



# The Battalion

**Weather**  
FRIDAY—Partly cloudy, winds southerly 10 to 15 m.p.h. High 91, Low 64.  
SATURDAY—Cloudy to partly cloudy, chance of thunder showers late afternoon, winds southerly 15 to 20 m.p.h. High 87, Low 72.

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## President Sends Seniors Letter

To The Graduating Class, Texas A&M University, 1967  
It is a pleasure for me to extend my best wishes as you complete your college education.  
You are graduating into a society in which you will be warmly welcomed. Our country has never had so great a need for highly educated men and women. Never have young Americans moved from the college campus into a world offering so broad a range of opportunities for individual fulfillment and contribution to the welfare of humanity.

Your generation of students has been distinguished by its fresh and vigorous concern for the quality of American life and its commitment to American democracy. Perhaps the greatest opportunity awaiting you is the challenge to make this a life-long commitment.

Today, Americans from every walk of life are striving together to shape a society that can offer a meaningful and rewarding life to all its members. Never have so many of our countrymen been so deeply dedicated to eradicating the old evils of ignorance, poverty, and bigotry from every corner of the land.

Through your years of study, you have prepared yourselves for positions of leadership in this quest for a better America.

I congratulate you, and urge you to take full advantage of that opportunity:

Sincerely,  
Lyndon B. Johnson  
President, United States of America

# Seniors Await Degrees At Saturday Ceremonies



ACTIVE PARTICIPANT

The student pictured above is only one of the 10,000 Aggies now participating in the celebration of "Dead Week" at A&M. This is traditionally the time when students can devote themselves to preparing for the finals since there are no papers to be turned in or exams given at this time. Ho, Ho, Ho!

## 118 Commissions Awarded Cadets

By CHARLES ROWTON  
Nearly 900 students will receive degrees in graduation ceremonies at G. Rollie White Coliseum Saturday.

The degrees will be conferred in a 9 a.m. program.

Undergraduates will receive 675 of the degrees and 223 students will receive advanced degrees. Forty-two doctorates will be conferred and 181 master's degrees.

Commissioning ceremonies follow at 1:30 p.m. at G. Rollie White. Fifty-six Army, 57 Air Force, and five Marine Corps commissions will be awarded.

Del Brockett, board chairman of the Gulf Oil Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pa., will be the featured speaker for the commencement exercises.

President Earl Rudder will introduce Brockett, a 1934 petroleum production engineering graduate of A&M and will be named one of the University's distinguished alumni Saturday. He was a member of "A" and "B" Company Engineers, the Scholarship Honor Society, and the Petroleum Engineers Club.

Brockett, who has been chairman of the board for Gulf for two years, is a highly decorated World War II veteran. He participated in campaigns in Lae, Linchhafen,

Hollandia, Leyte, Visayan, and Mindoro.

Lt. Gen. John W. Carpenter III, commander of the Air University in Maxwell AFB, Ala., will be the speaker for the commissioning exercises.

Carpenter studied engineering at Oklahoma A&M and Mississippi State prior to entering West Point in 1935. He was commissioned in 1939. He won his wings in the Air Corps. He served in the Pacific Theater in World War II, commanding the ground echelon of the 19th Bombardment Group.

He became commander of the Air University in August, 1965.

## 'Y' Sponsors Finals Break

During finals week, the YMCA will offer a new special service.

After a survey of the limited facilities for a break during studying, the 1967-68 "Y" Cabinet decided to establish a "Coffee break" in the lobby of the YMCA.

Beginning Sunday night and continuing through Thursday night, the "Y" will be open from 9:00-2:00 a.m. for students to take a break. Tables will be set up for students who wish to bring their books and study.

Coffee and fresh donuts will be served at a cost of 10 cents for coffee and 5 cents for donuts. All Aggies are invited to come to the "Y" for a "Coffee Break."

## Boot Dance Set Saturday Evening

The Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center will be the setting for Saturday night's Junior Boot Dance.

The 8:30 p.m. dance will cost \$3.50 per couple, and tickets may be purchased from each unit's Junior Council Representative and the Student Programs Office in the MSC.

Junior class president Sanford T. Ward stated that dress for the occasion will be Class A summer uniforms with battle scarfs. Cadets' dates should wear a semi-formal cocktail dress without corsage, as suggested by the junior council.

Color pictures of the dance will be available for \$3.50 for two 5x7's, four billfolds, and shipping costs will be available at the dance.

Ward reminded all council members that money from ticket sales should be turned in at the Student Programs Office or to Bob Nordhaus before 5 p.m. Friday.

## Liberal Arts Cites Five Top Students

Five honor students will be cited by the College of Liberal Arts today.

Distinguished honor certificates will be presented Dee Anna Bogusch of Abilene, Thomas M. DeFrank of Arlington, Margaret Anne Droste of Houston, Pedro Garza of Santa Rosa and Sharon Harless Hall of Hearne.

Liberal Arts Dean Frank

Hubert will make the award designed for outstanding college seniors. The five students with 2.75 or better grade point ratios graduate Saturday.

Mrs. Droste, a history major, has an overall 2.9 GPR and is a Woodrow Wilson Scholarship nominee.

Mrs. Bogusch has a 2.83 GPR and majors in education. A government major, Garza posted a 2.8 and is active in the Ross Volunteers and other organizations.

Mrs. Hall is studying English with a 2.75 overall GPR.

Dr. Frank's 2.79 in journalism earned Distinguished Student status seven semesters. The Distinguished Military Student is a Bryan Daily Eagle reporter, correspondent for "Newsweek" and the "Washington Post," and is active in numerous student organizations.

All five honorees are members of Phi Kappa Phi, honor society for students within a year of graduation who are in the top tenth of their class scholastically.

## Committee Open

### For Chairmanship

The chairmanship of the Travel Committee of the Memorial Student Center is still vacant, according to MSC Council vice-president Wayne Prescott.

"Anyone interested should apply at the Student Programs Office in the MSC," he said.

The Travel Committee provides organized student and faculty vacation tours and low cost transportation abroad during the summer.

A minimum over-all grade point ratio of 1.4 is required of all applicants.

## Eleven Faculty Members Receive Service Awards

Eleven Texas A&M faculty members received \$1,000 awards for distinguished service during the university's annual recognition and achievement program recently.

The Association of Former Students presented eight of the awards and the Standard Oil (Indiana) Foundation, Inc., three.

Recipients of the Former Students' Distinguished Achievement in Teaching awards are Dr. Alfred F. Chalk, professor Economics Department; Assistant Professor Sidney S. Cox, English Department; Professor A. F. DeWorth, leader of the Floriculture Section, Department of Soil and Crop Science; and Dr. Charles F. Hall, associate professor in the Veterinary Microbiology Department.

Distinguished Achievement in Research awards went to Dr. John G. Mackin, professor and head of the Biology Department, and Professor J. W. Sorenson of the Agriculture Engineering Department.

Dr. Howard L. Gravett, professor of biology, received the group's award for distinguished achievement in individual student relations, and Basil Mason Hackney, head of the Engineering Extension Services' teacher training program, was similarly cited for his extension work.

The Standard Oil (Indiana) Foundation awards, all for teaching, were presented to Dr. Allan C. Ashcraft, associate professor of history; Dr. Dan D. Drew, associate professor of industrial engineering; and Dr. Richard M. Hedges, associate professor of chemistry.

Also honored during the Tuesday program were 10 retiring faculty members who have served a total of 280 years at Texas A&M. Those retiring, their departments and number of years of service are:

Dr. W. B. Davis, Wildlife Science, 30 years; Dr. A. D. Folweiler, director of the Texas Forest Service and a member of the graduate faculty, 18; Dr. A. B. Nelson, History and Government, 30; Professor J. P. Oliver, Engineering Graphics, 28; Professor J. A. Orr, Civil Engineering, 39.

Also Associate Professor Homer E. Rea, Soil and Crop Science, 42; Dr. I. W. Rupel, former Dairy Science head who also served overseas with International Programs, 20; Dr. O. E. Sperry, Range Science, 21; Professor C. E. Tishler, Health and Physical Education head, 26; and Assistant Professor J. M. Ward, Agricultural Economics and Sociology, 26.

A&M President Earl Rudder

presided at the session and briefly reviewed major events of the current school year. Jack Crichton of Dallas, Former Students president, also made brief remarks and presented his group's awards.

Graduate Dean Wayne C. Hall read the citations listing the background and achievements of the faculty members being honored.

Dr. Chalk's citation, expressing the opinion of a graduate student, called attention to the professor's "adroitness in the use of a Socratic method which requires you to handle questions which have no single answer but which invite exchange of views and analytical correlation of facts." He has been a member of the A&M faculty since 1936. Advancing through the academic ranks to professor and department head, he asked to be relieved of administrative responsibilities to return to full-time teaching. He holds degrees from Baylor, Texas A&M and the University of Texas.

Professor Cox is "indefatigable, patient, humorous and exciting," according to his citation. It further notes he "is a teacher (See Faculty Awards, Page 4)

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"On the side of Texas A&M"  
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## Students Offered Summer Storage

Students who wish to store trunks, lamps and other personal belongings during the summer terms may store them in the northwest corner of the hospital basement (guardroom entrance) or the basement of Ramp A, Walton Hall, announced Bennie A. Zinn, director of student affairs.

Both storage rooms will be open to accept items for storage as follows: Monday, May 29; 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, May 30; 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, May 31, 11:00 to 12:00 a.m.; Thursday, June 1, 11:00 to 12:00 a.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Friday, June 2, 11:00 to 12:00 a.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 3, 11:00 to 12:00 a.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The minimum charge will be \$50 for each item with a declared value of less than \$50.00 and a \$1.00 charge for each article with a \$100.00 declared value.

All inquiries concerning baggage storage should be directed to the Secretary of the Agronomy Society in care of the Agronomy Department, or call 846-5022.

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# There Are Many Ways Not To Study For Finals



YOU MAY WANT TO WASH YOUR CAR...



LOUNGE AROUND IN THE MSC...



...OR JUST SOAK UP THE SUN.