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AAUP Objective: To Insure True Campus Freedom

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Two Texas colleges — Texas Tech and Sam Houston State — are presently blacklisted by the American Association of University Professors because of violations of academic freedom.

The Texas Tech censuring nine years ago resulted from the board's firing of three tenured professors without stated reasons. Sam Houston was censured for the same reason when Dr. Rupert Koeninger, head of the Department of Sociology for 15 years, was fired.

What is the AAUP? What does the censuring do? And what is the academic freedom that was being violated?

"It is not a labor union, but a professional group that has taken the position that faculty members of colleges and universities have professional rights and responsibilities toward the institutions and also themselves," said Dr. John Treacy, economics professor.

THE AAUP has also tried to improve the economic status of the profession and surveys almost 1,000 schools with regards to salary and salary structure.

But the primary concern of the AAUP is in the area of academic freedom.

"It believes that faculty members should be allowed to explore any avenue and to speak out on what they consider to be the truth, either in class or as a result of research findings," Treacy said in explaining the principle of academic freedom.

TENURE, or job security, is advocated by the AAUP, and seven years is the accepted maximum for a trial period.

Texas A&M does not have tenure for faculty members.

The AAUP has a statement of principles by which the faculty relations with any institution are judged.

"These principles are that all faculty members are to be granted tenure, and that seven years is the maximum trial period accepted by the AAUP," Treacy explained.

"After this time they can only be removed by cause and due procedure. A man is given a statement informing him of the charges, and he has the right to counsel and the right to question his accusers," he continued.

One of the most publicized cases concerning tenure was at Trouble over academic freedom in Texas has been mainly centered around outside political activities of teachers. Both the professors at Tech and at Sam Houston were apparently fired because of their outside political activities.

"THE AAUP thinks a professor does not surrender his personal citizenship just because he is a teacher," Treacy said. "Part of the problem in most Texas schools is that they view intellectuals with a great deal of mistrust."

The conservative J. Evetts Haley, who once offered a motion deploring the "dishonest cloak of academic freedom" was a board member at Tech when the faculty members were dismissed.

The censure is specifically against the Tech board and not the administration, and the board has largely ignored it. In contrast, Dr. Arleigh Templeton, president at Sam Houston, is anxious to have that school removed from censure.

The only way this removal can be done is by rehiring of fired professors or by retroactive pay. As a state school cannot do the latter, professors must be rehired.

A censure hurts a school primarily because members of the AAUP will not join a faculty at a censured school, Treacy noted. There is no definite report of how many teachers have declined to take positions at Tech because of the censure.

LOYALTY oaths required of faculty members at state schools are opposed by the AAUP on the basis that they are ineffective and meaningless.

Dr. W. J. Kilgore, president of the AAUP's Texas State Conference, said the group's attitude does not mean members are communist sympathizers, but rather refers to the principle that a case is to be measured on the basis of free public discussion of ideas.

The A&M chapter of the AAUP is one of 900 in the country, but it has a rather small enrollment of 130.

"There are changes at A&M, and more are coming. Part of the problem in the past was that there was too much tenure," Treacy said, referring to an unofficial tenure.

GOVERNOR JOHN CONNALLY's coordinating board for higher education is expected to do much to influence the practice of academic freedom in Texas.

One statute of the bill creating this board orders the board to "develop and recommend minimum standards for academic freedom, academic tenure and responsibility" to regents at state schools.

The state chapter of the AAUP favors this, in hopes that it will help the principles of academic freedom.



MRS. GENE OVERTON
... Aggie mother of the year.

Haskell Woman Named 1966 Mother Of Year

By JOHN FULLER

Mrs. Gene Overton of Haskell has been named Aggie Mother of the year for 1966, Student Life Committee Chairman Dick Franklin has announced.

Mrs. Overton will be recognized Sunday during Parents Day ceremonies at Kyle Field.

The Student Life Committee made the decision on the basis of a picture and a nominating letter written by her son, Michael Overton, a senior on First Battalion staff.

The letter gives a biography of Mrs. Overton, describing in particular her many activities in the community. She is a substitute teacher in the Paint Creek School and Haskell School Systems, Tuberculosis Community Drive chairman, school census worker, newswriter for the Haskell Free Press and president of the Haskell Pink Ladies, a hospital auxiliary group.

In addition, Overton said, she has served as a Den Mother and Scoutmaster's wife with the Boy Scouts of America, is a leader in her church's musical activities, a member of the Church Board and a Sunday School teacher, president of the Haskell Garden Club and chairman of the March of Dimes drive.

"Ever since I first learned that one did not have to have ever attended A&M University to become an Aggie, I have known that my mother is an Aggie," writes Overton.

"She was born into an Aggie family on January 27, 1913, married an Aggie in 1936 and has raised three Aggie sons," he goes on. "Her father, a member of the class of 1911, was the first Aggie in her life although he never received his degree from the college. As you recall, his was the class that protested the dismissal of 22 Aggies and boycotted the college."

Her husband, who took his degree in agronomy, is a farmer and rancher. The Overtons' twin sons, William and Wallar, entered A&M in 1957. William later graduated from North Texas State University with honors, and Wallar graduated from A&M as a second lieutenant.

"Today, we can boast that our family has had an Aggie in the Corps for the past eight years," Overton remarked, "and Mother never fails to attend home football games and major reviews to

keep up with their programs.

"She must have been the typical Tessie," Overton went on, "because she wrote her Aggie box number each year and although she never met any of these Aggies, she can still recall their names."

Mrs. Overton worked her way through two years of college before she began her teaching career in the elementary school at Paint Creek. She continued her education in the summer months and graduated in 1936. That September she married Gene Overton. In 1939 the twins were born.

Overton's letter also tells about the family's years on the farm during the Depression. His father, a reserve infantry officer, was called to active duty in 1942, and Overton wrote that "Mother spent the next four years tending the twins, following Dad whenever she possibly could, and try-

ing to keep the home fires burning."

After the war, the family was reunited at the rock house which Mr. Overton had built shortly after their marriage. They have remained at Haskell ever since.

"We are . . . very selfish with her," Overton's letter ends, "but we do know that Mother has always admired and loved the A&M Corps of Cadets. As a result of this love for you, we are proud to share our Mom with the Corps as their Mother of the Year because, as you can see, you are already her Sons of the Year."

Franklin, commenting on the committee's choice, said they were particularly impressed by "the fact that she has done so much for her sons and has been so active."

"I feel that Mrs. Overton is a very deserving person, and I don't think we could have made a better choice," he said.

Grant To Boost Space Research

A \$150,000 supplemental NASA grant for an inter-disciplinary space oriented research program has been announced by A&M President Earl Rudder.

Rudder said the grant is to support a broad integrated program of space-related scientific and engineering basic resources activities.

Harry E. Whitmore, A&M Space Technology head, said the grant is a \$50,000 increase over last year. A&M received \$50,000 in 1964, when the program was launched by the Engineering Experiment Station.

Largest single award is \$50,000 to Dr. Richard E. Wainerd to continue studies in remote activation analysis. The "Moon Bug" is designed to analyze the surface of the Moon or Mars.

Other awards vary from \$2,000 up, Whitmore said. All are for one year.

Individual projects and principal investigators include:

Contract Renews Activation Study

Activation analysis research at Texas A&M will be continued under a \$198,711 contract signed with the U. S. Air Force.

Dr. Richard E. Wainerd and Dr. W. W. Meinke are principal investigators for the study.

Wainerd is director of the Activation Analysis Research Laboratory. Meinke heads the Chemurgic Research Lab.

The new grant extends work begun last year to explore methods to determine the composition of materials by radioactivity.

"Gas Dynamic Studies in an Arc-Driven Shock Tube," Dr. Richard E. Thomas.

"Fracture Mechanics of Viscoelastic Composite Materials," Dr. William B. Ledbetter.

"Aerodynamics of Hypervelocity Vehicles," Charles A. Rodenberger.

"Studies in Low Altitude Flight Mechanics," Dr. Richard E. Thomas.

"The Effect of Porosity on Shearing Resistance and Thermal Conductivity for Amorphous Soils in Vacuum," Spencer J. Buchanan.

"Radial Heat Transfer from a Plasma Stream," Dr. P. T. Eubank.

"Digital Computer Solution of Two Dimensional Plane Stress Problems," Dr. J. George H. Thompson.

"Search for Anisotropies in Cosmic Ray Muon Intensities at High Energies," Dr. N. M. Duller.

"Rheological Properties of Solid Rocket Propellant Slurries," Dr. P. T. Eubank.

"Studies on Magnetic Properties of Defects in Alkali Halides," Dr. Charles F. Squire.

"Conductive Sheet Electrical Analogy Procedure for Determining Stress Trajectories," Dr. J. George H. Thompson.

Research is being conducted on the A&M campus and at the Research Annex west of Bryan. Part of Buchanan's research is being done in NASA's vacuum chambers at the Manned Spacecraft Center near Houston.

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Comical Crisis Confronted By Felon-Foilers In Follies

ZAM!! POW!! ZOWIE!!
A national crisis confronts us, Aggies.

The evil One-Eyed Jack, alias R. A. Palmgranite, and Ima Godiva have gotten Rapunzell on Sweetcherry and Gladiola Flower in their evil clutches! ZOUNDS!!

Is there no one in Groad'em City who can rescue these fair damsels in distress?

It's definitely a job for that reporter-about-town, Clyde Homer Grape, alias the 12th Fairy, and his super sidekick, Marion Strawberry, alias Marvel Boy!!

But can they arrive in time? Or will they themselves fall into the hands of the evil One-Eyed Jack??

For the cheap price of \$1 you can see for yourself this Thursday, Friday or Saturday night in Guion Hall as the Aggie Follies present "Winners and Losers," or: "How The 12th Fairy and Marvel Boy Foiled the Evil One-Eyed Jack and Rescued the Fair Rapunzell on Sweetcherry of Groad'em City!!"

Penning and directed by A&M students Kirk Stewart and Cynthia Smith, this melodrama of America's dynamic duo stars Bud Franks, Randy Davis, Roger

Williams, Jean Reyna, Frances Flynn and Jan Gannaway.

Able assisting this sinking sextet are Lin Fisk, Marie Cook, Tim E. Lane, Shirley Whately, John Gannaway and Kathie Wolcott.

Tessies To Give Last Manners Talk

Speaking on "Romance to Marriage," Tessies will present the last of their "Man Your Manners" programs tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. in the YMCA.

Aggies can find out the proper steps to take before the marriage ceremony from the No. 3 panel: seniors Judy Jones, 1966 SCSA president, and Whitney Vickers, Combat Cutie and Cotton Ball Queen finalist; and sophomores Pat Bone, class officer, and Pat Harris, 1966 Aggie Sweetheart finalist.

The four Tessies will discuss factors pertaining to the engagement—how long, conference with father and broken engagement. In addition, they will speak on the formal vs. the civil wedding, emphasizing the responsibility of the bride and groom and whether there should be a reception after the ceremony.

NASA Recovery Director To Address Sigma Xi Fete

The chief of the Recovery Operations Branch of NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston will be the main speaker Wednesday at the Initiation and Awards Banquet of the Texas

A&M chapter of the Society of the Sigma Xi.

He is Dr. Donald E. Stullken, who has participated in all recoveries to date of manned space flight operations including Project Mercury and the Gemini and Apollo programs.

The speaker will discuss "Manned Space Flight Recovery Operation," a topic which he will supplement with a color sound movie of the most recent GT-8 flight or the previous GT-7/6 flight. Program activities begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

Dr. Carl Vanderzant of the Department of Animal Science, program chairman and chapter vice president, said Sigma Xi is an honor society for researchers which encourages original investigation in the pure and applied sciences.

He said Sigma Xi Graduate Awards will go to two A&M researchers, to be announced at the ceremony. Also, 13 persons will be advanced from associate member to full member status, 15 new members will be initiated and 55 will advance to new associate member status.

Dr. George M. Krise of the Department of Biology, chapter president, will conduct the initiation and award ceremonies. About 400 persons are expected to attend.

Stullken was born in Illinois in 1920 and was graduated with a BA degree in 1941 from DePauw University. His master's and doctorate in physiology came in 1942 and 1950 at Purdue University.

From 1954-62, the scientist was aviation physiologist with the U. S. Naval School of Aviation Medicine at Pensacola, Fla. He was responsible for all aviation physiology, survival, escape and evasion and physical fitness training. He has been NASA's Recovery Operations Branch chief since 1962.

Stullken was a member of the team that developed the biocapsule for first animal ballistic space flights in 1958 and 1959; participated in design and development of life support systems, animal restraint, monkey training and recovery procedures; and recovered "Able" and "Baker" monkeys from the nose cone of the Jupiter rocket in May, 1959.

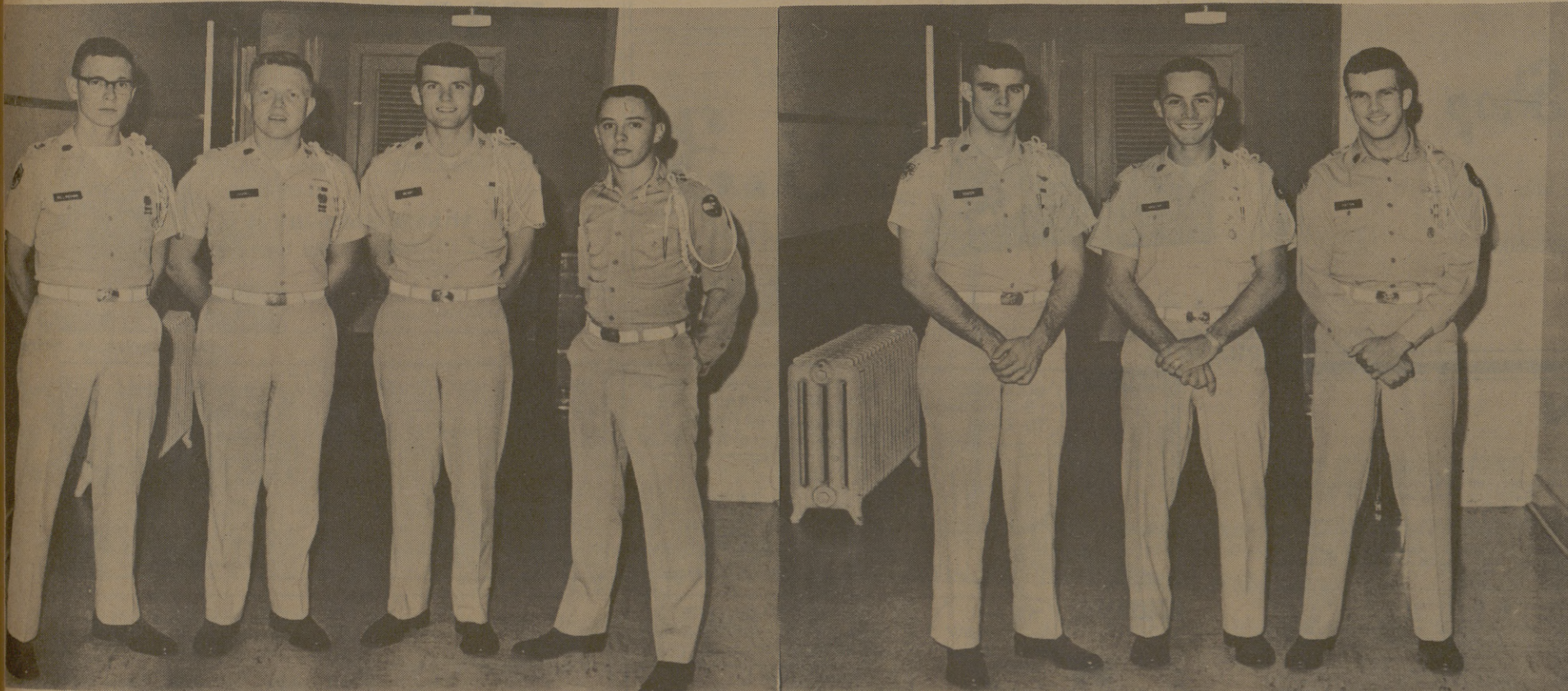
He helped develop medical requirements of the Project Mercury recovery program in 1959-60. As a result of this study, he conceived and developed the auxiliary flotation collar for Project Mercury spacecraft. The technique was adopted by NASA and is still the basic recovery procedure of all manned space flight missions.

Reservations Open For Civilian Rooms

Rooms in civilian dormitories are being reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, according to housing manager Allan Madeley.

Army Corps units should report this week to Room 108 of the Military Science Building.

Students desiring a dormitory room for the fall semester are urged to reserve rooms as soon as possible.



NEW BATTALION, WING COMMANDERS ANNOUNCED

Battalion and wing commanders for 1966-67 were announced Monday by Col. D. L. Baker, Corps Commandant. Army commanders from left are John L. Willingham, First Battalion; Melvin W. Cockrell, Second Battalion; C. Mark Berry Jr., Third Battalion, and Forbes L. Wallace Jr.,

Fourth Battalion. At right are Air Force commanders Michael M. Tower, First Wing; William C. Haseloff, Second Wing, and Gene N. Patton, Third Wing.