

Briefs From Around The Campus

Rudder Warns Culver Grads Against Moral Decay

Culver, Ind. — "Gallant men died 22 years ago to perpetuate this free country we love," a veteran of the Normandy invasion reminded Culver Military Academy graduates on the D-Day anniversary.

Earl Rudder, president of Texas A&M in College Station, was a lieutenant colonel when he led a Ranger battalion up the 100-foot cliffs at Point du Hoc on June 6, 1944.

"Many of the men who fought so desperately that day in France were Culver men," Rudder added, "and we shall forever be in their debt."

The Army Reserve Major General told Culver cadets the first step toward greatness is continuation of education.

"Your academic record will remain long after the echoes in the stadium have faded and long after the last dance," Rudder reminded.

The mark of a successful man

is development of personal convictions, he suggested.

"I note with grave concern the moral decay of some college campuses, the slovenly dress and bearded faces of beatniks who oppose decency and property authority," Rudder said. "If this is what is needed to be popular on campus, I hope you will chose to be unpopular."

The president urged graduates to achieve success even though it would be easier to yield to pleasures.

"Every one of you has the potential which is traditionally found among Culver graduates," he commended. But successful men must be willing to do things they don't want to do. They stretch themselves."

El Paso School Cops Top Award

El Paso's Thomas Jefferson High School is the sweepstakes award winner in high school news-writing competition sponsored by

Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic society.

An engraved plaque has been awarded the school for the most prize-winning articles during the 1965-66 monthly contests.

The El Paso school took honors in four of five categories. Irene Paez won first and second in general newswriting. Irma Rodriguez and Mike Holguin captured editorial writing and sportswriting awards, respectively.

Runnerup for the sweepstakes award was Weslaco High School with three prizes, including first and second place honors by Stephen Henry in general news-writing.

Glenn Dromgoole, past SDC president, announced the winners.

A&M Grad Helps With Moon Probe

Successful touchdown of the United States' Surveyor spacecraft on the moon marked special achievement for Texas A&M graduates.

The camera-carrying moonship was built by the California Institute of Technology's Jet Propulsion Labs. Deputy director of the facility is Air Force Maj. Gen. Alvin R. Luedecke, A&M graduate of 1932.

Nation-wide television coverage of the event was sponsored by the Gulf Oil Corp. Board chairman of Gulf is Ernest D. Brockett, class of 1934.

Surveyor is transmitting to earth photographs of the moon's surface near its landing site in the crater-pitted "Ocean of Storms."

Luedecke has an enviable 25-year military career. His position at the JPL is preceded by deputy and assistant chief of staff posts in the Army Air Corps India-Burma and China theaters during World War II, executive secretary of the Military Liaison Committee to the Atomic Energy Commission and commander of Joint Task Force Seven, in charge of nuclear test

series "Hardtack" at Eniwetok and Johnston Islands.

Class Of '66 Gives \$1,000 As Gift

Texas A&M's Class of '66 has raised \$1,000 for a six-foot sculptured figure for the library.

Class Treasurer Louis Sabayrac of Houston presented the gift proposal to A&M President Earl Rudder on behalf of his class.

Noted Hungarian sculptor Heri Bert Bartscht, head of the Department of Art at the University of Dallas, has been asked to produce the figure.

"The gift committee has suggested a young man in study, thought or inspiration," Sabayrac explained. "A clay model will be approved by a class committee before the final work begins," he noted.

Class representatives have contacted architects for the \$3.8 million expansion of Cushing Library to insure their gift would be appropriate. Exact location of the statue will be determined by architects and library officials, the senior representative noted.

Lightfoot Attending Maintenance School

Jim Lightfoot, weather station manager of the Department of Meteorology at Texas A&M, is attending an equipment maintenance school at Westboro, Mass.

The Alden Co. sponsored school is studying facsimile recorders. A&M's fully-equipped weather station on the third floor of Goodwin Hall includes a 19-inch recorder, which produces surface maps of North America giving 127 items of information. Station instruments are mounted on a 20 by 20 foot platform on Bizzell West, near the depart-

ment's radar horns. Services rendered by the station include five-day weather prognosis.

Lightfoot, a retired Army sergeant, came to A&M last winter.

Randall Elected Head Of ACT

Dr. Robert S. Randall of Texas A&M's Department of Education and Psychology was elected president of the Area Council of Teachers in a meeting Saturday on the University campus. He succeeds Hugh Lancaster of Bryan's Stephen F. Austin High School.

Sound-Off . . .

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Editor, The Battalion

Our association held an exhibition at the Memorial Student Center last week. The name was "Living in Modern India." It attracted wide attention and from general comments it could be considered a success.

Mrs. Neela K. Rao and Mrs. Danyanthi P. Reddi, with the help of Mrs. Smerdon, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Griffins and the officers of the association did a very good job in putting up the display.

The association takes this opportunity to thank all these people as well as Mr. Boggan and Miss Moore for the photographs and the paintings. I would also like to thank the faculty and staff of the Departments of Agricultural Information and Journalism, who acted in an advisory capacity and without whose effort a display of such elegance would not have been possible.

E. V. Ganapathy,
Secretary India Association

Other officers to serve for the next year include Mrs. Tricia Drews of Navasota, vice president; Mrs. Mary Beauchamp of Bryan, secretary, and Mrs. H. S. Creswell of College Station, treasurer.

Col. Jack Borden of Allen Military Academy is a new three-year director; Mrs. M. B. Thornton of Calvert, two-year director, and W. A. Tarrow of Bryan, one-year director.

Plans were made for joint meetings at Sam Houston State in Huntsville this fall and at Texas A&M again next spring.

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I just received a clipping that tells of the arrest of the Austin people who were distributing anti-Viet Nam war literature on campus. My congratulations to the campus police.

There are a large number of Aggies serving their country in Viet Nam and I am sure there will be more in the years to come. I, myself, have been in Southeast Asia for two and one half years. Many Aggies have given their lives so that an oppressed people might enjoy the same freedoms that we as Americans enjoy. I am sickened to hear that there are those who would oppose our fighting to defend these freedoms. The time for disagreement has passed. Our country is wholeheartedly committed in Viet Nam and we must unite and support the policies of our government. If those who oppose the war in Viet Nam could only know and understand the people and see the situation as it is here, it is just possible that they might see things in a different light.

I am certain that these anti-war beatniks can consider themselves fortunate that they were apprehended by the campus police and not by A&M students. Any American who creeps in the night, under the cover of darkness, to distribute what I consider to be subversive literature, makes a mockery of the very freedoms that we are fighting to preserve.

Capt. John F. Erskine '60
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