

An Unfinished Job

2,101 A&M students went to the polls last week to elect eight student officers for 1967-68, defying forecasters' predictions of a poor turnout.

After all tabulations were in, it was estimated that almost one-half of the eligible voters had cast a ballot and we feel that this is to be commended.

According to Jack Myers, senior election committee chairman, it was the most votes he'd seen cast since he'd been here.

But the job is not over. Less than half of the offices were filled — the rest will be decided in a run-off election Thursday.

We urge all students to return to the polls this week to finish a job well started and fill those 13 offices now being contested.

The polls will again be open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Memorial Student Center.

Cars, Cars Everywhere— But Not A One Makes Noise

As the small, compact automobile pulls up quietly to the stop sign, there is almost no sound with the exception of a slight whirling noise. The car starts away but still it makes no other sound but the almost inaudible whisper.

This might seem strange today, but in the future it may be common to see an electric car.

With recent discussion concerning the control of smog and carbon monoxide fumes caused by gasoline-burning cars and trucks, many auto and private manufacturers are once again probing the possibility of producing a practical automobile that would run on electricity.

The Yardney Electric Company in New York recently removed the rear engine from a Renault Dauphine, a small French import, and replaced it with several batteries and a small electric engine.

According to Ralph Stein, Auto Editor for This Week magazine who test-drove the car, "It was eerie. I found I could just trickle the pedal with my toe and I would crawl at a speed of a mile a week. When I reached an open space, I pressed it to the floor and we zoomed ahead smoothly."

Although many people think that the electric cars are a thing of the future, Michel N. Yardney of the Yardney Co. believes that the time for these cars "is today."

But the major drawback to the Yardney car is the cost of the storage batteries. Those used in the Yardney car are actually an expensive type used by the Army and Navy and Air Force who, with the NASA, are Yardney's chief customers.

Spokesmen for Ford, Chrysler, General Motors, and American Motors still see electric-driven cars as some distance in the future and then only a supplement to existing types of car.

The Detroit giants are, nevertheless, experimenting with advanced types of electric car.

Others are optimistic. Dr. Leslie Gulton of Gulton Industries, Inc., says that his company already has a 150-mile-range car battery that weighs 250 pounds and can be recharged in a few minutes.

In England there are more than 100,000 electric vehicles on the road, and the British Electricity Council foresees 1,000,000 electrics there within ten years.

But even with all the electric's advantages, it may be hard to sell the idea to today's teenager.

As one teen-age boy said: "What's the fun of driving a car that doesn't make a nice noise?"



"It seems th' least we could do would be to excuse classes today in honor of Randy's performance Saturday!"

Aggies Head For Antarctica On Oceanography Research

Texas A&M has been awarded a \$42,200 National Science Foundation grant to conduct an oceanographic study in the waters surrounding Antarctica.

The one-year award is for a study to be directed by Dr. Sayed Z. El-Sayed, A&M professor of oceanography.

Dr. El-Sayed said current plans call for five two-month cruises in the Indian sector of the Antarctic Ocean to make primary activity collections.

Cruises will be aboard the NSF oceanographic research ship Eltanin.

Title of the research is "Biological Productivity Investigations of the Waters Surrounding Antarctica."

Dr. El-Sayed said the research will fit in nicely with information A&M oceanographers have obtained in similar research cruises during the past two and one-half years in Atlantic and Pacific sectors of the Antarctic.

The project calls for A&M oceanographers to collect zooplankton from the surface to 3,000 meters for the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D. C. Dr. El-Sayed said the Smithsonian's sorting center will distribute the zooplankton to 43 specialists for study.

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Bryan Banker To Speak At Meeting

Travis Engelbrecht of the First Bank and Trust Co. in Bryan will speak to the Finance Club at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Room 208 of Francis Hall.

Engelbrecht's program will be divided into two parts, the first involving banking as it relates to management, operations, and other problems, and the second concerning trust management.

Editor: The Battalion; Dear Sir; I want to thank everyone who supported me in the General Election for Junior Yell Leader and urge all those who voted to vote again in the Runoff Election Thursday.

If elected Junior Yell Leader, I would propose an idea that I have had since the first of this year when misconduct at midnight yell practice nearly brought to an end this great tradition.

I propose that we include, as part of the new student orientation in September, a program for both Corps and civilian students that would familiarize them with the many traditions of A&M. This would include not only yell practices, but Silver Taps, Bonfire, conduct at football games, and other traditions of respect that Aggies show for their school and its honored dead. This program could ideally be carried out by the yell leaders and would eliminate some of the confusion and bewilderment that most new students face.

Once again let me urge everyone to vote and express my appreciation for any support that I receive.

Sincerely, Bernard "Dog" Dawson

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Editor: The Battalion; Dear Sir; First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who supported me in the class election last Thursday. You have shown your confidence in me, and I appreciate it.

Now I would like to explain just where I stand to those sophomores who saw fit to support some other candidate. I am not going to give a list of my past achievements or qualifications. I will just say that I feel that I am well qualified to hold the office of President, and that I will work hard to make 1967-68 a successful year for the Class of '69.

The most important thing I

plan to do if I am elected is to form a Junior Council. This council will be composed of members from each Corps outfit and from each civilian dorm. The council and the class officers will review all projects. When an issue is decided, the representatives will go back and report their outfit or dorm what has taken place. Since the council will allow more ideas to be presented, the class could only benefit from it.

Sincerely, Buster Adams

Wadley Research Foundation Schedules Aggie Blood Drive

A 600-pint goal has been set for the annual Aggie Blood Drive April 26-27 at Texas A&M.

Contributions go to the Wadley Research Foundation's blood bank in Dallas.

A&M donors have given 3,459 pints since the drive was initiated in 1957.

By giving to the blood bank, donors assure themselves and their families a transfusion source if need arises, commented Don Allen, drive chairman for the Student Welfare Committee of A&M's Student Senate.

"Should the blood not be used by the donor or his family within a year, the blood will be given to help save the lives of persons suffering from leukemia, Allen added.

Co-sponsoring the drive is Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity. Tommy Thomas is drive chairman for the organization.

Allen and Thomas emphasize the importance of pre-registration by donors. They said a table will be set up next week near the post office area of the Memorial Student Center to pre-register donors.

"Pre-registration will allow donors to schedule definite times for giving blood," Allen remarked. "Time spent standing in line to give blood will be reduced to proper scheduling."

A team from the Wadley Foundation will make blood collection between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day in the MSC basement.

Engineering Prof Presents Seminar

Dr. Earl W. Barrett, Department of Engineering Sciences, Northwestern University, will give a seminar on "Lidar Measurements of Atmospheric Particulate Profiles" at 3 p.m. Thursday in room 145 of the Physics Building.

Dr. Barrett's Ph.D. degree was conferred through the Department of Meteorology of The University of Chicago. At Northwestern, he has supervised the advance-degree curricula in the atmospheric sciences. His interests have been in the instrumental aspects of atmospheric measurements.

Graduate Council Sponsors Dance

The Texas A&M Graduate Student Council will sponsor an informal Spring Dance the evening of May 5 at the Holiday Inn, all graduate students.

According to Phil Lanasa, Student Senate representative, tickets for the dance may be purchased from any Graduate Student Council representative or the Student Programs Office in the Memorial Student Center for \$2.50. Tickets may also be purchased at the door for \$3.

"Last year's dance was a success," says Lanasa. "This year, music will be provided by the 'Yaks', a local group."

The dance will last from 12:30. Refreshments will be served.

COMING TO THE TEXAS A&M CAMPUS TOWN HALL EXTRA

THE ORIGINAL DON COSSACK CHORUS and DANCERS



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 8:00 P. M. G. ROLLIE WHITE COLISEUM

The virtuoso ensemble of 24 uniformed white Russian Giants—led by diminutive 4' 10" Serge Jaroff—has been singing its way around the non Soviet world since 1923. Just back from Europe, the group whose members are all naturalized American citizens, is now making its 35th annual coast-to-coast tour of the United States and Canada. Following is a New York Times review on the April 1 Cossack performance in Carnegie Hall:

"Serge Jaroff first brought his Don Cossack Chorus to Carnegie Hall thirty-seven years ago rousing the audience to enthusiastic applause. Saturday night he did so again with the same results. The choir is still most impressive in its power to excite, almost hypnotize an audience. The thrilling climax, the fantastic range of the singers, their ability to shift in a flash from overwhelming masses of sound to sustained pianissimos that sound like a faint echo rolling across the Russian plains".

Tickets on sale at MSC - Student Program Office beginning April 10. Tickets will be on sale from 9:00 A. M. to 5:30 P. M. Monday - Friday.

TICKET PRICES: General Admission only — \$2.00 and \$3.00 Season tickets and student activity cards will be valid. AN MSC - TOWN HALL PRESENTATION

The Back Porch Majority also Skeeter Davis

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 6:30 P. M. G. ROLLIE WHITE COLISEUM

BACK PORCH MAJORITY: Originally designed as a back up group for the New Christy Minstrels, the Back Porch Majority has since developed into a unique group that won the billboard D. J. poll as "the best new folk act" in the U. S. They have appeared numerous times on TV (Hollywood Palace, Hullabaloo, Tennessee Ernie Ford, etc) and have logged 200,000 miles in less than 2 years making successful appearances across the nation.

SKEETER DAVIS: Skeeter gained fame in the Grand Ole Opry and has been one of America's most popular vocal artists ever since. She sings both country and western and "pop" music. In addition to making hit records, Skeeter is a familiar personality on TV.

A&M CIVILIAN STUDENTS! Be sure and take a date to this outstanding civilian weekend performance.

THIS IS A TOWN HALL EXTRA! Student Activity Cards and Season Tickets will not be valid for this performance. Everyone must purchase a ticket.

Tickets will be on sale at the MSC Student Program Office. Students \$1.50 — Patrons \$2.00

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