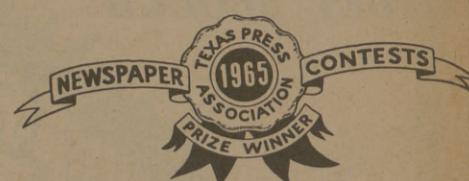


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## At Fallout Theater

### Debut Set For 3 Shows



"LEAVE OF ABSENCE"  
... cast members are, from left, Ann Ballinger and Kipp Blair.

Road Show '66 productions will debut three plays at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Fallout Theater located in the rear of Guion Hall.

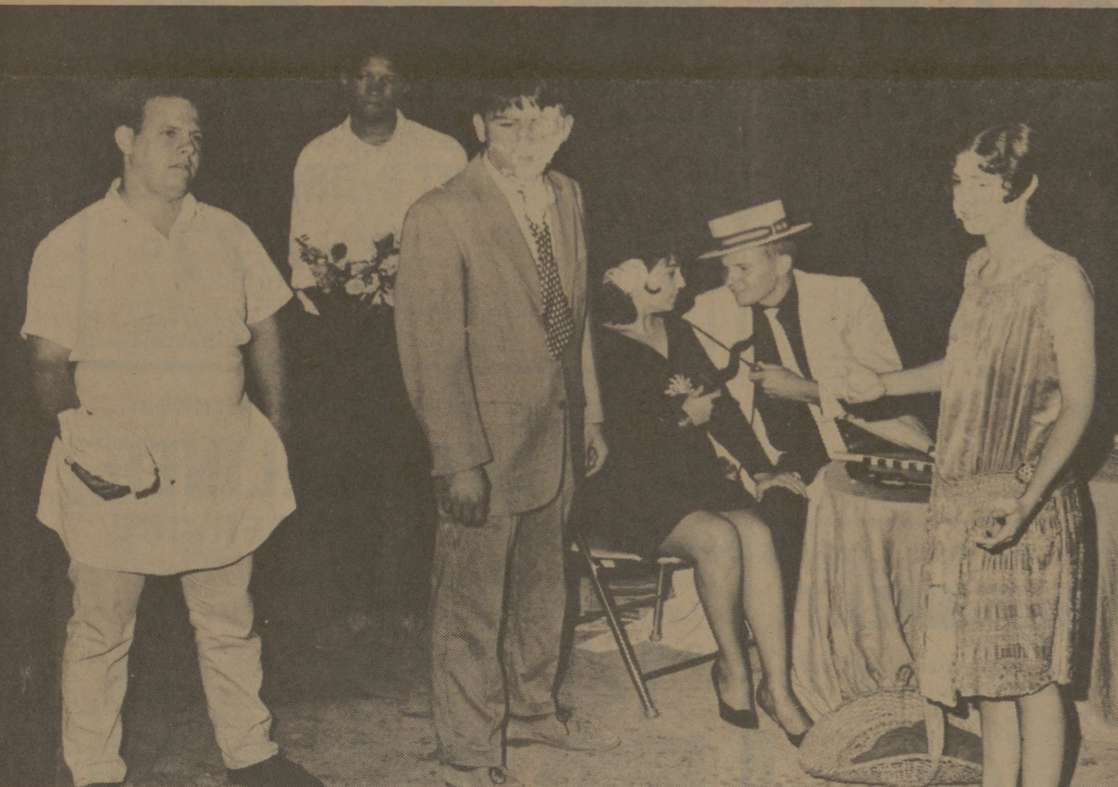
Even though the three shows have been presented in the past, they will be making their summer debut.

Scheduled for production are "Leave of Absence" by A&M student Frances Flynn, "Sharon" by Kipp Blair and "Who's Hubie?", written by Sul Ross College Department of English head Elton Miles.

Kirk Stewart will direct two of the plays and Tim Lane will direct "Sharon."

Ten Aggie Players have multiple castings and production jobs in Road Show '66. Men participating include Leon Green, Roger Williams, Stewart, Lane and Blair. Female parts are portrayed by Cynthia Smith, Jan Gannaway, Margaret Curtis, Ann Ballinger and Carol Williams.

Lane said several other bookings for Road Show '66 are in the mill and performances may be scheduled throughout the summer.



"WHO'S HUBIE?"  
... cast members are, from left, Kipp Blair, Leon Greene, Kirk Stewart, Mrs. Margaret Curtis, Roger Williams and Cindy Smith.



"SHARON"  
... cast member are, from left, Leon Greene and Jan Gannaway.

# Firemen's School To Start Sunday

The world's largest firemen's training school comes ablaze Sunday at Texas A&M.

Firefighters from virtually every corner of the world are expected to set a record enrollment of 2,200 for the 13-day school. Registrants will include representatives from 30 states and seven foreign countries.

Texas, as usual, will provide the largest number of students. Henry D. Smith, chief of A&M's Firemen's Training Division, said 467 Texas cities will send firemen.

The two-pronged school is conducted by A&M's Engineering Extension Service under sponsorship of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association in cooperation with the Texas Education Agency.

Firemen's training will be emphasized during the first week. Industrial fire protection is on tap July 24-29.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Sunday in the A&M Memorial Student Center.

Eligible cities sending firemen to the school earn key rate credits totaling \$250,000 annually.

Classes will be taught six hours a day at Brayton Training Field and on the main campus.

Instructors include 260 volunteers and paid fire chiefs from larger Texas cities and qualified technical people from manufacturing and industry.

The school utilizes more than \$300,000 in equipment and supplies provided by manufacturers, distributors, industries, federal and state agencies, and numerous Texas cities.

Twelve separate courses for firefighters, fire marshals, training instructors and officers, pump maintenance and operations specialists, armed services fire protection, specialized protection, and supervisory development are taught simultaneously the first week.

The school is no picnic for firemen. All participants need boots, helmets and bunker clothing for strenuous sessions on the practice field. Exercises are scheduled daily in battling all types of fires, including homes, gasoline and oil storage facilities, airplanes and motor vehicles.

Visitors' day Wednesday will give the public an opportunity to watch firemen in action. State, county and local government officials will be guests of honor.

More than 3,000 persons witnessed firefighting demonstrations last year. A new record in attendance is anticipated this year. Demonstrations begin at 7:30 p.m. at Brayton Field near A&M's Easterwood Airport.

A banquet is scheduled in Sbis Hall at 5:30 p.m. on Visitors' Day for firemen and special guests.

### Prof Says U.S. Top In Radiation

The United States is doing more radiation research than any other major power, surmised Texas A&M biologist Dr. Sidney O. Brown after returning from the third International Congress of Radiation Research.

The Radiation Biology Lab head was among four A&M representatives attending the six-day congress at Cortina D'Ampezzo in Italy. A&M presented five papers — more than any other university lab — at the 1,400-scientist conclave.

All major countries including several behind the Iron Curtain were represented, Brown noted. The U. S. sent 400 delegates.

Attending from A&M were Drs. Brown and W. C. Banks, professor of veterinary medicine and surgery. Former A&M radiation biologists Drs. Jerry Hunter, now at Texas Western, and E. W. Hupp, Texas Woman's University, were present.

First Bank & Trust now pays 5% per annum on savings certificates. —Adv.



HENRY D. SMITH

### PROFS TO SEE TRIPLE?

Professors at Texas A&M will be seeing triple this fall.

The reason for the multiple view is three Houston freshmen. They are 18-year-old triplet sons of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen W. Gurasich Sr., 11740 Duart Drive.

All three are winners of 4-year Opportunity Award scholarships to Aggieldand. Each will receive \$250 yearly.

Stephen William Jr. and William George will study business administration. John Francis plans to pursue industrial engineering.

Awards were announced by Dean of Instruction W. J. Graff, faculty scholarship committee chairman.

Stephen played basketball and baseball at Strake Memorial Jesuit College Preparatory School. John was on the golf team and William edited the school newspaper.

This summer the trio is working for Howard Johnson Motor Lodge on Katy Road in Houston.

## Hospital Heads Resign Posts

The director and associate director of Texas A&M's Student Health Service have resigned to accept similar posts at Wisconsin State University.

Dr. Charles R. Lyons came to A&M in March, 1956 as superintendent of the hospital. He was president of the Southwestern Division of the American College Health Association in 1961. He was cited in 1959 by The Battalion, A&M's student newspaper, for leadership in improvement of the university hospital.

Dr. Meredith Keller, a 37-year old native of Del Rio, became associate director at the university hospital last year after three years as a staff physician. He is a graduate of the University of Texas Medical School.

Resignations of Lyons and Keller become effective Aug. 31.

Dr. Kenneth Nelson, 59, a staff physician at A&M's hospital for nine years, has been named acting director. Nelson came to A&M from Warroad, Minn., where he was a general practitioner. He earned his degree at the University of Minnesota in 1937.

Announcement of the changes were made by A&M President Earl Rudder.

At Wisconsin, the 50-year old Lyons will direct health services for 9,000 students. The university uses Mercy Hospital at Oshkosh for bed patients, but provide clinic facilities on campus.

At Aggieldand, Lyons emphasized clinical facilities, reducing hospital beds from 100 to 60.

"We have averaged 230 patients a day," Lyons commented. "It's the job of our 30-employee staff to keep boys in class, not in bed. Except for an Asian Flu epidemic in 1957, we have never filled all beds."

"That was our roughest time," he recalled. "We had no deaths, but there was some mighty sick boys. We had 125 patients in bed for 10 days with temperatures averaging 104 degrees. To reduce fever, we used ice packs. Our ice capacity was low, but we used 1,000 pounds a day. Now, we have two automatic ice makers which can produce 500 pounds a day."

Lyons has been active in YMCA and civic affairs in Bryan and College Station. He is a member of the Brazos-Robertson County Medical Association and the Texas and American Medical Associations.

### Captive Pilot

## Friends Defend Ray

Friends of a former Texas A&M student now imprisoned in North Viet Nam jumped to his defense Tuesday concerning a statement attributed to him by Hanoi's Viet Nam News Agency.

Air Force 1st Lt. James E. Ray of Conroe, a prisoner of the Viet Cong since his F-105 aircraft was shot down in Lang Son Province May 8, in a broadcast monitored in Tokyo was quoted as saying: "It is my hope that the struggle of the valiant Vietnamese people against these criminal and illegal attacks over North Viet Nam in the aggressive war carried on in South Viet Nam by the U. S. will prevail."

One of the first to dispell the quote was A&M President Earl Rudder:

"As we know James at Texas A&M, we do not think he would make a statement like that. Military training is not compulsory at A&M. James chose the Air Force ROTC program to prepare himself to defend his country."

Another A&M official who knows James well is J. Wayne Stark, director of the Memorial Student Center.

"I don't believe he confessed to anything like that," Stark said. "James has a lot of intestinal fortitude. He thinks of others. In 1963, he went to Uganda via the Operations Crossroads Africa Program, and helped build an outpatient clinic with students from other countries."

"An anonymous friend loaned

James \$500 without interest," Stark continued. He paid it back shortly after entering the Air Force. This year, shortly before he left for Viet Nam, James visited on campus. I had been authorized to ask former MSC Council members for scholarship donations for overseas trips — such as

### Esten To Offer Children Theater

Creative Dramatics, a course in children theater being offered this semester, will be repeated during the second summer term, C. K. Esten, director of the Aggie Players, has announced.

The course, to include children ages seven through nine, will begin Wednesday. Marie Crook, who has an M.F.A. in theater arts from the University of Texas, is the instructor for the course.

Classes during the second term will be conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesdays and at 9 p.m. Saturdays. Class are held at the Fallout Theater in the rear of Guion Hall.

The course is open both to children, who are now taking the first course, and others who have not.

Pre-registration will continue until classes begin. A small registration fee is required.

Interested persons may contact Esten at his office, 846-7404.

his to Uganda — for newly elected MSC leaders. He gave \$5 or \$10, but he gave \$100."

A fellow student, Bob Wimbish of Wilford, commented: "James was completely helpful. I worked with him on the MSC Great Issues Committee. He's a serious-minded person."

Bob Boone, director of A&M's Singing Cadets, commented:

"James was always in a good humor. He was never pushy. As president of the council and directorate, he never asked others to do what he would not do himself."

Ray was graduated from A&M in January, 1964, with a liberal arts degree. His brother, Frank, who is to graduate from A&M in 1967, is in the Air Force ROTC.

Frank received a letter from his brother the day he learned of James' capture. He took the letter for Wayne Stark to read. Stark had been given the mission of telling Frank of James' being shot down.

James quipped in the letter: "There is always a possibility I can be shot down, but I understand they are treating prisoners fairly well at the Hanoi Hilton."

A&M Dean of Student James P. Hannigan spoke about the captured pilot:

"Jim always strived to promote maximum participation. He was energetic, active and had high personal ideals. He helped encourage others to their maximum capabilities by example."