

Educational Help In South Viet Nam Praised By Rudder

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Educational facilities in the troubled land of South Viet Nam are "bush league" compared to their American counterparts.

But American dollars and technical assistance are working miracles in the field of education, Texas A&M President Earl Rudder said Thursday.

Rudder, fresh from a six-day tour of the Southeast Asian country, added that hundreds of schools are being built with American aid in an effort to create a decent school system in the country.

"The Vietnamese are keenly interested in education and are working hard," he said, "and with our help they will have fine schools someday."

The A&M President was part of a team of experts appointed by President Johnson to visit Viet Nam to examine educational and economic aspects of the country.

Rudder visited several educational facilities during the trip, including the University of Saigon and technical and normal schools in Long Xuyen, Ban Me Thuot, Can Tho and Dar Lac.

He noted that the literacy rate of the country is 85%, a much higher figure than most people are aware.

He also said one of the most important projects of American aid is the printing of millions of textbooks in the native tongue.

"This is the first time this has ever happened," Rudder said, explaining that while Viet Nam was under French colonial rule all textbooks were printed in French rather than Vietnamese.

"These books printed in their own language for the first time in history have had a tremendous impact," Rudder said.

He said the two most pressing problems on the domestic scene

are a lack of teachers and a serious shortage of doctors.

There are only 700 doctors to care for 13 million residents, and 500 of the doctors are in the armed services.

But Rudder added the primary consideration in Viet Nam is to win the war against the Communist Viet Cong.

"To build a school or hospital or start any kind of welfare program and fight the Viet Cong at the same time is an uphill proposition," he noted.

Troop morale of American troops is good and the people support and welcome the presence of U. S. fighting men in Viet Nam, Rudder claimed.

"I saw not one look nor heard no remark to make me think Americans weren't most welcome there."

Rudder said he encountered no criticism of Premier Nguyen Cao Ky's government, the most stable in the country's existence.

"The people are looking for an honest government interested in winning the war," he said. "Ky is dedicated to social reform, education and to winning the war."

Besides touring schools Rudder also visited the U. S. First Division headquarters in the field and a Special Forces camp.

He ran into two former students on the trip, both of whom served as his escorts.

Capt. J. B. Champagne, of the class of 1961, accompanied Rudder while at First Division installations, while a 1950 graduate, Maj. William E. Goodwin, escorted him from Saigon into the field.

While at the Special Forces camp Rudder was presented papers taken from a captured Viet Cong advising agents to "pay more attention" to defeating American forces by making wives and children of villagers work for the VC.

Rudder said a second important consideration is establishment of a solid nationalistic spirit to create a democratic government.

"There are so many people of different tribes and different religious views that it will take time to bring about a national cohesion," he predicted.

Engineer Seminar
To Begin Monday

"Human Factors and Skilled Performance" is the topic of a seminar sponsored by the Department of Industrial Engineering Monday.

Conducted by Dr. Richard G. Pearson, the seminar begins at 2 p.m. in the Architecture Auditorium.

Pearson is currently an engineering psychologist with the Federal Aviation Agency and a visiting professor of industrial management at Oklahoma City University. He has been active in the human factors area of engineering for several years.

Pearson has published several reports and articles appearing in such journals as "Aerospace Medicine," "Navigation," "Journal of Applied Psychology" and "The Public Opinion Quarterly."

United Chest Group
Elects New Directors

College Station's United Chest membership elected five directors at its annual meeting Thursday night in the A&M Consolidated High School.

Named to serve three-year terms are Carl Landiss, Robert Schleider, Dr. J. C. Range, George Carroll and Joe Buser.

Resolutions approved at the meeting commended Clark Munroe for his leadership in last fall's successful fund drive. Dr. Grone-man, retiring Chest president, and the outgoing directors received a vote of thanks for their service to the community.

Suttle To Discuss
Cyclotron Monday

Dr. A. D. Suttle Jr., vice president of research and professor of chemistry, will discuss the cyclotron and A&M research grants at 6 p.m. Monday in the YMCA.

A 1944 graduate of Mississippi State University, Suttle came to A&M in 1962.

He is a member of the American Chemical Society Committee on National Defense, part of the U. S. Department of Defense Science Board.

In addition, Suttle is listed in the American Chemical Society, American Nuclear Society, American Physical Society, American Ordnance Association and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering.

A&M MOVIE PREMIERE SLATED
FOR MUSTER DAY APRIL 21

A 20-minute color movie on Texas A&M will be premiered around the world on Aggie Muster Day April 21.

The Texas A&M Department of University Information wrote and produced the film. It is narrated by internationally-known news commentator Paul Harvey. The Texas Aggie Band and the Singing Cadets furnished the music.

Former students clubs may purchase a print of the film for \$66. Purchase orders, including check to cover cost, should be addressed to University Information, 307 YMCA, College Station, Texas 77843.

The movie is filmed primarily in classrooms and laboratories, but also includes football weekend and other activity scenes. An information spokesman noted that the film's technical quality would be "up to Hollywood's best standards."

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PITY THE POOR CAR

Aggie track star Randy Matson bashes a weightman's effort on the car. The car massive dent into the automobile being used in a car smash sponsored by the Hillel Club. The group is offering season tickets to a local theater to anyone who can top the ace

Classes Name 24 Officers; 22 In Runoff

Twenty-four students won class offices outright in the closely-contested class elections Thursday.

Twenty-two others will be decided in runoff elections Thursday.

There were a total of 1431 votes cast: 383 for senior offices, 509 for junior and 539 for sophomore offices.

In the runoff for senior Class president are Louis K. Obydyke (122 votes) and Terrell S. Mullins (117).

Other senior class election results were:

Vice President (runoff) Gene Neal Patton (68) and Michael A. Calloway (53).

Joseph O. McNabb (192) won the Social Secretary position.

Memorial Student Center Council representative runoff—Robert A. Beene (133) and William Carl Haseloff (132).

Senior Yell Leaders—Thomas Carl Stone (303), Joseph Don Rehmet (197) and Eugene Leroy Riser (185).

Secretary Treasurer (runoff)—Dennis N. Hohman (191) and Melvin Wayne Cockrell (121).

Historian (runoff)—John P. Tyson (154) and Thomas M. DeFrank (105).

Election Commission winners—Jack E. Myers (301), Richard L. Kardys (259), Jerry Don Stevens (275), James Halpin (248), and Robert Preston Welsh (161).

The runoff for junior class president is between Gerald W. Campbell (146) and Albert N. Allen (103).

Other junior results were: vice president (runoff)—Maurice V. Main (195) and Clarence T. Daugherty (135).

Secretary Treasurer—Kerry Williams (286).

Social Secretary—John H. Daly (250).

MSC Council Representative—Ronald D. Zipp (253).

Election Commission—Walter Lee Cloud (360), Robert Floyd Gonzales (328), Howard Hensel (353), Michael D. Noonan (361) and Norris Henthorne (4).

Yell Leaders—John Donald McLeroy (208) and Michael R. Beggs (162).

The runoff for Sophomore Class President pits Larry Elwin Henry (127) against Leroy Edwards (220).

Sophomores cast ballots this way: vice president (runoff)—Bill Edward Carter (137) and

Harvey Lee Cooper (104).
Secretary Treasurer (runoff)—Allan G. Eloff (131) and Robert James Foley (113).
Social Secretary (runoff)—Richard Kurt Newman (196) and James Arnold Mobley (289).
MSC Council Representative—Davis Gordon Mayes (289).
Election Commission—Robin A. Young (315), Walter Riggs (317), Stephen Anthony Collins (312), and Garland Clark (287).

Research Vessel Leaves On Cruise

Texas A&M's research ship Alaminos left this week on a 13-day cruise in the Gulf of Mexico to investigate areas with unusual sediments and animals, according to Dr. Leo Berner Jr., administrative scientist.

Dr. W. E. Pequegnat, acting head of the Department of Oceanography, is in charge of the cruise, with 13 other scientists.

The primary purpose of the voyage is to conduct biological research in the Gulf of Mexico starting in DeSoto Canyon 60-70 miles east of the Mississippi delta to the southern coast of Florida, Berner said.

From the southern Florida coast, the Alaminos will turn west and south to a point north-west of the Yucatan peninsula.

The two areas under investigation, one off the southern Florida coast and the other off the coast of Yucatan, were found last October, Berner said.

Water plankton and bottom samples will be taken from these two areas and analyzed, he said.

The Alaminos is scheduled to return to Galveston April 6.

Band To Appear In Parade April 22

The Texas Aggie Band travels to San Antonio April 22 for an appearance at the "Battle of Flowers" parade.

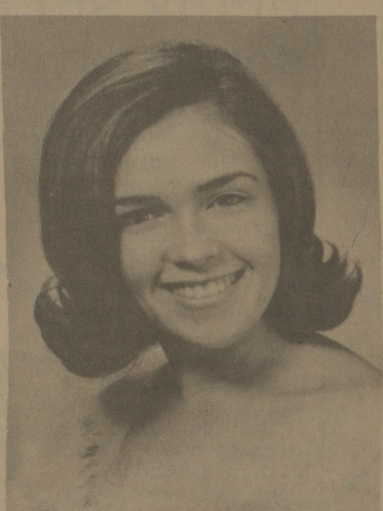
Lt. Col. E. V. Adams, director of the nationally-famous marching group, said the band voted to make the trip at their own expense. The 240 musicians will travel in personal cars.

The San Antonio A&M Club will entertain bandmen and their dates with a barbecue at Aggie Park following the Friday afternoon parade.

Civilian Dance, Brenda Lee To Highlight Weekend



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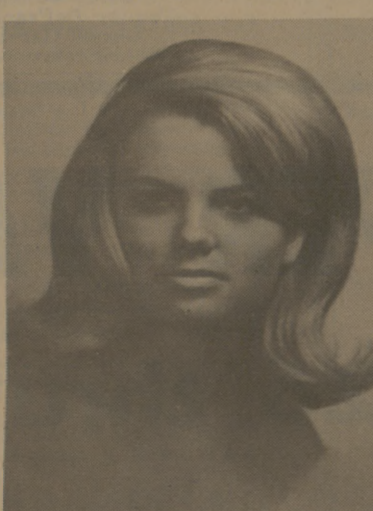
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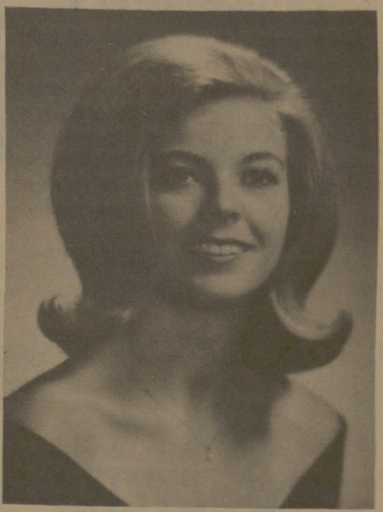
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CAROL KAISER



GINGER PEVETO



JOYCE LINDSEY

An exciting and event-filled Civilian Student Weekend begins early Saturday with "high" adventure and ends that night with a Town Hall performance by female singing star Brenda Lee.

Numerous events will include a barbecue for civilian students, an invitational drill meet, parachute jump, baseball game with the University of Texas, the final performance of the Aggie Player's "Time of Your Life," and a car smash.

The final Town Hall show of the year will feature "The World's No. 1 Female Vocalist" for 1966, "Miss Dynamite," Brenda Lee.

Miss Lee has performed throughout Europe, South America and the United States. Her unique style, strong voice, rhythm and beauty have combined to make her the top female vocalist.

The 7:30 p.m. show will overlap the 9 p.m. kickoff of the Civilian Dance. It will cover the entire second floor of the Memorial Student Center.

Entertainment will be provided by the Traits and possibly the Aggieband Orchestra. The theme of the dance will be the Roaring '20's.

The civilian sweetheart will be chosen and door prizes will be awarded.

Tickets are free to student activity card holders and extra tickets will sell for \$3 each.

The day will begin when three planeloads of daring young men from the Texas Aggie Parachute Team take to the air in a display of sky-diving skill.

The demonstration is scheduled for 11 a.m. over the Civil Engineering Field at Highway 6 and Farm Road 60.

The Grove will provide the outdoor setting for the barbecue for civilian students and their guests at 12:15 p.m.

Should the weather play havoc, the meal will be moved to DeWare Field House.

Students with activity cards may pick up tickets from their counselor. Additional tickets will cost \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

At Kyle Field at 2 p.m. the Texas Aggie baseball squad will take the field against a strong University of Texas team.

The Texas Invitational Drill Meet Saturday will draw an estimated 350 participants from 13 top college drill teams.

The various units will then compete in an inspection, basic drill and finally, that afternoon, in precision drill for \$400 in trophies.

Saturday night will mark the final performance of the Aggie Player's "Time of Your Life."

Penning by William Saroyan, the play is set in a run-down San Francisco bar in 1939.

Another weekend event will be a car smash sponsored by the Hillel Club between the Memorial Student Center and Guion Hall at noon Saturday. The club is offering season tickets to a local theater to anyone who can put a dent in the car bigger than that of Aggie track star Randy Matson.