

CAVE COMMENTS

GLENN DROMGOOLE

Rain dampened campus lawns and pavements Wednesday, but the 10th gathering of A&M's Student Conference on National Affairs attracted heavy opening turnouts.

Not all the delegates and guests escaped the deluge; however, they should be used to that by now.

Time and again in past SCONAs, outside events have been forced inside because of this area's unpredictable, usually turbulent weather.

This year's conference officials planned in advance. They shifted a barbecue dinner to the MSC lower level in pre-SCONA preparations. Their logic: it seems that every year this one event catches the full vent of rain-god fury.

A Corps of Cadets review, on tap for Thursday afternoon, was also scratched from the agenda. SCONA officials had nothing to do with this development; actually, they were quite perturbed when the Trigon refused to put their sometime soldiers on parade. But if Thursday afternoon doesn't bring clearer skies and a lower humidity than Wednesday, the review would have been nothing more than a water-skiing contest anyway.

What we're experiencing this week would have been termed "Bonfire Weather" by A&M students two weeks ago.

SCONA's roundup speaker, Jules Dubois, was licking his lips

after Wednesday night's smorgasbord dinner in the MSC Ballroom.

"This food is as good," Dubois praised, "as that of any restaurant in which I've eaten in Latin America or this nation."

For Frank Nugent, university food services director, this is truly one of the highest compliments. If anyone should be an expert on taste, Dubois is that person, since he has traveled widely as a correspondent and has lifted a fork in the best restaurants in the western hemisphere.

One of the delegates to SCONA from Texas A&I is John Beasley. A senior from Kingsville, he is a history major, a member of the dean's list and the owner of the same name as A&M's basketball whiz — junior center John Beasley from Linden-Kildare.

Students who have never attended a SCONA session don't realize that they are missing an opportunity, not only to meet and hear outstanding business and government leaders but also to help round out their college education.

SCONA sessions are open to the public, and A&M students are blessed with having national and international leaders on their campus. To not take advantage of this privilege is to shun the responsibility and the opportunity of attending a university with an emphasis on tomorrow's world.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"As I listen to a SCONA discussion concerning world affairs, I have difficulty keeping my mind off domestic affairs such as passing my next quiz!"

Students Politically Passive Claims Stanford Educator

Palo Alto, Calif. (I.P.) — Despite the Peace Corps, the Southern sit-ins, and the excitement of a Presidential campaign year, most American college students remain politically passive, a Stanford educator contends. But the small minority of so-called activists — the ones who inspire talk of a political revival on campus — have gained greater respectability among their fellow students, says Prof. Nevitt Sanford, director of the Institute for the Study of Human Problems.

"By showing tolerance for the active few, many students assuage their own prickings of conscience about not becoming active themselves," he explains. Students who, a generation ago, might have become "highly political rebels" today have become almost fervently "apolitical and asocial," Sanford adds. "Where the old version showed social concern by vehemently criticizing existing institutions within society, the new type rejects society in toto.

Several factors help explain this change. Among them: College Environment: "Here a host of requirements and exams all too often induce the undergraduate to 'think small,' to concentrate on clearing each hurdle in the academic obstacle race, rather than thinking widely and imaginatively about the world around him.

"If he resists the system, to whom can he make complaint? We professors frequently are inaccessible to the student, and even more frequently are content merely to fill the student full of professional know-how. At the same time, we decry the absence of creative enterprise among students — as if the absence weren't our fault."

Social Factors: "When a college student looks at the vast impersonal processes of our society and humbly asks himself where he can fit in, he is not simply being a conformist. Perhaps he

is also being realistic. Perhaps he sees that we live in a society which organizes intelligence ever more closely — a society where opportunities for individual initiative or for the exercise of talent on one's own terms have actually decreased.

"Modern communication and standardization . . . have had one unhappy effect on college life.

"Today the boy from the lower East Side and the girl from Chestnut Level arrive with relatively the same mannerisms and material baggage; differences remain, but it has become harder and much less interesting to tell where a student comes from . . . Today's students live in a less differentiated society; there are simply fewer patterns with which to conform."

Job Calls

FRIDAY

Texas Merit System Council — accounting, business administration, biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, economics, English, history, government, agricultural economics, sociology, agricultural education, agronomy, animal husbandry, dairy science, entomology, veterinary medicine,

engineering, education, psychology.

MONDAY

USAF Auditor General District Headquarters — accounting.

Allied Chemical Corporation — chemical engineering, chemistry, civil engineering, mechanical engineering.

AGGIELAND '65 CORPS SENIORS

A make up schedule for all seniors to have their picture taken for the AGGIELAND '65 will be from December 1 to December 11. All seniors are urged to have their picture taken so it will appear in the AGGIELAND. Portraits will be made at the Aggield Stadium in Class 'A' winter uniforms. Let's make this the best AGGIELAND ever by having a picture of all the seniors in it.

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Bulletin Board

THURSDAY

Ft. Bend County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 224 of the Academic Building. Christmas Party plans will be discussed.

Brazoria County Hometown Club will meet at 5 p.m. on the steps of the MSC. Aggield pictures will be taken.

Waco Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Gay Room of the YMCA Building.

Rio Grande Valley Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Serpentine Lounge of the MSC. Pictures will be taken.

Abilene Hometown Club will meet at 8:30 p.m. on the front

steps of the MSC. Club pictures will be taken.

Amarillo Hometown Club will meet at 8 p.m. in the lobby of the MSC. Pictures will be taken.

Brazoria Hometown Club will meet at 5 p.m. on the front steps of the MSC. Pictures will be taken.

Garland Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the main lounge of the MSC.

Austin Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 125 of the Academic Building.

Bellaire-Spring Branch Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 206 of the Academic Building. Party plans will be announced.

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ATTENTION

All civilian dorm counselors and officers

The civilian section of the Aggield staff announces that the last date for scheduling group pictures (dorms) for the '65 Aggield will be 1 December 1964. Pictures are to be scheduled at the Student Publication Office, Y. M. C. A. Bldg. The final day for having pictures made will be 1 March 1965, at which time all other items to go on pages and payment (\$55.00 full page, \$30.00 one half page) must be turned in. We will appreciate your cooperation and any ideas. John Holladay, Section editor

ATTENTION ALL HOMETOWN AND PROFESSIONAL CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

The hometown club and professional club section of the "Aggield" staff has announced that the last date for scheduling club pictures for the "Aggield" will be 18 December, 1964. Pictures are to be scheduled at the Student Publication Office, Y.M.C.A. Bldg. The final day for having the pictures made will be 1 March, 1965. Please make arrangements to have your picture scheduled before the deadline. Dave Baker, Section Editor Mike Rasbury



A HIT AND A MISS!

Illustrated: 4-4-2 Convertible

Miss America steps out on campus in the high-stepping Oldsmobile 442

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