

Juvenile Delinquency National, State Rates Surpass Local Average

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More than 2,400 years ago the philosopher Socrates observed children as lovers of luxury, bad-mannered, disrespectful and tyrannists over their teachers.

Sound familiar? Today's society is still vitally concerned with the actions of its young people.

The College Station-Bryan community has had its problems with juvenile delinquency too, but a report issued to Judge John M. Barron by Brazos County Probation Officer John H. Godfrey indicates that last year's record of offenses is far below the national average.

Godfrey noted only 1.2 per cent of males, 10-17, and females 10-18 in College Station-Bryan had been held for juvenile delinquency in 1965.

State and national averages are about twice the local rate.

Under laws governing juveniles a child—within the respective ages mentioned above — is considered a delinquent if he commits a felony, a misdemeanor punishable by confinement, habitually commits a misdemeanor punishable by fine, habitually violates a penal ordinance or compulsory school attendance law, associates with vicious persons or endangers his health or that of others.

Here's how the system works and just how efficient it's been. A complete picture of John Q. Delinquent might look like this: He's probably a school drop-out, as Godfrey reported very few still in school who were in trouble.

His parents have probably been in trouble with the police before. Through his parents' actions he may, over a long period of time, have lost respect for them, and their inconsistency and lack of firm control has left him unsure of himself and the world around him.

While driving around one night, possibly intoxicated and probably out of work, John Q. decides to drop by Texas A&M and "pop" a few hub caps. He's caught.

The College Station-Bryan police forces, which Godfrey described as "above-average," will normally handle minor offenses themselves, but if John Q. has committed a felony, he is referred to the Brazos County Probation Officer.

He is first placed in a detention ward, by law separate from adults, either for his own protection, for society's protection or to insure his availability in court.

The boy's parents are then notified, and normally he will be released to them if Godfrey feels the child respects his parents, that they will look out for his welfare and insure his later appearance in juvenile court.

Godfrey then begins looking into the background of John Q., contacting his former teachers, friends and relatives and talking with his parents.

After his study, he makes his recommendation to the juvenile court judge, who possesses a sympathetic understanding of the problems of child welfare.

Godfrey said the decision is an individual matter. Some children will accept counsel, some have to be locked up, some will never learn from experience.

Of the 76 cases involving males last year — down 15 cases from 1964, 62 were warned and released, 9 were given probation and 5 were committed to the Gatesville State Reformatory.

Of the 28 cases involving females — down 8 from 1964, 27 were warned and released, none were probated and only one was committed to the state reformatory at Gainesville.

The office also detained 41 other adolescents, who were either turned over to another county or state, held for a hearing or released to their parents.

Of the total handled, 40 were white, 32 Negro and 32 Latin. The Youth Counseling Service in Bryan is the only agency for handling delinquents, Godfrey said.

It is only able to have a psychiatrist available once a week, even after years of trying to persuade one to live here in the community. It is understaffed and has found it hard to get good counselors, Godfrey emphasized.

College Station-Bryan is a unique area with unique problems. Theft is the number one offense; 50 per cent of all male offenders are held on this charge.

Godfrey said the presence of an all-male university such as A&M has created a few problems.

He said that Aggies either don't want to or don't have the opportunity to date college-age girls and that they consequently date local high school girls.

That generally means an adult with a minor, and several times (See Delinquency Page 2)

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Town Hall Performance Tops Civilian Weekend

Stallings To Speak Tonight

Coach To Present 2nd RE Program

Texas A&M Head Football Coach Gene Stallings will present the second address of the Religious Emphasis program at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the All Faiths Chapel.

Student body president Roland Smith said Wednesday a relatively large audience is expected for the speech.

"I'm sure Coach Stallings will have a message for students which will be well worth their while to attend," he commented. "He has made several religious talks to football teams and other groups since coming to A&M," Smith added.

A native of Paris, Stallings was captain of the football and basketball teams for two seasons and captain of the golf team for one year in high school.

Coming to A&M in 1953, Stallings played football for three years during the mid-1950's under Coach Bear Bryant.

He was all-Southwest Conference his junior year and tri-captain the following season.

He coached a year at A&M after his playing career ended before moving to Alabama where he was assistant coach under Bryant.

He came back to A&M in December of 1965, taking over as head coach. As A&M's 23rd football coach, Stallings was granted a four-year contract.

Stallings is the second of four speakers scheduled to present talks in this year's religious program.



BRENDA LEE
... popular recording star to perform during Civilian Week-end.

Activities Include Dance, Barbecue

A Town Hall performance by singing star Brenda Lee will highlight festivities of the Civilian Student Weekend March 26.

According to Robert Miller, chairman of the Civilian Student Council Traditions and Publicity Committee, an 11 a.m. parachute jump will kick off the weekend's activities.

Three planeloads of Parachute Club members are scheduled to put on the exhibition.

A barbecue for civilian students and guests in the Grove will get under way at 12:15. Should inclement weather interfere, the meal will be moved to DeWare Field house.

Students with dormitory activity cards may pick up tickets in their counselor's office. Otherwise, tickets cost \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Following the barbecue, A&M will meet the University of Texas in a Southwest Conference baseball tilt at 2 p.m.

A pre-season favorite for the SWC title, the Aggies presently own an undefeated record, 8-0 for the season and 1-0 in conference. The conference victory was an 8-0 win over SMU Tuesday.

Texas stands 6-0 for the season and are also considered strong title contenders.

At 7:30 p.m. Brenda Lee will appear as the final Town Hall attraction of the year. The G. Rollie White performance will last until 9:30.

Miss Lee has entertained in Europe and throughout South America, as well as in the United States, singing such hits as "Jambalaya," "Sweet Nothin'," "I'm Sorry," "All Alone Am I," "Pool Number One," and "Emotions."

She was voted "The World's No. 1 Female Vocalist" for 1966.

Weekend festivities close with the Civilian Dance, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on the entire second level of the Memorial Student Center.

Performing for the ball will be the Traits and possibly the Aggie-Ora Orchestra. The theme is to be Roaring '20's.

Door prizes will be awarded at the dance and the civilian sweetheart will be selected.

Tickets for the affair are free for student with fall semester dorm activity cards. Extra tickets sell for \$3 each.

They must be obtained by Monday.

Annual Cotton Ball Scheduled For April 2

The 32nd annual Cotton Pageant and Ball to be presented April 2 by the Texas A&M student Agronomy Society, will have as its highlight the crowning of King Cotton and Queen Cotton and her court.

Roland Smith of Lawn, social secretary and senior agronomy major, has been chosen King Cotton. Members of his court are Jim Polonis, San Antonio; Tom Blanchette, Beaumont; Jimmy Brown, Agua Dulce; Weldon Bollinger, Sealy; Jimmy McAfee, College Station; Larry Schwertner, San Angelo; John Cosper, Edna; and James Supak, Taylor.

The pageant is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Guion Hall and the ball follows in the Memorial Student Center. The AggieLand Orchestra will provide the music.

The event honors the state's major cash crop, cotton. Profits from the pageant and ball will finance a field trip to Monterrey, Mexico for agronomy juniors and seniors to study agriculture in that area.

Making the arrangements for this year's pageant are Larry Schwertner and Stanley Springer, general co-chairmen; Roland Smith, social secretary; Jimmy McAfee, assistant social secretary; Larry Schwertner, business manager; Jim Polonis, stage setting; Wes Miller, entertainment; Jimmy Brown, tickets and programs; Weldon Bollinger, publicity; H. E. Hampton, faculty advisor; Mrs. M. E. Bloodworth, consultant, and Mrs. A. B. Medlen, music.

Bill McReynolds, farm and ranch editor of radio station WOAI in San Antonio, will be master of ceremonies for the pageant. He will introduce nearly 150 duchesses representing A&M Mother's Clubs, campus clubs, hometown clubs and other universities and colleges.

A judging committee composed of Mrs. Vivian Castleberry, women's editor for the Dallas Times Herald, Bill Chambliss, photographer, and Curtis Castleberry, art gallery executive will choose the Cotton Queen and the eight members of her court. Their judgment will be based on the beauty, personality, and stage appearance of the candidates.

"By the way things are going, it should be a success," said Smith.

Any club or organization wishing to sponsor a duchess should contact Smith in care of the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences.

Astronauts Return From Space Trip

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP)—Two remarkably calm Gemini space hunters plunged to an emergency landing at sea Wednesday night — after some fearful moments in a disabled spaceship tarnished their brilliant space success.

It was the first time that a U. S. manned flight had been cut short because of spacecraft trouble.

They splashed down into the Pacific Ocean in full daylight and relatively calm seas some 500 miles east of Okinawa at about 10:23 p.m. EST.

The spacecraft was spotted on the water by a C54 aircraft. The aircraft crew, relaying word through Japan, said the spaceship was stable in the three-foot waves.

Airplanes and two destroyers converged on the area. The reported position was right smack in the middle of the emergency recovery area.

Just half an hour before the spacecraft trouble cropped up, Gemini pilots Neil Armstrong and David Scott had linked up with their Agena target ship—the first time two spacecraft had been joined together in the skies.

With Armstrong at the controls, the retrorockets on the Gemini 8 were fired with a jolt at 9:45 p.m. as the spacecraft crossed the equator over the African continent.

The flight ended 10 hours and 42 minutes after it began.

Religion On Campus

Programs Aimed At Students

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Editor's Note: This is the final installment of a two-part series examining how area churches affect students' lives.

Area ministers have designed their church programs with the Texas A&M student in mind, and with very good reason.

Aggies comprise from 35 to 100 per cent of the North and South Gate congregations, and the numbers continue to rise.

One clergyman best summed up the intentions of these churches in regard to the student, saying that "we are attempting to show the student the application of Christ in his life."

IN ADDITION to regular formal worship services, what programs do these churches not only offer, but aim at students? The First Baptist Church in College Station, under the leadership of Rev. Lloyd Elder, conducts a training union for the purpose of studying the church's place in life.

The church is also the site of an annual revival and a yearly "International Student Day."

In addition, members participate in religious fellowship periods, music programs, hamburger fries and dormitory visitations.

St. Mary's Catholic Chapel student members have organized a Newman Club to meet off campus.

Various topics are discussed to stimulate thought in religious, social, cultural and even sports topics.

According to Rev. John Frizelle this gives a "mixture of academic and social life."

RELIGIOUS SERVICES are scheduled four evenings each week. Special lectures are presented and meetings are conducted in the student center.

The A&M Church of Christ offers Bible classes for students of the various classifications and graduate and married students. Aggie devotionals are presented three nights a week.

In October the church conducts a four-day gospel meeting and in February guest speakers are obtained in conjunction with the usual Religious Emphasis Week, according to Thomas J. Seay, minister.

A speech contest granting \$60 to four winners is sponsored each April, and the first week of May will be devoted to a mission seminar this year, with missionaries speaking to students concerning their work.

A three-week trip with Seay to Halifax, Nova Scotia, this summer will offer students an opportunity to travel and work with people outside Texas.

Other Church of Christ services include providing lodging for stu-

dents' dates and parents on weekends.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church has access to about 1,000 acres of land 20 miles from Bryan. Located between Snook and Somerville, this acreage is used as a retreat area for members.

Single student activities at the church include Wednesday evening worship services conducted by and for unmarried students and a special Sunday school class.

MARRIED STUDENT members have formed couples clubs. Rev. Ron Birk says it is a prime objective of the church to incorporate these families into the life of the congregation.

The University Lutheran Chapel, made up wholly of A&M students, provides a mid-week vesper every Wednesday night, followed by a lecture with refreshments. Members are invited to periodic Sunday suppers.

Small group seminars for problem areas are scheduled and special meetings for married couples as well as Gamma Delta, the International Lutheran Students Association, are conducted.

The church, directed by Campus Pastor E. George Becker, also participates in the School of Christian Studies presently running.

The Hill Foundation presents regular Friday night services for Jewish students.

The organization is working in conjunction with three other religious denominations in the area sponsoring a film series, "Movies That Matter."

ALSO SPONSORED by the Foundation is the Rabbi of the Month Club, where a rabbi comes to A&M on a Wednesday night each month to speak on a related topic.

The A&M Methodist Church, under Minister Walter McPherson, directs its student program through the Wesley Foundation.

Student members participate in a meeting, meal and discussion each Wednesday and Friday evenings. In addition, there is a student Sunday school class and a Sunday evening fellowship gathering.

According to Rev. H. Bruce Fisher, the A&M Presbyterian Church provides Sunday morning classes for married and single students as well as Sunday evening study opportunities.

Each church owns a separate student center, allowing students a place to read, lounge, play games, hold discussions or meditate. Some centers contain televisions and kitchen facilities.

The Presbyterian Student Center houses its unique coffee loft. In addition to these services, each church offers counseling aid to any student.



A FISH STORY

Fish dangling from the top of the Academic Building dome advertise the forthcoming Aggie Players production of William Saroyan's prize winning play, "The Time of Your Life," which opens Monday in Guion Hall. Tickets at \$1 for adults and 75 cents for students are on sale at various campus and area locations.