

Cadet Privileges Change May 27



THESE BOOTS ARE MADE FOR SENIORS
Aggie Sweetheart Kathi Austin slips into a pair of senior boots as many of the Class of '68 will do next Saturday when cadets begin to assume next year's class privileges.

A 40-year-old tradition will continue at Texas A&M Saturday, May 27, when cadets adopt uniform privileges of the 1967-68 school year.

The distinctive A&M apparel—senior boots—will be worn the first time by next fall's first classmen on the second drill field circuit by the Corps of Cadets at Final Review.

New seniors will have further opportunity to show off the footgear of the horse cavalry at their Boot Dance that night. Commencement and commissioning precede Final Review.

Senior boots are patterned after the European style, and

were probably adopted by early U. S. military officers and cavalry from the English. The knee-length, snug-fitting gear was first worn at A&M about 1925, according to University Archivist Ernest Langford.

"Highly polished leggings were worn in 1924," the 1913 A&M graduate and former College Station mayor said.

Designed for wear during long hours in the saddle, the boots require special breeches, or boot pants. A prospective A&M senior equips himself with three or more pairs, in khaki, serge, Army "pink" and green.

His equipment outlay doesn't

end there. Other essentials are pull-on hooks, spur traps, snubbed chrome or silver spurs, cloth boot covers and, optionally, a boot jack.

The new senior may buy his boots second hand or purchase them new. Many shops custom-make the low-heel boot. Several specialize in them. Among College Station shops with the specialty is Holick's, a store established by the first A&M bandmaster, Joseph Holick. He came to the U. S. in 1885 and was the college cobbler several years.

Amusing sights are plentiful adjacent to the drill field between Final Review circuits, as

the promoted junior struggles into boots the first time. An automobile back seat is the usual "dressing room."

If his boots are purchased from a graduating senior, the principals complete the transaction without a boot touching ground.

Taking the boots off often requires assistance. Underclassmen learn to straddle the ankle and apply proper leverage at the heel to remove the long leather sheath off the closely-fit calf of a leg.

Some grads keep their boots for nostalgic reasons, but most sell to an upcoming senior. A given pair of boots may trace a

long history. Because of infrequent wear, the oft-polished and critically-cared for boots can have numerous owners. One pair was worn by seniors from San Antonio, Harlingen, Combes, Petrus and Goliad. The last purchaser had prospective buyers from San Benito and Houston.

A new senior in boots is easy to spot. It takes practice to learn to move around in boots without hooking spur attachments — and tripping.

But seniors learn quickly. And they are eager for the Cadet Colonel of the Corps' second "pass in review" at Final Review.

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Oil Official Is Speaker For 1967 Commencement

Ceremony Set For May 27, In G. Rollie White Coliseum

Del Brockett, board chairman of the Gulf Oil Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pa., will be the featured speaker for Texas A&M Commencement Exercises May 27.

The program is set for 9 a.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Brockett, a 1934 petroleum production engineering graduate of Texas A&M, has been board chairman of Gulf for two years after serving eight years as president of the corporation.

As a student at A&M, Brockett was a member of "A" and "B" Company Engineers, the Scholarship Honor Society and the Petroleum Engineers Club.

Shortly after graduation, Brockett toiled for Gulf as a roustabout to learn the oil business from the drilling platform up.

A native of Itasca, Brockett became a highly decorated officer in World War II, emerging from the conflict as a colonel.

He won the Legion of Merit, Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star with Cluster, Air Medal and Purple Heart, in addition to the Distinguished Service Order from the British government.

Brockett participated in military engagements in Lae, Linschhafen, Hollandia, Leyte, Visayan and Mindoro and was one of the first Americans to arrive in the Japanese homeland.

Brockett returned to Gulf in

1945 as assistant chief engineer at Fort Worth and in 1952 moved to Venezuela as assistant to the president of Mene Grande Oil Company.

He was elected a vice president of Gulf in 1955 and headed the Houston Production Division. In 1957, he returned to Gulf headquarters as administrative vice president.

Brockett will be introduced by A&M President Earl Rudder.

I.E. Profs In Houston Today

Members of the Industrial engineering faculty at A&M will present two of the five technical papers at the spring meeting of the Southwest Chapter of the Institute of Management Science today in Houston.

Dr. Albert W. Wortham, department head, will speak on "Probabilistic Long-Range Planning." M. J. Fox, an assistant

professor in the department, will present "Variable Probability Models—Long-Range Planning."

Theme of the conference, at the Hotel America, will be "Management Psychology — Planning for the Future."

Dr. Wortham said both papers are "invited addresses," based on research done at A&M.

Ring Dance Tops Weekend Action

Texas Aggie Seniors dress up for the last social event of the school year Saturday night, the Senior Ring Banquet and Dance.

Tickets for the banquet went off sale Thursday, but the dance tickets will be available until 5 p.m. today in the Memorial Student Center's Student Program Office.

The banquet begins at 6 p.m. and the dance at 8:30.

Identity of guest speaker for the banquet is being kept a secret.

"Because of the special nature of his act and of his being widely known, we feel it would be better not to release the speaker's name," Terrell Mullins, senior class president, said.

Music at the dance will be provided by Claude Gordon and his orchestra. The orchestra was elected the top new group in the nation by the American Association of Musicians.

Pictures of seniors and their dates will be taken at the dance. Times will be allotted according to the ticket numbers when each couple may have its picture taken.

Cocktail dress will be appropriate for the banquet, but the dance will be formal.

Senate Proposes Plan To Revive Religious Week

By BILL ALDRICH
Battalion Reporter
The Student Senate, in its regular monthly session Thursday served as an orientation meeting for most members and committee heads but also adopted a motion calling for the resumption of Religious Emphasis Week.

Issues Committee Chairman Clarence Daugherty pushed through a motion to start the Religious Week and to go to the Academic Council with a proposal to let classes out one hour a day for each of the five days in order that more people would be able to attend the services.

The hotly-contested motion was passed after being turned down once. The section on letting out classes received the most debate. Most of the senators felt the council would not allow the classes to be dismissed, even though Daugherty stressed that the times would be set up so that no more than one meeting would be missed in any class.

The Week would be held the third week in February. Daugherty (See Religious Week, Page 2)

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Troops Call Fire On Own Position

SAIGON (AP) — Cut off in close-quarter battle, a platoon of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division called in artillery fire on its own position Thursday. Whether any of the 40 or so men survived this action in the central highlands was a question hours later.

The platoon's radio evidently was silent. American officers said they had no word of the results of the shelling, reminiscent of the air and artillery strikes that Capt. William S. Carpenter called in on his paratrooper company when it was being overrun by Communist troops in the same region last June.

Farther north, U.S. armed forces blasted at enemy positions in the area of the demilitarized zone to blunt any dramatic show of force the Communists might plan for Ho Chi Minh's birthday. The North Vietnamese president turns 77 Friday.

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WASHINGTON

Senator Thomas J. Dodd appealed to the Senate Thursday for more time to prepare his defense against misconduct charges and a censure recommendation.

Under senatorial pressure, Johnson administration officials are debating whether to make a new bid for United Nations intervention in seeking peace in Vietnam.

NATIONAL

The nation's first gas turbine passenger train, designed to revolutionize intercity high-speed travel, has been constructed and now is quietly undergoing a series of feasibility tests.

Former heavyweight champion Cassius Clay, who faces a possible five-year prison term if convicted of draft evasion, cooled his heels in the Dade County Jail for an hour Thursday on a traffic charge.

INTERNATIONAL

Red China told the British Thursday it would not tolerate "Fascist suppression of Chinese compatriots in Hong Kong."

TEXAS

Using maps of the Texas Southern University campus and hundreds of statements taken from arrested students, police Thursday said they had clues to the sniper who killed a policeman during rioting at the school early Wednesday.

A 10-man conference committee started working out differences between House and Senate spending plans Thursday by asking the state comptroller for a new revenue estimate.



MORE GRADUATION INVITATIONS
Jo Scanlin opens a box of graduation invitations which unexpectedly arrived Thursday. Approximately 500 imitation leather and regular invitations are now available in the Cashiers Office of the MSC for those who need more.

Rules Governing Student Vehicles Changed In Fall

No student vehicles will be allowed in parking lots around Kyle Field when football games are played there this fall, according to 1967-68 traffic-parking regulations recently released.

"All student vehicles must be moved from parking lots No. 48, No. 49, No. 31, No. 30, and No. 39 to parking areas North of Ross Street, by 10:00 a.m. on home football game days," the regulations state.

Lots 31 and 48 are behind the Coliseum. Lot 30 is behind Guion Hall. Lot 49 will designate the lot under construction along the closed section of FM 2154 from the baseball field to the USDA building. Lot 9 is behind Law Hall. Ross street runs in front of the Exchange Store.

"We had 90 per cent voluntary cooperation from students using Lot 9 last football season," Bennie Zinn, director of student affairs, commented. "We feel that the regulation will greatly aid campus visitors who come to the games this fall."

Batt Publication Slows For Finals

The presses will slow down next week as the Battalion comes out only two times.

Giving staff members an opportunity to rest and study for finals, papers will be published Tuesday and Thursday of Dead Week.

During Final Week the Battalion will come out only on June 1 and the first summer issue will roll out June 8.

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"On the side of Texas A&M"
—Adv.

Seven Science Seniors Cited

Seven seniors have been awarded faculty achievement certificates in the College of Science.

Assistant Dean John Beckham made the presentations in behalf of Dean C. M. Zener. Beckham said the awards were for scholastic achievement and participation in student activities.

Five awards were made in mathematics, and one each in zoology and physics.

Attending the ceremonies were Dr. Charles Squire, Physics Department head, Dr. William P. Fife, Biology Department head, and Dr. Morris Ostrofsky, representing the Mathematics Department.

Mathematics winners included Kurt A. Schember of College Station, Charles W. Marslett of Fort Worth, William R. Matkin of Killeen, Frederick J. Rich of McAllen and Curtis G. Ohlendorf of Lockhart.

Richard H. Franklin of Kennedy won in zoology, as did Charles E. Scherbel of Bryan in physics.

Schember has been a distinguished student seven semesters and has a 2.9 grade point ratio on a 3.0 scale. He is president of the Singing Cadets, a member of the Math Club, Phi Eta Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi.

Marslett, with a 2.6 GPR, has been a distinguished student four semesters. He is corresponding secretary for the Political Forum and a member of the Great Issues Committee of the Memorial Student Center Council.

A member of the Math Club, Marslett also is a member of the Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers and MENSA, an international social organization with interests in psychological and intelligence testing.

Matkin, a distinguished student four semesters, has a GPR of 2.8. He is a member of Phi Eta Sigma, Phi Kappa Phi and the Baptist Student Union.

Rich has a 2.6 GPR and has been a distinguished student three semesters. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Phi Omega, the Aggie Players and the Memorial Student Center Bowling Committee.

Ohlendorf, a distinguished student five semesters, has a 2.6 GPR, is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, the Civilian Student Council and the Civilian Honor Council.

Franklin, listed in Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges, has a 2.5 GPR and has been a distinguished student five semesters. He is president of the Pre-Medical, Pre-Dental Society, a member of the Student Senate

and Memorial Student Center Directorate, and a major in the Army ROTC of the Corps of Cadets.

Scherbel, president of the Physics Club, has a 2.5 GPR and has been a distinguished student five semesters. He is president of Sigma Pi Sigma and a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Eta Sigma and the student section of the American Institute of Physics.



SCIENCE AWARD WINNERS
Winners of Faculty Achievement Awards of Science for 1966-67 include (front row, from left) Charles W. Marslett of Fort Worth, Frederick J. Rich of McAllen, and William R. Matkin of Killeen, and (back row) Kurt A. Schember of College Station, Richard H. Franklin of Kennedy, Charles E. Scherbel of Bryan, and Curtis G. Ohlendorf of Lockhart.