirit that promotes wins, Louis said. Our ball club lost a game, something that is bound to happen sooner or later in the Southwest Conference. But they are still tied for first place and stand the best possible chance to come out on top. This is the time for the kind of support for which A&M is famous.

Project Deemed South's Largest

The Atomic Energy Commission has joined A&M University in the construction of a \$6,000,000 cyclotron, Sterling C. Evans, president of the A&M Board of Directors, announced Wednesday.

The AEC approved \$3,000,000 for A&M's cyclotron which will be the largest in the South. A&M had pledged \$3,000,000 in its cyclotron proposal to the AEC two years ago. The Robert A. Welch Foundation will provide \$1,000,000 with \$2,000,000 coming from University funds.

Annual operating budget for the Institute is expected to be approximately \$1,000,000. The AEC will pay seven-tenths of the operating costs and the balance will come from A&M's budget.

SELECTION OF A&M is a tribute to the tireless efforts of Con. Olin E. Teague of College Station to land the cyclotron for his alma mater. Chairman of the House subcommittee on manned space flight, Teague did much in selling A&M's bid for the cyclotron to the decision makers in Washington.

The 88-inch variable energy cyclotron will be used to advance understanding of the nucleus of atoms and is termed "a real breakthrough into excellence" by A&M President Earl Rudder.

A&M's Cyclotron Institute will attract top scientists and should double doctoral studies in physics and chemistry, he said. With full operation planned in 1968, the "atom smasher" at A&M will be only the fifth of its kind on a university campus.

A&M ALREADY HAS FILLED key positions in the Cyclotron Institute. Dr. George J. Igo, senior staff member of the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory at the University of California, Berkeley, has been named institute director.

"Dr. Igo is eminently qualified to head A&M's Cyclotron Institute," Rudder said. "He will direct a scientific team which will bring great recognition to the Institute."

Dr. Igo received his Bachelor's degree from Harvard and his Ph.D. in physics from Berkeley. He was a physics instructor at Stanford and a guest professor of nuclear physics at the University of Heidelberg, Germany.

CHOSEN TO ASSIST Dr. Igo are Dr. John McIntyre, who came to A&M from Yale where he was an associate professor of physics; Dr. John Gammel, a theoretical physicist at Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Dr. Dwight Conway, assistant professor of chemistry at Purdue.

Total staff for the Institute is estimated at 14 plus graduate assistants. The cyclotron will be housed on the main A&M campus to give researchers and students access to the library.

Dr. McIntyre describes the cyclotron as a 400-ton magnet, measuring 88 inches across the pole face. Numerous small magnets will direct beams of charged particles (ions) around the electrical field created by the larger electromagnet.

The charged particles are accelerated as if they were whirled in a giant slingshot, until they are traveling at thousands of miles per second, Dr. McIntyre explained. They are then flung into a chamber where they strike "targets" under study by the researchers.

Large Crowds Swamp Floats At Mardi Gras

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The madness called Mardi Gras reached a feverish climax Tuesday with revelers so thick they almost swamped the parades.

Asst. Police Supt. A. A. Theriot called it the biggest crowd in Mardi Gras history.

"Too many," he sighed. MONSTERS, GORILLAS, kooch dancers, devils, Indians, angels and other costumed celebrators swarmed the midtown area by 9 a.m.

By the time Rex, King of the Carnival, headed his fancy entourage toward Canal Street, Theriot estimated "more than a million" persons were packed along the route.

The big parade "krewes" — and little marching clubs that came fore and aft — proceeded by fits and starts as police struggled to keep open a narrow lane.

THE CRUSH STOPPED the gaudy floats frequently. The marching units and brass bands were infiltrated from the sidelines.

Beer cans rattled and clattered underfoot. Most stores were closed, as were many restaurants. But bars did a rushing business.

Mardi Gras-French for Fat Tuesday — is the celebration preceding the austerity of Lent.

Festivities opened with King Zulu's erratic arrival.

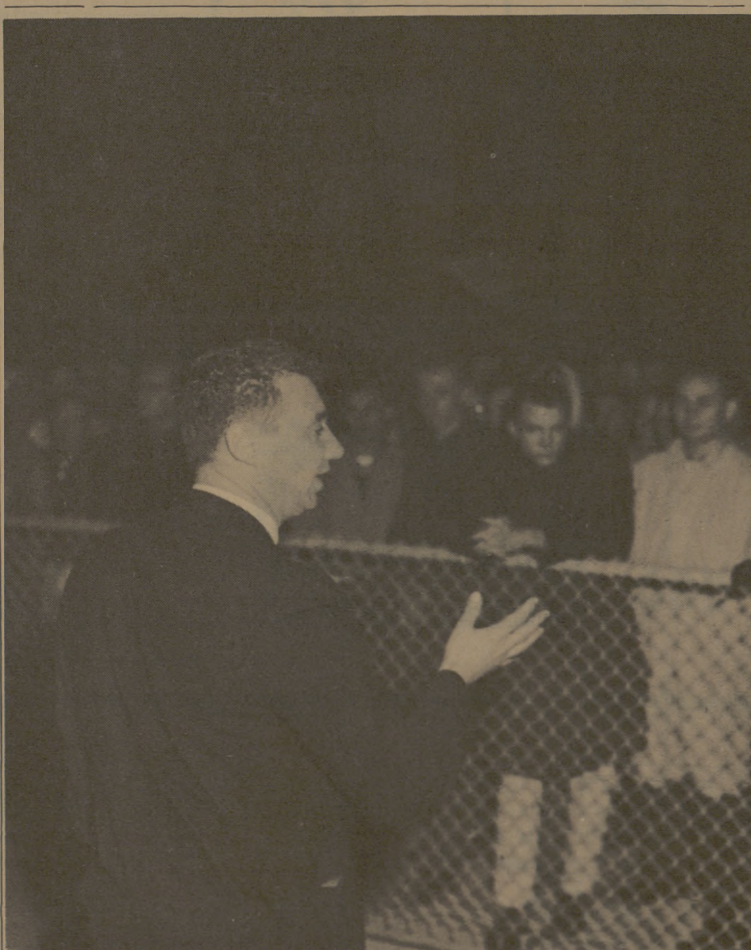
The once magnificent Negro spectacle was but a weak echo of former days. It has faded steadily under criticism from Negro civil-rights groups.

The 23-float Rex parade was followed by about 140 other parade units. The oldest krewe of the lot, the Mystic Krewe of Comus, hit the starting line as night fell.

Sophomore Ball Schedule Changed

Sophomore class president Richard Dooley has reminded members of the Class of '66 of the change in date of this year's Sophomore Ball.

The ball, originally scheduled for Feb. 29, was changed to April 25 several weeks ago because of the Combat and Military Balls which will be held the first weekend in March.



COACH METCALF PRAISES SQUAD
"With this Spirit we will win."



STUDENTS SWAMP RETURNING PLAYERS
Approximately 3,000 students were at the 1:30 a.m. arrival.