

# Aggies Brave Elements As Winter Weather Returns



**Before**  
Aggies slipped and slid to class Wednesday as the ground was covered with ice and snow. Cars were left in some places because hills, sometimes only slight, were too great for them to climb. College Station recorded the lowest temperature on this day in history last night.



**After**  
Snow and ice melted so transportation was made a bit safer. After the unspoiled whiteness came the slush, mud, water and cold. Some ice still remained late Wednesday evening.



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## State Department Slates Interview Of A&M Students

Richard H. Howarth of the U. S. State Department's college relations staff will visit campus Monday to acquaint interested students with career possibilities in the U. S. Foreign Service.

He will meet with students at 10-11:30 a. m. and 1:30-3 p. m. in Room 208, Nagle Hall.

Foreign Service Officers are diplomats especially selected and trained to assist the Secretary of State in preparing policy recommendations to the president of the United States and in carrying out the foreign policy decisions.

## Area Folk Singer To Perform Here At 8 p. m. Friday

The Aggie Players and the John A. Lomax Folklore Society will present a program of folk music at the opening of the new experimental theatre in the basement of Guion Hall.

Mance Lipscomb, nationally-known Negro primitive folk singer and recording artist, will perform in the Fallout Theatre Workshop at 8 p. m. Friday.

Lipscomb, a sharecropper on the Navasota Bottoms and the son of a slave, is known for his original renditions of traditional Texas songs, primitive blues, spirituals and work songs.

"Trouble 'n Mind," Lipscomb's fourth album was cut shortly after his California concert tour with Jean Ritchie, Pete Seeger, Lightnin' Hopkins and several other folk musicians.

The program will be presented in the new classroom and workshop for Theatre Arts classes and for arena and experimental productions of the Aggie Players.

Admission for the performance is 75 cents and tickets may be obtained from any member of the Folklore Society.

## Air Force Team Seeking Officers From Senior Class

The Air Force Officer Selection team will visit campus Monday through Wednesday to interview seniors interested in the Air Force Officer Training School program.

The group, including Lt. R. P. McMichael, officer selection specialist from Houston and M/Sgt. LeRoy Balmain, local recruiter will be in the lobby of the Memorial Student Center from 9 a. m. until 3 p. m.

Under the officer training program, applicants must be college graduates or within 210 days of receiving a degree; between ages of 20½ and 29½; U. S. citizens; and be able to pass a written and physical examination.

The Air Force Officer Qualifying Examination will be arranged for any interested seniors.

Further information may be obtained from Sgt. Balmain, Room 1, Post Office Building in Bryan, or by calling TA 2-3061.



ONE OF ITS CONTESTANTS  
... Annette Bogue will represent Stephen F. Austin in Show.

## Aggressions On Corps

A skirmish occurred Wednesday night between members of insurgent athletes and loyalists Corps of Cadets' Squadrons 10 and 11. The unwarranted, unprovoked aggressions (according to the Corps) by the Civilian terrorists came as the outfits were marching to their evening meal.

Armaments consisted of snowballs, handfuls of ice, and cadets. Second Wing officers pledged that any further attacks would be met with the same swift retaliation.

## The World at a Glance

By The Associated Press

**International**  
SAIGON, South Viet Nam—The United States has unleashed jet planes for the first time against the Viet Cong in South Viet Nam, a U. S. Embassy spokesman announced Wednesday. They have made several strikes.

Battles between powerful Viet Cong units and government outfits continued sweeping across mountainous Binh Dinh Province today, with a rapidly rising casualty toll.

TOKYO—When the south Japan fishing port of Kochi junks its buses, it dumps them into the sea with persimmon trees. Officials believe the persimmon trees will encourage growth of plankton, attract fish and help boost a dying fishing industry in Kochi.

**National**  
MOBILE, Ala.—The homes of a civil rights leader and the mayor of Mobile were fired upon Tuesday night. No one was injured.

Police said the incidents were related. Officers said the pistol shootings occurred while the families of Negro leader J. L. Leflore and Mobile Mayor Charles S. Trimmier were watching a Mardi Gras parade in downtown Mobile.

WASHINGTON—Walter Jenkins said in testimony made public Wednesday that a Maryland insurance man bought Texas television advertising time "to be competitive" in an effort to sell \$100,000 worth of policies on President Johnson.

The onetime White House aide denied that he pressured Don B. Reynolds into buying the time on the Johnson family television station in Austin.

**Texas**  
GALVESTON—Negotiators in the West Gulf Coast dock strike Wednesday started putting on paper the tentative agreements they have reached by talking.

Shippers and International Longshoremen's Association bargainers have tentatively come to terms on all major issues in the West Gulf District, according to Assistant U. S. Labor Secretary James J. Reynolds.

AUSTIN—The student body president of the University of Texas spoke Tuesday night of teenage revolutionaries—garbed in button-down shirts and ivy league pants—but able to make intelligent decisions in a voting booth.

The senior law student was one of four university students, and the only non-teenager, who urged the House Constitutional Amendments Committee to approve a proposal lowering the voting age to 18.

AUSTIN—The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals granted Wednesday an indefinite postponement of its hearing of Jack Ruby's appeal of his death sentence for slaying presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

The high court said submission of Ruby's appeal and a decision on which attorneys will be recognized as his counsel should wait until Trial Judge Joe Brown of Dallas decides whether Ruby is now sane or insane.

## Southwest Talent Set For 14th Annual ITS

Lineup for the 14th annual Intercollegiate Talent Show will include 11 acts from colleges throughout the Southwest area, Talent Committee Chairman Richard Conner has announced.

The show will kick off Military Weekend activities March 5, at 6:30 p. m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Gary Gosney, a junior pre-veterinary medicine major from Fort Worth, will serve as emcee while Bob Boone and the Aggieband Orchestra will provide the background music.

Forming the chorus line for the show's opening and closing numbers will be the famed Kilgore Rangerettes, returning after several previous appearances at the event.

Other acts include Annette Bogue from Stephen F. Austin State College in Nacogdoches, who will present a comic skit of a little girl; The Riverside Singers, folk singers from Arkansas State Teachers College; The Randy Bell Trio, a jazz combo from the University of Arkansas, and Just III, a folk singing trio from Louisiana State University.

Millie Carr, a popular singer; Manuel Melendez, a vocalist; Linda Lepard, a singer and dancer, and The Folk Four, a novelty singing group, all from Eastern New Mexico State University, will also be presented.

The Loyola Stompers, a six-man combo and comedy team, and Jeanette Theriot, a light classical singer, both from Loyola University of New Orleans, and Wanda Norgress, an LSU pianist, will also perform.

Rounding out the program will be The Coachmen, winners of the Aggie Talent Show recently.

Talent for the show was chosen from 100 persons or groups auditioned at colleges and universities

## Clergyman Favors Low Drinking Age

TOWACO, N. J. (AP)—An Episcopal clergyman has suggested that New Jersey lower its legal drinking age from 21 to 16 to take alcohol out of the "forbidden fruit" category for teen-agers.

"If the drinking age were low enough, high school kids would soon come to regard alcohol as another pizza pie," said the Rev. Joseph D. Herring, vicar of the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in this northern Jersey community.

His proposal comes in the midst of a new campaign by New Jersey to get neighboring New York State to raise its limit from 18 to 21. New Jersey officials contend many of the state's teen-agers cross the state line to New York to drink, and often become involved in traffic accidents.

in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and New Mexico by the talent committee.

Originally sponsored by the Music Committee of the Memorial Student Center Council, the inaugural talent show was held before a capacity crowd in the MSC Ballroom, March 7, 1952, and included 13 acts from five

Texas schools. Last year's attraction featured 11 acts from 12 colleges.

Tickets are on sale in the Student Programs Office of the MSC. They will be sold Monday and Tuesday in the mess halls, and a booth will be set up in the MSC post office two days before the show.

## Direct Combat In Viet Nam Is U. S. Policy

WASHINGTON (AP)—A direct American combat role in South Viet Nam emerged officially Wednesday as within President Johnson's newly proclaimed policy of "continuing action" against Red attacks.

At the same time, U. S. officials listed as conditions for Viet Nam peace negotiations: 1. an end to the attacks by the Communist Viet Cong and 2. a halt in the subversive infiltration and supply of the guerrillas from the outside.

With the guerrilla assaults continuing, and Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai calling Wednesday for complete, immediate and unconditional U. S. withdrawal as the price of negotiations, Johnson was reported cool on the prospect for peace talks at this time.

France, the Soviet Union, Britain, and U. N. Secretary General U. Thant maneuvered behind the scenes to get negotiations under way. But Peking and Hanoi were reported adamant, and U. S. policy appeared to be to press ahead to improve the military situation and its bargaining strength if negotiations do come later.

Late in the day, White House press secretary George E. Reedy told newsmen that there are no "meaningful proposals" before the U. S. government.

"The White House is not engaged in any negotiations for a Viet Nam settlement," he said, and added that no one has been authorized to negotiate on behalf of the United States.

First word of the broader U. S. military role in South Viet Nam came with a Saigon announcement that American-manned jet bombers had struck against Viet Cong positions in central Viet Nam last Thursday and several times since then.

Previously, the 24,000 U. S. military personnel in South Viet Nam were supposed to be acting as "advisers." While the Americans avowedly shot back in self-defense, direct combat was supposed to be the function of the South Vietnamese forces.

The situation was different outside of South Viet Nam. Late last spring American fliers began missions over neighboring Laos, and hit North Vietnamese targets following the August attacks on U. S. warships in the Gulf of Tonkin.

The scope of the U. S. action broadened early this month with the reprisal air raids on North Viet Nam, triggered by Viet Cong killings of Americans in South Viet Nam. Then last week Johnson said "our continuing actions" will be "measured and fitting and adequate" to meet "the continuing aggression of others."

## Rotary Foundation To Offer Grants For Top Scholars

Applications for Rotary Foundation Fellowships for graduate study abroad in 1966-67 must be filed not later than April 15.

Program details are available from Graduate Dean Wayne C. Hall.

Rotary Foundation Fellows have dual roles as scholars and ambassadors of good will. They may study in any country in which there are Rotary Clubs, and there are clubs in most free countries of the world.

The stipends include basically all travel, study and living expenses for the year of graduate study abroad.

Hall said the qualifications require an applicant to have a friendly personality and ability to speak in public, so as to enable him to make effective contacts abroad and at home; have high scholastic ability and hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent by the time the Fellowship is to begin; be able to read, write and speak the language of the country in which he is to study; have an interest in world affairs; be a male between the ages of 20 and 28, inclusive, and be single; and be a citizen of the country of his permanent residence.