



#### DEBATE SEASON RESULTS

Texas A&M's debate club stacked up more trophies in 1966-67 than any other team in college history. Team members are (front row, left to right) James Byrd, Ron Hinds, David Gay, (upper row) Robert Peek, Wayne Prescott and David Maddox.

# Debaters Research Extensively

The Texas A&M debate club of sophomores and a freshman performed research equivalent to a master degree thesis in a record-setting season during 1966-67.

The club directed by Carl Kell had its best squad record and trophy year in A&M history.

FIVE TROPHIES and a .606 winning percentage were amassed by three sophs and a freshman. Major ball carriers were David Maddox of College Station, Ronald Hinds of Midland, James Byrd of Houston and Robert Peek of Jacksboro.

Wayne Prescott of Houston and David Gay of College Station debated in the early fall. Prescott figured in the first trophy win, at the Harding Invitational in Searcy, Ark.

Research work for the 85-56 season began in August, when a national committee announced the 1966-67 question, "Resolved,

that the U. S. should substantially reduce its sworn policy commitments."

"It has been established that a good debater will do as much or more research than a masters degree candidate," Kell said. "He has class work too."

A&M WON FIRST place trophies at Natchitoches, La., and Nacogdoches and second places at SFA, Searcy and Abilene.

Individual trophies were taken by Hinds, Maddox and Byrd in extemporaneous, best speaker and radio speaking.

Peek, freshman in the four-some, debated for two top places and worked with Byrd for runner-up at Arkansas. He was the Class 4A state debate champ in 1965 UIL competition.

The team competed in nine meets and spoke more than a quarter of a million words during the six-month season.

"High point for us was the Oxford round," Kell noted. The special match with two Oxford University students came during A&M's second computer-match tourney in December.

DOUGLAS HOGG and Jeremy Beloff of England said the A&M match provided the most lively discussion and best crowd participation of their 10-week U. S. tour. More than 600 attended.

"Debaters are usually top students," he observed. "Our members rank high in their classes." Maddox has a perfect 3.0 grade point ratio. Byrd posts a 2.5, Hinds 2.4, Peek near 2.0, Prescott 2.8 and Gay 2.3.

"The boys have become thoroughly familiar with library utilization through their research," the coach went on. "They read many books and study hard to develop analysis, reasoning, evi-

dence, organization, refutation and delivery which debate judges grade."

He added that during the spring, A&M's two junior division teams were as good as any in the state.

"WITH HARD work and dedication, they can go to the national tournament in Chicago in the next two years."

Maddox said records were the result of teamwork and thousands of hours preparation.

"The team worked well together," the sophomore said. "We shared research ideas. When something new in foreign policy commitments came out, all four of us studied it."

He said an average of two hours research a day uncovered interesting data.

"Since the 1700s, the U. S. has entered into 4,000 treaties," Maddox pointed out.

## Space Fiesta Will Emphasize Recent Space Achievement

By RUSSELL AUTREY  
Battalion Staff Writer  
Space Fiesta '67, highlighting the United States' achievements and efforts in outer space, will begin Monday and continued for 10 days.

Speakers for the '67 Fiesta will be Dr. Kurt Debus, director of the John F. Kennedy Space Flight Center, NASA; Jack James, deputy assistant laboratory director for lunar and planetary projects, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology; and the U.S. Air Force Aerospace Presentations Team.

Space Fiesta '67 officially

opens with a review of the Corps Dr. Debus, guest of honor, will speak at 8 that evening in the MSC Ballroom.

James will discuss "The Automatic Spacecraft" in a presentation Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

The Air Force Aerospace Presentation Team from the Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., will discuss the U.S. Space Program Thursday at 8 p.m. in the MSC ballroom.

An Air Force Titan II Intercontinental Ballistic Missile will be on display, beginning Wednesday. Converted into a walk-through exhibit, this missile was the type used for all Gemini flights.

More than 30 exhibits will be on continuous display including a full-size Mercury space capsule, mock Gemini and Apollo spacecraft, lasers, spacesuits, satellites, color films and photographs taken in space.

The program is open to the general public and is free of charge.

Guided tours can be arranged for groups interested in attending the program. If a group tour is desired, arrangement should be made through the Student Program Office in the MSC two days before the preferred date.

#### Weather

SATURDAY — Cloudy with occasional light rain showers during morning, chance of thunder storms in the afternoon, winds southerly 15 to 25 m.p.h. High 83. Low 66.

SUNDAY — Cloudy with light rain during morning with thunder storms during afternoon. Winds southerly 15 to 25 m.p.h. High 80. Low 68.

## Lone Star Steel Exhibit Now On Display Locally

Did you know that iron ore is found in Texas?

"Lone Star Steel Co. alone has enough for 100 years in the East Texas land to which it has mineral rights, owns, or leases," Todd Crowell, company representative, said Thursday.

Crowell is here this week with a display trailer which shows the manufacturing operations of Lone Star Steel Co. The trailer is in front of the YMCA.

"The company now has a 22-state market, from Florida to Colorado, Illinois to Texas," Crowell explained, "and we've had our display trailer in all of them."

There have been over 200 presentations this year including visits to the campuses of the University of Texas at Austin and Arlington, Lamar Technological College, Oklahoma State University, Southern Methodist University and Texas A&M.

## Guion Hall Rally Kicks Off Class Elections On Tuesday

By PATRICIA HILL  
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An election rally at 5 p.m. on the steps of Guion Hall on Tuesday will set the stage for class elections Thursday.

The rally will give candidates a chance to express their views

to the students through five-minute "stump speeches," according to Jack Myers.

Myers said that anyone wishing to make a speech should leave his name in a note on the door of Room 318 in Dorm 7.

Candidates for the Class of



#### MAYORS VISIT A&M

Mayors Louis Welch, (second from left), of Houston and Judson Williams of El Paso speak with Great Issues Chairman Steve Kovich, (left) and Political Forum Chairman David Gay, before a presentation of the Political Forum in the MSC Thursday.

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## '67 Cotton Ball, Pageant Make For Big Weekend

### Queen & Court Will Be Chosen

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Texas A&M's Student Agronomy Society sponsors its 33rd Cotton Pageant and Ball Saturday night.

Scheduled for 7:30 in Guion Hall, the pageant will select a Cotton Queen and a court from nine finalists. The nine will come from a field of 136 entries.

THE BALL is set for the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center following the Pageant. Tickets are \$3 per couple or single. The dress will be formal for the participants. Guests may wear dark suits or white sports coats and evening dresses. Uniform for the Corps will be Class A Summer with white gloves.

The Aggeland orchestra will provide the music for the Ball.

The affair honors the state's main cash crop, cotton.

JIMMY McAFEE, senior Agronomy major from College Station will reign as King Cotton.

McAfee will be crowned by Sterling C. Evans, a member of the Texas A&M Systems Board of Directors. Evans, an Aggie-Ex, holds personal ranching interests in Texas and Louisiana. He is active in the Wortham Foundation, the Santa Gertrudis Breeders Internation, The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Growers Association, the Luling Foundation, and the Board of Governors of the Agricultural Hall of Fame.

KING COTTON McAfee is the son of Dr. and Mrs. McAfee of College Station. He was chosen by the Agronomy Society because of his outstanding student activity record. McAfee, a "Distinguished Student", serves as social secretary of the Agronomy Society and is a member of the Student Agricultural Council.

McAfee's awards include the U. S. Golf Association Scholarship, 1966-67; the Turf-Grass Association Scholarship, 1965-67; and the Trans-Mississippi Golf Scholarship, 1965-67.

MEMBERS OF King Cotton's Court are Dan Batte of Italy, Texas; John Cospser of Edna; Mike Stewart, Belleville; Rodney Smith, Rockwall; Ronnie Coleman, Huntsville; Gary McElvany, Channelview; Weldon Bollinger, Sealy; and Mike Deike of Winters.

### Crash Claims 18 At New Orleans

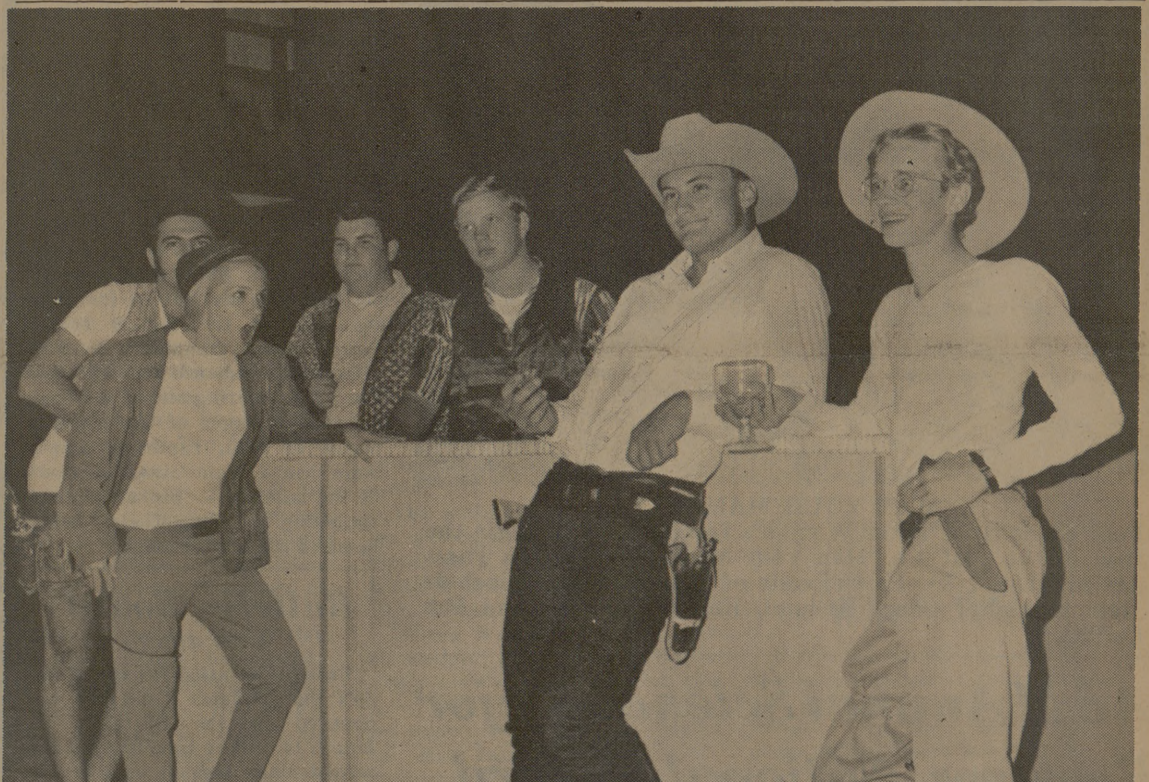
NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — A DC8 jet flying a practice landing pattern cut a swath of destruction through a residential area near New Orleans International Airport early Thursday and exploded in a fiery crash into the rear of the Hilton Inn, killing 18 persons.

Nine of the dead were high school girls from Juda, Wis. All but one burned to death in their rooms as flames fed by jet fuel engulfed a portion of the motel. The ninth girl was blown out of the building.

The tragedy occurred only hours before the girls were scheduled to leave with their classmates for some fun on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. They were on a senior class vacation outing.

On board the Delta Air Lines jet were five pilots and an inspector for the Federal Aviation Agency. All were killed when the plane fell sharply during a banking turn.

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#### "AW RIGHT, YOU GUYS!"

Stephen F. Austin High School choir members rehearse for a production of "Calamity Jane" to be presented April 7-8 in the Bryan Civic auditorium.

### Airline Official Opens Conference

Planned urbanization in Texas is a necessity for counteracting mushrooming transportation problems an airline official emphasized here Thursday.

John A. Vaill, a Pan American Airways executive, said total urban mobility in Texas cities can best be made effective by long-range planning.

Vaill spoke in the opening session of the ninth Texas Transportation Conference at A&M.

"For the good of Texas, build out, not up, during the next 20 years," Vaill commented. "Give the transportation carriers a chance to move your people and goods, not bottleneck them."

The speaker said Texas ranks fourth in the country in overall urban area air traffic production. He noted that Dallas, Houston and San Antonio airports handled 4.5 million passengers last year in addition to four million pounds of air cargo per day.

A&M President Earl Rudder welcomed conferees, urging them to challenge A&M and the Texas Transportation Institute to greater effort in helping solve transportation problems.

Speakers for Friday sessions include Alvin A. Burger, executive director of the Texas Research League, Eugene Maier, executive vice president of Houston's Jamaica Corporation, and Fred J. Benson, dean of A&M's College of Engineering.

Maj. General John P. Doyle of the MacDonal Chair of Transportation will sum up the conference.

University National Bank "On the side of Texas A&M" —Adv.

### the outside world

#### VIETNAM

Casualty reports reveal the bloodiest week of the war: 274 Americans and 213 of their allies killed, against 2,774 Viet Cong and North Vietnamese.

The toll of Americans killed and wounded in the Vietnam war this year could soar to more than 61,000 at the present rate, nearly matching Korea's first 12 months.

Red China's leadership is trying hard to convince North Vietnam that it cannot lose if it holds indefinitely against U. S. peace proposals.

#### WASHINGTON

The government rejects appeals by 38 auto manufacturers for changes and deletions in the initial federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Democrats plans to send more than 40 congressmen to college campuses next month to show off their party's wares and to find out what students are thinking.

#### NATIONAL

Two men and two women were approved today as the final four members of the jury which will try Richard Speck on charges of murdering eight student nurses. Only the selection of two alternates, expected within a few days, is delaying the start of testimony in the six-week-old trial.

An Illinois high school girl, returning to the Hilton Inn after a late night snack with friends at an airport restaurant, watched with horror yesterday as a giant Delta Airlines jet smashed into their luxury motel.

In the high school library at Juda, Wis., there's an itinerary for the senior class trip that ended in death for nine girls. Thursday's notation begins: "This is your last morning in New Orleans."

A winter of above average snowfall has eased the drought in the Northeast, but it's getting dryer in the Midwest.

#### LABOR

The latest in a long series of jurisdictional battles — this one involving only 300 of the 18,000 members of American Federation of Television and Radio Artists — apparently led to the strike of network personalities.

The federal government went into court to block the National Farmer's Organization's drive to get more money for the dairy farmer, charging that milk market boycott is illegal coercion.

#### INTERNATIONAL

After three days of bombing, all of the 35.8 million gallons of oil aboard the grounded tanker Torrey Canyon apparently has spilled out.