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Editor's Friends Receive Laurels In Adios Article

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Today I end my term as editor of *The Battalion*. I'm not much at sentimentality, so I won't bore you with how this year has been a rewarding, yet sometimes frustrating, experience nor how much the editorship has meant to me nor any of a thousand other tear-jerking things with which I could bore you. I'll just simply say that I'm thankful for the opportunity to be editor of *The Battalion* and that I'll never forget this year . . . no matter how hard I try.

But I am going to bore you with accolades to some people who have influenced, assisted and guided me during the four years I have been at Texas A&M. And I will probably throw in a few personal observations concerning the future of this university. So if you don't think you have been much of an influence on me and if you care less about how I feel on such controversial topics as sex, The Bomb, football, narcotics or how to make an easy living, you may now quit reading. This is my last byline in *The Battalion*, and I reserve the right to pat a few friends on the back and then make a complete fool of myself.

When a person starts naming his friends, he runs the risk of omitting some. So if you aren't on my list, please don't run home crying about it. I probably don't hate you.

I'm really not sure whether to slap this first person on the back or in the face. He is Mr. A. E. "Buddy" Denton, the man most responsible for my being here. It all started my senior year in high school at our football banquet and he was the main speaker . . . but I won't bore what few readers are left with all the details. Thank you, Mr. Denton?

Next should come my fellow writers, editors, managers and schemers of the printed word — *The Batt* staff. Without them I would have had to take home the entire staff payroll this year and been forced into an upper income bracket. Thank you, *Batt* staff.

The next words of praise go out to my bald-headed buddy and boss, Mr. Jim Lindsey. Had it not been for the office filled with the stench of his cigar smoke, I would probably not have taken up smoking in self-defense and would be living a normal, healthy, but terribly dull life. Thank you, Mr. Lindsey.

And then comes my favorite prof, Dr. David Bowers, from whom I have gained only a small portion of my vast accumulated wisdom, but who taught me what to do in case I ever work for a newspaper that he did, but I won't because he's a Yankee and worked up north and I plan to stay in the south. He also taught me how to write simple sentences. Thank you, Dr. Bowers.

The administration should certainly draw its share of the moment's glory. By administration, I mean President Earl Rudder, of course. Without him, whose action could I have criticized for the Juan Dinero incident and similar differences of opinion. Every editor needs a whipping boy. Thank you, Mr. Rudder.

Next come the favorite profs other than the one mentioned earlier. Laurels go out to Mr. C. K. Esten, Dr. Stanley L. Archer, Mr. Harry Kidd, Mr. W. Deé Kutach and Dr. Garland E. Bayless, from whom I gained invaluable sack-out time at critical periods after all-night escapades in the Batt Cave. Without them, I would be graduating in even more broken health than I am. Thank you, other favorite profs.

And I must pat a few smilers on the back. These are the folks who always greeted me with a handshake and a smile, like Mr. Alan M. Madeley, Mr. Ted Cathey, Mr. J. Gordon Gay and my friend Britt Martin. I can attribute by outgoing personality, million dollar smile and firm handshake to these individuals who have prepared me for a politician's life of back-slapping and baby-kissing but have failed to give me the necessary financial backing to get into the racket — er, occupation. Thank you, fellow smilers.

Last, but certainly not least, are my student leader friends. To these individuals, such as Roland Smith, Johnny Rodgers, Norris Cano and Craig Buck, I owe the humility which has made me what I am, because their BMOC attitudes superbly surpassed mine. Also, they provided me with editorial crusade fodder whenever President Rudder stepped into line and couldn't be criticized for awhile. Thank you, student leaders.

Now for my personal observations concerning the future of Texas A&M. I think A&M stands on the brink of academic excellence, dormitory excellence, student excellence, financial excellence, construction excellence and excellent excellence if we can only blah, blah, blah, etc.

You people who have waded through all this just to find out how I feel on such controversial topics as sex, The Bomb, football, narcotics or how to make an easy living: Here's my opinion. I feel they are controversial.

And now, if you will kindly observe the small patch of mistletoe hanging from my coat tail . . .

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COUNCIL AWARD WINNERS
. . . Rountrees with Rodgers, left, Buck.

Rodgers, Buck Receive Top MSC Award

John Rodgers and Craig Buck were named recipients of the first annual Thomas H. Rountree Award at the Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate Awards Banquet Thursday night.

Thirty-five students and faculty-staff members also received recognition for services to the sixteenth MSC Council and Directorate.

The Rountree Award, presented by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. H. Rountree of Houston in memory of their son Tom, will be given annually to the outstanding member of the Council and Directorate.

The first award was a joint one because the selection committee felt the dedication and accomplishments of both Rodgers and Buck have brought such honor and distinction to Texas A&M that one could not be chosen over the other.

Rountree, a 1952 graduate was a member of the MSC Directorate instrumental in establishing student programs that have become model examples on the regional and national level. Some of his programs were forerunners of the Student Conference on National Affairs and the Great Issues Committee.

He was killed in an automobile accident in 1955.

The Council and Directorate bestowed Distinguished Service Awards to Donald E. Allen, Council member; Peter B. Belinsky, Talent Committee chairman; Dr. Charles L. Boyd, Council advisor; Robert H. Dillard, SCONA XI committee chairman; David E. Graham, Council executive vice president; Mrs. L. V. Hawkins, SCONA XI advisor; Dr. Harry P. Kroitor, Contemporary Arts Committee advisor; Michael Nabors, Town Hall Committee chairman; Jack B. Ramsey Jr., SCONA XI committee chairman; Kenneth L. Reese, Camera Committee chairman; Thomas N.

Tyree, Great Issues Committee chairman, and Lt. Cmdr. Don Walsh, Great Issues Committee advisor.

Appreciation Awards went to Robert A. Beene, Public Relations Committee chairman; Frank E. Berngen, Travel Committee chairman; Kippen L. Blair, SCONA XI committee chairman; Richard M. Dooley, Contemporary Arts Committee chairman; Richard H. Franklin, Directorate finance chairman; William S. Gross, Great Issues Committee; Steven V. Gummer, MSC Council vice president; Dr. Claude H. Hall, SCONA XI advisor; C. Robert Heaton, SCONA XI vice chairman; A. Steven Kovich, Great Issues Committee, Dr. William B. Ledbetter, Council advisor, and M. Wesley Leftwich, Leadership Committee chairman.

Also receiving Appreciation Awards were Jerry L. Lummus, SCONA XI committee chairman; Frank H. Markey, Town Hall Committee; J. Britton Martin, University Information; Dr. Edward A. Meyers, Bridge Committee advisor; Robert W. Owen, Town Hall Committee; David A. Saloma, SCONA XI member; E. Dwayne Scarlett, Great Issues Committee advisor; Dr. J. Benton Storey, Great Issues Committee advisor; Enrique A. Tessada, SCONA XI committee chairman; John K. Ward Jr., Camera Committee, and N. Clinton Ward, Leadership Committee.

The seventeenth Council and Directorate, headed by Steve Gummer, officially took over at the banquet.

Rodenberger To Receive Engineer Chair

Charles A. Rodenberger, associate professor of aerospace engineering, has been appointed to the newly established Halliburton Chair of Engineering, Fred J. Benson, Dean of the School of Engineering, has announced.

Appointment becomes effective June 1.

The Halliburton Foundation of Duncan, Okla., set up a contribution to a five-year basis for the chair. Marvin K. Brummett is president of Halliburton's Education Foundation, Inc.

Studies to improve effectiveness of engineering teaching and ways for improving communication and relations with industry are primary chair objectives, Benson said.

"Professor Rodenberger has a substantial interest in the field, has a very fine reputation as a teacher and is a vigorous young man with progressive ideas," he continued.

Recently listed in Who's Who in Education, Rodenberger will continue to instruct in aerospace engineering part-time during regular semesters and devote virtually full-time to the Chair during summers.

A registered professional engineer and member of eight professional groups, Rodenberger was named outstanding faculty member by the Student Engineering Council. He has been cited by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics for student service.

The professor has written numerous articles for publication, the latest on "Team Design at Texas A&M" in the *Journal of Engineering Education*.

ITS Video Highlights Scheduled Saturday

Video highlights of the Intercollegiate Talent Show will be televised on KBTX-TV, channel 3 in Bryan, at 3:30 p. m. Saturday.

The film was taken by the Educational Television Department during ITS here March 5.

Dorm Telephone System Authorized By Board

A recent decision by the Texas A&M Board of Directors could result in telephone service to most dormitory rooms by September of 1968.

The board last week authorized President Earl Rudder to sign a contract with Southwestern Telephone Co. for the installation of a Centrex telephone system in the basement of the new library now under construction. An allocation of \$50,000 was made for the project.

Clark C. Munroe, director of personnel, says the system will have a potential load of 10,000 units, although only about half that number will be installed initially.

Munroe, who served eight years as district traffic superintendent and senior engineer for

Southwestern Bell Co., has been working on the idea since he joined the staff in 1962.

"The administration has long recognized the need for a communications system on the campus," Munroe said. "The problem is a simple one—it's nearly impossible to get in touch with students or professors under the present setup."

After agreeing to study the situation, Munroe said, he toured 10 colleges in the Midwest and Texas, then decided on the Centrex system as the "most modern available."

Munroe says the cost is "very reasonable" and that the system is "well-fitted to A&M's needs." The cost to each student will be \$15 per semester, he noted. He explained the charge will have to be mandatory because the cost per unit would be too high if an optional system were in effect.

"We realize that some students won't be able to afford the extra expense," Munroe added, "so telephone lines will not be installed in Mitchell, Milner, or Leggett Halls."

He said that on the basis of studies at other schools, the administration feels confident most students will want to have the phone service.

"This will be a strictly non-profit project," he went on. "The students won't be paying for installation, or for administration phones, or even for billing expenses."

One problem that the board tried to anticipate, Munroe said, was that of long-distance calls.

"In order to keep the university out of the collection business, we'll limit all outgoing long-distance calls to collect and credit-card charges," he explained. "We'll also set up a switching system to avoid crank calls late at night."

In November 1963 such a system was proposed and approved, and Munroe announced it could be operational by January 1966. But the only centrally located building which could be used to house the wiring center was the Academic Building, and the telephone engineers said six first-

floor classrooms would have to be torn out due to height requirements for the system.

"We had to choose between losing six air-conditioned rooms at a prime location or waiting a couple of years until we could use the basement of the proposed library," Munroe explained. "The board chose the latter."

Part of the \$50,000 will go toward construction changes in the original plans for the library.

"The new dormitories were built with this system in mind," he pointed out. "Each room is already equipped for installation of the phones."

The Centrex system is comparable to the one in use at the University of Texas, and some other area colleges.

"Telephone service charges are generally higher than the amount we have planned," Munroe said. "There aren't very many schools that offer more inexpensive service. And nobody will have a better system."

Civilians To Seek Big Voter Turnout

Three proposals for increasing student participation in school elections were brought before the Civilian Student Council Thursday night.

Jim Dalton, spokesman for the CSC, said the council noted that less than five per cent of the civilian students voted in the last election. It proposes to give out lists of offices and candidates to all civilians next year as a reminder to vote.

Also adopted by the CSC was a plan to give out voter registration cards to civilians through dormitory presidents. This would eliminate the necessity of the students walking to the Memorial Student Center to get their cards.

The third move sanctioned by the council to increase the turnout at the polls would be to place voting machines at strategic points around the campus, again making it more convenient to cast ballots.

Acting on President Rudder's promise to furnish water for approved water fights between the Corps and civilian students, the Student Life Committee of the CSC was instructed to study the feasibility of holding such

"fights" and report at a later date.

Alternatives mentioned were Corps-civilian tugs-of-war and playoffs in intramurals.

CSC members also tackled the financial problem of the students. They pointed out many students employed by the University receive their pay after the deadlines for paying installment fees without penalty.

Since the five-dollar penalty imposes a strain on the budgets of many who hold down part-time jobs, they wrote a letter to Rudder asking him to take some action towards coordinating paydays with bill days.

Journalism Day Slated Saturday

An Awards Banquet at 7 p. m. Saturday will highlight the tenth annual Journalism Day here.

Dan Lovett, roving correspondent for the McLendon Radio Corporation, will be the featured speaker.

Also assistant news director of Houston's KILT, Lovett will speak on "Jet Set Reporting."

He recently returned from Viet Nam where he taped interviews with 97 Houston area soldiers.

Named at the banquet will be the outstanding sophomore, junior and senior journalism majors and the outstanding senior in Sigma Delta Chi.

The outstanding senior will receive the Wall Street Journal Award.

In addition, scholarships will be awarded from KORA, the Clayton Foundation, The Minneapolis Star, The Houston Post and The Amarillo Globe-Times.

A picnic at Wellborn is on tap for journalism students at 10 a. m. Saturday.

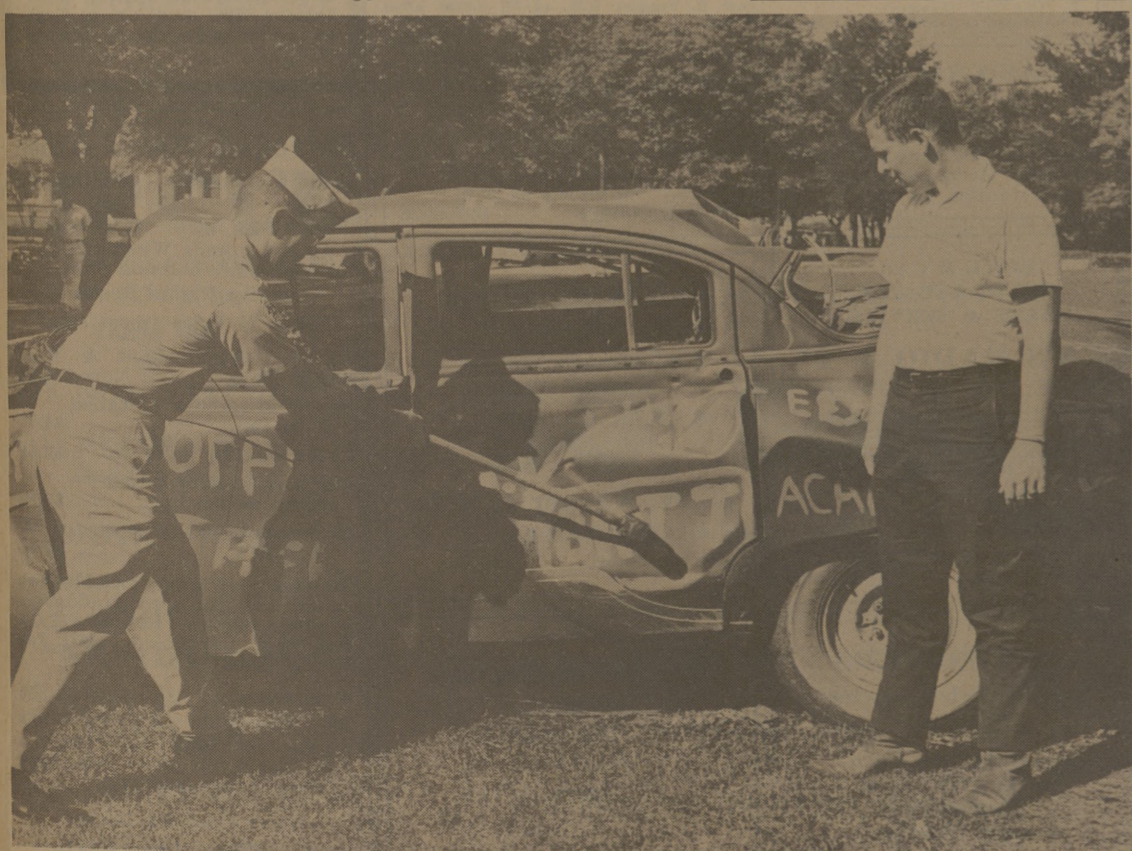
Nuclear Engineer To Speak Monday

Irving Spiwak, Engineering Development Department head at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, will speak here May 2.

Spiwak will address the A&M Chapter of the American Nuclear Society at 7:30 p. m. in room 310 of the Engineering Building, according to Dr. Don Emon, assistant professor of nuclear engineering.

The scientist is deputy director of the Oak Ridge nuclear desalting program, which includes reactor evaluations and development, studies of coupling of power and desalting plants, and design and development of seawater evaporators.

Spiwak earned an M.S. degree in chemical engineering from MIT and a B.S. at Cooper Union.



GOOD-NATURED DESTRUCTION

Sophomore Earyl Roddy releases a little excess energy on a badly-mangled car in the Junior Car Bash. Waiting for his turn is

Terry Wilson, also a sophomore. The tension-reliever was a money-raising project for the junior class.

Grads Schedule Saturday Dance

The Graduate Student Spring Dance will feature music by Tobias and the Sounds Saturday.

The party will last from 8-12 p. m. in the K. C. Hall.

Tickets are on sale for \$1.50 per couple at the Memorial Student Center cashier's office or from any council member.

Tickets may also be purchased at the door, beginning at 7 p. m. Dress for the dance is semi-formal and refreshments will be served.

The K. C. Hall is located on Groesbeck Street in Bryan.

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