



### Ole Army Wins Again

Five members of the Maroon Band wildcat as the fightin' Texas Aggie Basketball team score another basket enroute to a 77-71 victory over the Baylor Bears Tuesday night. Although 450 Aggies showed up for the game in Waco, most students were left on campus to boost the team on the radio.

### LT. GOV. SMITH SPEAKS

## Redistricting, Education Ready For Solons Action

Lt. Gov. Preston Smith said here Tuesday that two major issues up for action in the next Texas legislative session are congressional redistricting and the education budget.

Speaking at A&M University's annual County Judges and Commissioners' Conference, he said the redistricting efforts will be the result of the U. S. Supreme Court's recent decision in Georgia.

The high court is expected to uphold a Houston federal district court ruling that current apportionment of Texas' congressional districts is unconstitutional.

Smith told the 300 conference members that "we may someday see a \$1 billion annual education budget in Texas."

Getting down to the county level,

Smith said many people have been inclined to "overlook the fact that the very foundation of sound government is the courthouses of our 254 counties and not in the halls of Congress along the Potomac River."

HE POINTED OUT that county government is being criticized as outmoded and should even be eliminated.

It is true, he said, that a few counties have filled up with cities, creating conflict and duplication between county and municipal governments.

"But if the critics will look at the map a little closer, they will note the vast majority of Texas' 254 counties are not dominated by cities," Smith explained. "There are 29 counties in the so-called

metropolitan area. For the rest, county government is still the number 1 authority and the level of government closest to home."

In answer to critics' charge that county government lacks uniformity, the lieutenant governor said the basic structure is the same throughout the state because it is set up that way by the constitution.

Smith said some counties in the heavily populated areas sometimes function somewhat like municipalities.

"Criticism comes from the fact that the constitution and the statutes still continue the myth that all counties are convenient geographical areas for carrying out state functions," he emphasized.

THE SPEAKER SAID as things stand now, local governments require too much supervision by the Legislature, which should devote more time to state and general problems. The supervision of county governments is not a legislative function.

"Not only does such action tend to detract from efficiency of the Legislature on the state-wide level, but it also tends to show distrust in county government and doesn't strengthen the will of the people to govern themselves efficiently on the local level," Smith said.

Other areas of criticism he pointed out were lack of a merit system in county government, low salaries, and inadequacy of purchasing, auditing, budgeting, filing, recording and property control systems.

The conference began Monday. Sponsors were the Agricultural Extension Service and the County Judges and Commissioners' Association of Texas.

## Peace Corps' Plan Offered Students

Aggies and other colleges students from the Southwest can spend their summer vacations overseas with little or no individual expense.

The plan was outlined here Tuesday by a field representative of an organization called "Experiment in International Living," which is labeled a non-profit, private group interested in the exchange of youth from about 40 countries.

Bill Maclay, the Experiment's southwest and Midwest representative, interviewed prospective world travelers and outlined the project's objectives.

Approximately 2,000 students, including two Aggies visited countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East, Western and Eastern Europe in 1963. The Aggies included Lee Walker and Wallace A. Dean, both currently enrolled.

"MOST STUDENTS are unaware of the opportunity," Maclay

said, "or else visiting a country in Asia is an unheard of thing."

People from the Southwest, Maclay commented, are needed to give those living in foreign countries a better sample of what Americans are like.

For the most part, Maclay wants students with foreign language abilities, under 30 years and at least 19, leadership qualities and good academic standing.

The Experiment is one of several Peace Corps-type groups that sponsor trips abroad by students.

UNLIKE SOME, however, the Experiment requires that students live with families overseas. Its philosophy is that "advances toward world peace can be made at the individual level, by introducing people of one country to another through the family social structure."

At the same time, Maclay pointed out that families in the United States also host foreign students during the 2½-month period. He also is interested in family applications for these visiting youths.

Arrangements for the trip abroad are being handled by the Travel Committee of the Memorial Student Center.

## Navy Flyers Giving Tests

A team from the U.S. Naval Air Station in Dallas is on campus presenting information about aviation Reserve Officer Candidate, the Navy's newest program.

Actual qualifying flight aptitude test are being given to interested students daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Men wearing glasses can qualify for flight officer, receiving wings and flight pay on an equal level with pilots.

Eight weeks pre-flight training in the summer of 1964 and eight weeks advanced pre-flight in the summer of 1965 in Pensacola, Florida are included in the program. Week-end or weekly reserve meetings are optional.

The team will be in the lobby of the Memorial Student Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday.

## Exhibition Planned By Chess Master

International Chess Master George Koltanowski will present a simultaneous chess display in the Memorial Student Center ballroom at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Joe Watson, chairman of the sponsoring MSC Chess Committee, has invited the public to attend this program in which Koltanowski will play thirty local players at the same time.

In such an exhibition the master walks from board to board making his move in each game in succession. As a result he has to walk several miles in some lengthy exhibitions.

## Rice Attorneys Finish Case

HOUSTON (AP) — Attorneys for Rice University trustees, seek court authority to admit Negro students and to charge tuition, rested their case Tuesday.

Dist. Judge William M. Holland allowed the attorney for two former Rice students who oppose the trustees' plea until 8:45 a.m. Wednesday to file a motion for an instructed jury verdict against the Rice board.

If the motion is overruled, testimony in behalf of John B. Coffey and Val T. Phillips, the opposing intervenors, will begin Wednesday.

Earlier, Dr. Carey Cronis, chancellor of Rice, described the Houston area as "an intellectual desert."

The chancellor said Rice must "pay a penalty of \$1,000 or so for each professor we try to attract here" because the Houston area lacks the intellectual climate of Palo Alto, Calif., home of Stanford University, or Cambridge, Mass., the home of Harvard University.

That much more financial outlay is necessary to attract an educator here, he said, because such top educators cannot meet their mental equals in the Houston area.

# Automation To Aid Fall Registration

## Computer System To Get Trial Run

By RAY HARRIS  
Battalion Staff Writer

Registration by computer may be near for A&M students. Currently under way is an automatic scheduling program in which computers will generate programs for students, teachers and facilities.

Ultimately, a student will be able to describe to his departmental head what courses he will want to take the next semester and when he returns for classes, his registration will have been completed—automatically.

Electrical engineering will be the first department to use automatic scheduling. The School of Business Administration will also participate in the "phasing in" of computer scheduling.

Edmund N. Roots Jr., assistant professor of electrical engineering and chief investigator of the research program on the new scheduling system, feels that by September the phasing in process can be initiated.

## Problems Numerous

Several problem areas drew attention to the need for a more efficient scheduling system for students, teachers and facilities. Always there is the problem of giving the students courses they need to take and offering these courses so that class schedules are non-conflicting. There is also a great need to reduce the clerical burden of those people with class scheduling responsibilities so that they may do their job more effectively. Another goal of the new system will be to achieve efficient utilization of space and facilities.

"I have successfully matched by computer, class schedules for teachers in the Department of Electrical Engineering that were done by hand for this fall. This demonstrates that it can be done," says Roots.

A major problem inherent to computer scheduling, says Roots, is to effectively gather the data required so that there is a minimum burden on department heads and people who will be translating this data into computer form. Special data forms are being designed to accomplish this end. Methods of gathering information must minimize human error, points out Roots, and procedures for error detection and correction must be dependable and simple to execute.

## Methods To Be Compared

Roots expressed confidence that these problems will be surmounted. He explained that a schedule for next fall will be generated for a major portion of the university classes. This will be used for comparison purposes with the one done by hand. In the spring, Roots hopes that experimentation in the complete scheduling system including teachers, facilities and student programs can begin. A limited number of students will register automatically.

"The system must be well controlled and flexible in order to correct flaws and accommodate changes in policy and the scheduling system with the least confusion and difficulty," Roots said.

The professor believes that the new scheduling system will give the administration a "sharp tool" which will enable them not only to generate better schedules, but to experiment with the scheduling processes. This will ultimately, Roots says, produce better schedules for students, because considerations such as time off, lunch periods, and a well balanced schedule will be taken into account. Also there will be more efficient utilization of teachers and facilities.

## Troops To Leave Viet Nam By 1965

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara says the war in South Viet Nam "can only be won by the Vietnamese themselves" and the United States will pull out most troops by 1965 even if the anti-Communist drive falters there.

McNamara told Congress that the Johnson administration has no intention of seeing another Korea — with hundreds of thousands of U. S. troops pouring into Viet Nam.

At the most, McNamara says he foresees a small percentage of Americans staying on as advisers after the bulk of U. S. troops leave.

McNamara's views were presented two weeks ago in secret testimony before the House Armed Services Committee. A censored transcript was released Tuesday.

IN LARGE PART, McNamara was repeating a policy stated by him and Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, last Oct. 2 after they toured South Viet Nam.

At the committee session Rep. Samuel S. Stratton, D-N. Y., asked: "Isn't this a little unrealistic? When you first made the announcement things were going quite a bit better; wouldn't you say that in the event that things do not go as well as you hope we can't withdraw any more of our forces?"

"No, sir, I would not," McNamara replied. "I don't believe that we as a nation should assume the primary responsibility for the war in South Viet Nam. It is a counter-guerrilla war, it is a war that can only be won by the Vietnamese themselves."

## Church Of Christ Holds RE Service

The second devotional in the Religious Emphasis Week meeting sponsored by the A&M Church of Christ was held in the All Faiths Chapel Tuesday night.

Jon Jones, speaker for the series, spoke on the subject of self-respect as it applies to college students.

The group of 85 attending the meeting heard Jones say that college students should be especially concerned about their self-respect because they are forming habits which will stay with them the rest of their lives.

The service is conducted primarily by Aggies each night with Dennis Barr leading the singing and Phil Woodall in charge of ushering and welcoming.

Jones will speak through Thursday and will be available for counseling from 3-5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the YMCA Building.

## Coeds Don't Rate Ring Says Letter

By GLENN DROMGOOLE  
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Contrary to information contained in two letters being circulated on the A&M University campus, the Student Senate will not vote on the issues of Senior Rings and Silver Taps for female students at their meeting Thursday.

The Senators decided at their last meeting to hold an open discussion on the two matters, making it quite clear that no vote would be taken.

However, two letters entitled "Silver Taps?" and "The Worth of a Ring" stated that the Senate would take a vote. One of the letters said, "This week our Student Senate votes on the issue concerning a 'Ring' for women."

All A&M students — civilian, Corps and coeds — have been invited to attend Thursday's discussion and express their views on the subjects, but no vote or specification will be taken by the Senate.

The mimeographed letters' author has not been revealed.

One of the letters urged students to "stop this outrage before an-

other of our traditions falls before our administration's policy of excellence."

"Has the Aggie Ring lost its meaning lately?" the letter read. "A threat that is sickening to even mention if one has any pride in manhood is the possibility that the exact replica of the Texas Aggie Senior Ring will be made available for women."

"To the coed and the male transfer student, the Aggie Senior Ring merely represents an insignificant passing of 95 semester hours and little more."

"Why should people of this caliber be allowed the wearing of the Ring?" the letter questioned.

"These people should not be privileged to wear an Aggie Ring, for how could they have achieved such an honor without living amongst the Cadet Corps for a period; and having chill bumps run along their spine while singing 'The Spirit'; or enduring that which sometimes uncalled for, but nevertheless maturing and sobering speech called 'hazing'; or sharing the feeling of class unity when it is needed," the writer of "The Worth of a Ring" reasoned.

On the subject of Silver Taps for women, the second letter said, "The concept that Aggie land owes to a 'Maggie' this most sacred of traditions is completely absurd... Why should a 'Maggie,' who has sacrificed nothing, be honored with this respected ritual?"

"It's up to us, the Corps of Cadets, to maintain this vital part of the Spirit of Aggie land," the letter concluded.

Cadet Colonel of the Corps Paul Dresser noted that these letters did not express the feelings of all Corps students, only those of a group "playing upon the sentiments" of other Aggies.

## Soviets Reaffirm No Disarmament On Western Terms

GENEVA (AP)—The Soviet Union told the 17-nation disarmament conference Tuesday that there is no compromise of the Soviet stand on world disarmament. It rejected Western proposals for phased, gradual disarmament, calling them unrealistic.

In a speech described by Western officials as his most uncompromising since the talks resumed Jan. 21, the chief Soviet delegate, Semyon K. Tsarapkin, accused the West of putting national interests before disarmament, and holding out little hope for progress at Geneva.

In spite of the apparently hopeless deadlock on general and complete disarmament, the two sides still are negotiating side measures.

Out of such negotiations previously came the nuclear test-ban treaty and the Moscow-Washington hot-line agreement.

But Tsarapkin's speech appeared to confirm State Department views that the Soviets may be considering a tougher, harder policy line.

U. Alexis Johnson, U. S. deputy secretary of state for political affairs, said at Hanover, Ind., Monday that the Soviet leaders may decide to revert to such a policy.

Despite the hard line taken Tuesday by the Soviets, Western sources were of the opinion that the disarmament policy was not being unduly influenced by the defection of Yuri I. Nosenko, the Soviet secret police officer.

Despite his tough stand, Tsarapkin was in a relaxed, affable mood. He chatted and joked with Western correspondents for several minutes after the session and went to great pains to describe his country's position.

He claimed that the United States will have more than 1,000 intercontinental rockets by mid-1965. A 30 per cent reduction in the first stage of disarmament, as proposed by the West, still would leave America with about 800 rockets, he said.

## Engineers Offer \$100 Scholarship

Tau eBta Pi Association, Texas Delta, is now taking applications for its annual \$100 scholarship.

Any engineering student in at least his second semester and not expecting to graduate before January, 1965, is eligible.

Applications are available in all departmental offices and the Office of the Dean of Engineering. Deadline for submitting applications is 5 p.m. March 27.

## Wire Review

By The Associated Press

### U. S. NEWS

WASHINGTON — Half the 29 astronauts have completed general training for Project Gemini, and the first manned flight of the two-man space craft will be made late this year, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said today.

Dr. George E. Mueller, NASA associate administrator for manned space flight, said detailed planning for the first Gemini mission — an unmanned flight scheduled for early this spring — is completed, and planning is well along for flights No. 2 and No. 3.

### STATE NEWS

AUSTIN — Spokesmen for the State Democratic Executive Committee said Tuesday they will have to study Texas election laws to determine the outcome of a request for a referendum on sales of mixed drinks.

State Rep. Jake Johnson of San Antonio sent letters to headquarters of Democratic and Republican parties asking that the question be submitted to voters in the May 2 primary. Johnson proposed that voters help legislators decide whether to change Texas laws prohibiting sale of liquor by the drink.

Democratic Party spokesmen however, were not sure whether they could put the issue on the ballot without a petition.

## Juniors Plan Meet

There will be a brief, important meeting of the Junior Class at 5 p.m. Thursday in Guion Hall. This meeting is for both civilian and Corps students to discuss plans for the Junior Ball.