

Registration Schedule

The registration schedule, with time determined by the initial letter of a student's last name:

FRIDAY
P, Q, R, S — 1 p. m.
C, D, E, F — 3 p. m.

SATURDAY
G, H, I, J, K — 8 a. m.
A, B — 10 a. m.
T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z — 1 p. m.
L, M, N, O — 3 p. m.

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Hydro-Space Fiesta '66

Carpenter, Waters Head Speakers List

Astronaut-Aquonaut Scott Carpenter and USN Rear Admiral Odale D. (Muddy) Waters Jr. head the list of speakers for Hydro-Space Fiesta '66 Monday through Thursday.

Another featured speaker is Dr. Sam Ridgway, a 1958 A&M doctor of veterinary medicine graduate who trained "Tuffy," a porpoise, to aid in the Navy's Sealab II project last fall.

Commander Carpenter will give the keynote address at 8 p.m. Monday in Guion Hall on "Sea Lab II and Other Manned Undersea Projects."

HSF Chairman Bill Gross said Admiral Waters, oceanographer of the Navy, will speak at 8 p.m. Tuesday on "The Big Picture of the U. S. Involvement in Oceanographic Field."

Dr. Ridgway's talk, "Porpoises That Joined the Navy," is set for 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Fifteen exhibitors will display oceanographic equipment and materials at the MSC throughout the fiesta.

A number of color films on various aspects of oceanography will be shown daily at the MSC. One of the films "Oceanography, Science for Survival," won a top award at the recent Cannes Film Festival.

Carpenter was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation and the Legion of Merit for his participation in the Sea Lab II project last year. He remained at a depth of 205 feet for 30 days as crew training officer and officer-in-charge of the submerged diving teams.

Carpenter won earlier fame for his 1962 flight aboard the Aurora 7 Mercury-Atlas spacecraft. He reached a maximum altitude of 164 miles and attained an orbital velocity of 17,532 miles per hour.

The 40-year-old native of Boulder, Colo., won NASA's Distinguished Service Medal, the University of Colorado's Recognition Medal, and New York City's Gold Medal of Honor for the three-orbit flight.

Waters lists among his medals the Bronze Star, the American Defense Service Medal with star, the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal.

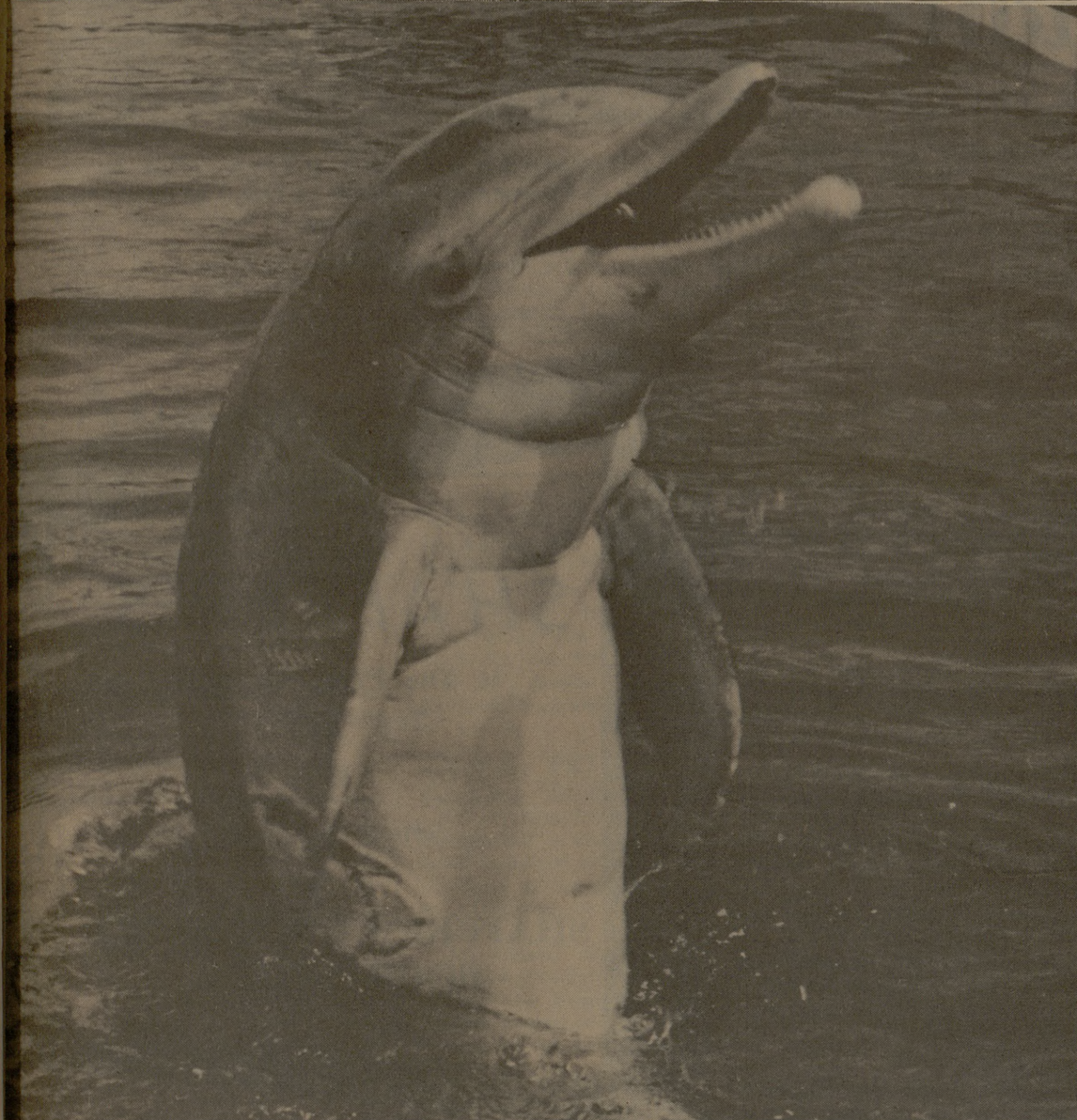
He became oceanographer of

the Navy last May after serving as inspector general and assistant chief of the Bureau of Naval Weapons Administration, and commander of the Pacific Fleet Mine Force. He has held numerous responsible posts since being commissioned as Ensign in 1932.

Dr. Ridgway, in his work as research veterinarian for the Marine Sciences Division of the U. S. Naval Missile Center, Point Mugu, Calif., is concerned with life in the sea as it relates to U. S. naval operations. Some of the projects involve the study of marine mammals — principally porpoises or dolphins—in order to learn more about their social system, diving physiology, hydrodynamics, and underwater communications.



SCOTT CARPENTER



PLANNING A&M VISIT

This porpoise, similar to "Tuffy" used in recent Sea Lab experiments, is expected to be on hand for the Hydro-Space Fiesta '66 which opens here Monday. Fred Eckhart, general manager of Sea-9rama in Galveston, is donating the porpoise. Sea-Arama curator Jim Kelly is expected to accompany him.

6 Local Men Given Awards For Army Duty

Five officers and a non-commissioned officer of the U. S. Army Reserve received awards in special ceremonies last week at the System Building.

Lt. Col. James R. Bradley was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service as commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, 358th Infantry. Lt. Col. Howard F. Goldsmith Jr., senior adviser for the 420th Engineer Brigade, made the presentation.

Maj. Allen C. Ashcraft received the Army Commendation Medal from Lt. Col. William C. Freeman Jr., commanding officer of the 837th Military Intelligence Unit Detachment, an A&M sponsored unit.

Other awards included a Certificate of Achievement to Capt. Edsel G. Jones for meritorious service from December 1963 to December 1965 as S4 officer to the 4th Howitzer Battalion, 19th Artillery, 90th Infantry Division. Capt. George G. McBee was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for outstanding service to the U. S. Army Reserve from February 1964 to December 1965.

Chief Warrant Officer Bartley E. Braden, unit supply technician to the 90th Infantry Division, was presented a Certificate of Achievement for meritorious service from December 1960 to December 1965.

And Sgt. Garnet Craft Von Eiff received a Certificate of Achievement for meritorious service from December 1963 to December 1965 as platoon sergeant, 90th Infantry Division.

Viet Nam Communications Provided By Army 'Hams'

American soldiers and civilians stationed in Viet Nam and their families in the states now are able to exchange personal radio messages via the joint service Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS), according to Roland Belk, Fourth Army MARS director at Headquarters Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

More than 2,500 messages were handled during the holiday season on the seven MARS Army stations that were installed in Viet Nam shortly before Christmas to enable U. S. fighting men to send messages to their families. Now all seven stations also will accept messages to Viet Nam from any of the 50 states.

Messages may be sent from the Fourth Army area (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas) by contacting any MARS Army member amateur station, or by telephoning the MARS Army station at the following military installations: Headquarters Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston; Fort Bliss, Tex.; Fort Hood, Tex.; Fort Polk, La.; Fort Sill, Okla. and Fort Wolters, Tex.

Each message must be limited to 25 words or less, and the recipient's complete mailing address must be provided. No official or commercial business messages will be handled via this program designed specifically for the morale of U. S. personnel in the Southeast Asia combat zone and their families.

SINGING CADETS AUDITIONS SCHEDULED MONDAY - FRIDAY

Auditions for the Singing Cadets are scheduled Monday through Friday, director Robert L. (Bob) Boone has announced. All interested students are invited to audition from 2:30 to 4 p.m. daily in room 119 of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

"We need at least 15 new members," Boone revealed. "We have a busy spring lined up, including numerous appearances for campus events, recording sessions, an exchange program with Texas Woman's University, a

performance in the Houston Music Hall and a spring tour."

Boone expects the Singing Cadets to number 55 to 60 members for the spring term.

Income Tax Aid For Foreign Students Set

Representatives of the Internal Revenue Service will be on campus Feb. 16-17 to assist foreign nationals in the preparation of their income tax returns in Room 101 of the YMCA.

Coin Telephone System Change Begins Here

"Pay now and dial later" will be the new key to using public coin telephone in Bryan and College Station. Rex Bailey, division manager for Southwestern States Telephone Company, announced the conversion from the present coin telephone operation this week.

The pre-pay arrangement has become standard in metropolitan areas throughout the United States. Telephone customers in Bryan and College Station should find the service to be simple and convenient, Bailey said.

When placing a call from a coin telephone, no dial tone will be heard until you have deposited one dime or two nickels. Once you receive a dial tone, the call can be completed just as it would from any telephone. On calls to the operator, and service calls for repair service or information, the ten cents will be returned automatically.

The conversion, which required the installation of additional switching equipment in the telephone central office, will take several days to complete.

Otrera Nears Completion Of Precedent-Setting PhD

Texas A&M will soon be the first university, land-grant or otherwise, to award a doctorate in agricultural economics to a citizen of Argentina.

The citizen is Wyltan R. Otrera of Buenos Aires who has an unusual list of firsts connected with his tenure as a graduate student at A&M.

(1) He is the first person in Argentina who will receive a doctorate degree in agricultural economics.

(2) He is the first person from his country to study agricultural economics under a U. S. Agency for International Development-sponsored program between the Argentine government and Texas A&M.

(3) "And my association with A&M is the first time I've ever spent five winters in three years," Otrera added.

The South American came to A&M in January, 1963, and Item Number 3 is the result of three winters in Texas and two in the home country. As soon as a winter, or school year, was finished at A&M, the student left for Buenos Aires — where cool weather was just starting in that southern hemisphere.

Otrera, 30, has big activities awaiting him in Argentina after receiving his Ph.D. from A&M this spring. He will be Chairman of the Economic Advisory Committee to the Secretary of Agriculture, a position similar to an assistant secretary of agriculture in the U. S.

He also will direct a study program to measure supply and demand for Argentina-produced agricultural commodities between now and the year 1980. A \$75,000 grant from the U. S. Department of Agriculture to his government has been made to finance the research.

The project fits the nature of Otrera's dissertation at A&M: "Econometric Model for Analyzing Argentina Beef Export Po-

tentials," which means that he studied and devised a system to gauge future beef export possibilities from Argentina. Beef is that country's main agricultural product and export.

A&M President Earl Rudder personally congratulated Otrera.

"We are greatly honored at Texas A&M that Mr. Otrera has chosen to be with us as a graduate student. His being here is leading to a large number of additional students from Argentina this year. I feel that Texas and Argentina, in both people and resources, have a great deal in common and can learn much from exchange of ideas," Rudder said.

The AID program between A&M and Argentina involves

A&M Gets \$91,837 From Foundation For Graduate Aid

Texas A&M has been awarded \$91,837 in new and continuation National Science Foundation grants for 1966-67, Academic Vice President Wayne C. Hall announced.

Hall said \$31,098 is for six new graduate traineeships: one each in plant sciences, chemistry and physics, and three in any science and engineering fields.

Seven second-year continuation graduate traineeships in science and engineering are covered by \$39,343 of the grant, Hall noted.

Hall pointed out that \$21,396 of the grant is for three third-year traineeships in engineering, mathematics and physical science.

Terms of the new grant call for five traineeships to be awarded to first-year graduate students. One award may go to an intermediate or terminal-year student. Basic stipends range from \$2,400 to \$2,800 with an annual allowance of \$500 for wives and children.

\$344,750 in funds and is one of the largest contracts in agricultural economics negotiated by a land-grant university and a foreign government in this field.

Under the program, A&M is helping Argentina develop the discipline in agricultural economics. The AID funds cover a two-year period. Two A&M agricultural economists are now living in Buenos Aires and cooperating in establishing an Institute of Agricultural Economics for INTA, the agricultural research and extension agency in Argentina.

The contract also calls for selected graduate students from that country to study agricultural economics at A&M. Five are here now, and Otrera says his agency will send 11 more to do graduate work this year.

At present, Otrera is anxious for the end of the spring semester so that he can return to his wife and 8-month-old son, his country and career.

"And you know, I'll get to Argentina just in time to start my sixth winter in four years," he mused.

Seniors Must File Graduation Plans

Graduating seniors planning to receive a degree May 28 were instructed this week in procedures they must take to qualify for graduation.

1. Report to the University Fiscal Office and pay graduation fee. (Graduate Record Examination, \$5; Diploma, \$3.)

2. Report to Registrar's Office to file application for degree.

3. Report to Counseling and Testing Center and register for Graduate Record Examination. Graduation fee slip must be presented.

Deadline for all three procedures is 5 p.m. March 1.

There Came A Decree That All Students Should Be Registered

By ALAN BARNES
Special Writer

During my college career, many little crises have popped up without warning. Registration is one of these crises. Insignificant as registration may seem, it is not given enough introduction to prepare the student body for the chaos. However, the university should be commended for putting the following emphasis on the matter: Any student surviving the two-day period of registration receives a gold star, which is equivalent to one semester hour, although it can not be counted toward graduation.

I received my first seven gold stars relatively easily, not con-

sidering the fact that I still walk with a limp and have a steel plate in my jaw from my sophomore bout. In my last semester, I entered into the contest with a great deal of confidence. I calculated shrewdly that I would be an expert at that sort of thing by now.

My first step was to present my I.D. card at the window marked BA-BU. This was accomplished after battering away fifty or sixty students who had returned from a badly needed coffee break and wanted their old place in line again.

After completing twenty or thirty "locator" cards, I was issued a number and walked back

to the end of the line just in front of Loupot's. Three hours later, as I approached the steps to Sbisas Mess Hall, a fellow with a leather jacket with a skull on the back and a "Ringo haircut" thrust a card into my hands and grabbed mine. "It's your number, Stoopid," he growled. I started to protest but he quickly silenced me with a Mexican whip.

Taking a wheezing breath and gulping down three Alka-Seltzer tablets, I casually looked down at my new card. I couldn't read the number; it had too many digits and I had taken no math since Math 103.

I gathered up my bedroll and prepared for the long wait. Then

I decided that if I waited the night out for my turn, I wouldn't enter into the spirit of things with the right attitude. Giving up all intentions of being honest, I crowded my way up to the entrance. As I made my way through the photographers, newsmen, and TV cameras, I could already hear the agonizing screams of the students who had signed up for physics by mistake.

Students were angrily pawing the ground and snorting while they waited for their turn to enter. I lunged at the door and landed impatiently on some transfer student form Laos. Coolly confiscating his registration number, I skipped through the door.

Once inside, I discarded my gas mask and oxygen tank as I glanced at my watch—3 p.m. The Jaycees and Red Cross were supplying each teacher with black coffee and bottles of Stem-O-Stam. It was going to be a long afternoon.

Deciding to go about this affair scientifically, I closed my eyes and pushed the mass of shoving, kicking students—ready to sign for the first thing I came to. Then I noticed I was covering one of the tables in the chemistry section. What an efficient department! While one professor threw a cumbersome burlap sack over me with great agility, another handcuffed me, snatched

my registration card and signed me up for Quantitative Analysis. I started to call to his attention that I was an English major, but my pitiful cries were ignored.

I decided to try English next. The fact that I needed four English courses to graduate did not dishearten me. After waiting for three or four hours, I came up to the desk where an eager student teacher took my card and signed me up for six English courses from nine o'clock until three. The fact that he had left me no time for lunch didn't seem to bother him in the least.

Mumbling a few words of profanity incoherently, I made my

way toward the desk where I was to get my dean's approval. After muttering a few words about my attempts to "snow" somebody, he scribbled his signature. After paying my fees, I was just about to turn in my registration card packet when some transfer student from Laos, who looked strangely familiar, ran up to me, grabbed my card, and disappeared into the throng.

Being of a gentle nature, I did not scream nor fall on my King Arthur sword nor run full speed against the wall. I merely smiled rather stiffly and headed for the end of the line just behind Loupot's.