

The Battalion

Weather
 Thursday — Cloudy, intermittent rain ending late afternoon. Winds South 10-20 m.p.h. High 58, low 44.
 Friday — Cloudy, winds South 10-15 m.p.h. Afternoon rain showers. High 64, low 52.

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Research Reveals A&M's True Age

By DAVIS MAYES
 Texas A&M at last knows exactly how old it really is. Archivist Ernest Langford, after receiving unexpected new evidence Wednesday, has set June 13, 1871, as the date of A&M's founding. For 72 years the accepted date had been June 20, 1872.

The new source is John Rosser's "Journal of a Trip to Texas in 1871" sent by his grandson, L. T. Potter, '28, chairman of the board of directors of Lone Star Gas Co. in Dallas.

While visiting in Bryan with his daughter and her husband, J. D. Thomas, who was later president of the A&B board of directors, Rosser wrote:

"TUESDAY, June 13, I spent the day riding 'round the neighborhood of Bryan with the commissioners, Dr. Slaughter, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Grothaus and with some other men looking for a spot to locate the Agricultural and Mechanical College. . . ."

IN HIS LETTER to Langford, Potter said he decided to send the "Journal" after reading of Langford's research efforts in the January issue of the Texas Aggie. After tedious research, Langford said he had found three

separate letters in the state archives addressed to Gov. E. J. Davis that implied the existence of A&M before July, 1871. HE NOTED that Rosser's brief account is the only known record of the actual day the commissioners studied sites to locate the university.

THE ERRONEOUS June 20, 1872, date was first mentioned as the day A&M was founded in "An Historical Sketch of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College" written by Robert F. Smith in 1895.

Later histories of the university probably took Smith's date for fact and never checked it, Langford said.

The change in founding dates may move any plans for an A&M centennial celebration up one year. Also affected by the change would be numerous history books and almanacs.

ROA Chapter To Induct DMS Cadets

Reserve Officer Association student memberships will be presented 124 Distinguished Military Students at Texas A&M Wednesday afternoon by local ROA chapters.

Presentations by Gen. Joe Hanover, 420th Engineer brigade commanding general, and Col. James R. Bradley, 837th Military Intelligence Detachment commander, will be for the Brazos County ROA chapter and 420th organization.

A&M CADETS to receive student certificates will be eligible for full ROA membership upon graduation and commissioning next May. Presentations will be to 102 Army and 22 Air Force ROTC cadets.

Col. Jim H. McCoy, A&M commandant, will introduce speakers, possibly including President Earl Rudder, who will describe the association.

"We want to encourage ROTC officers to join ROA," explained Bradley, Brazos chapter president and head of industrial economics at A&M. "Memberships will be presented to these outstanding military students because it is felt they will stay on active duty for two years or more."

CHARTERED in 1922 by Congress, the association supports U. S. military policy that will provide, develop and execute adequate national security.

"The association keeps up well informed on legislative matters that affect reserve officers," Bradley noted, pointing out that reserve officers go by different rules and regulations than regular Army and Air Force officers.

Fellowship Hears Education Leader

The Rev. Eugene B. Navias, education consultant and field worker for the Unitarian Universalist Association, will visit the Unitarian Fellowship, 305 Old Highway 6 South, College Station today at 8:00 p.m. He will speak on "Examining Goals in Religious Education."

Grad Students Win 7 Awards

Texas A&M graduate students won seven of nine awards for technical papers in university competition at the annual meeting of the North Texas section of the American Nuclear Society.

Dr. Robert S. Wick, professor of nuclear engineering and sponsor for Texas A&M's ANS student section, said the A&M students received all three prizes in two of the three general categories and placed second in the other.

Thomas L. Krynski, William B. Wilson and Phillip F. Sandel placed first, second and third, respectively, in basic physics presentations.

A&M also had a clean sweep in reactor related topics, with James Sumpter, Robert T. Perry and Mitty C. Plummer taking top honors in the order listed.

James E. Lee, Jr., was runnerup in the research and development category, finishing second to Larry Logsdon of North Texas State.

First-place awards included cash prizes of \$25 and second place \$15. Funds for the awards were donated by Radiation Research, Inc. of Fort Worth.

General Dynamics hosted the weekend meeting at its Fort Worth plant.

The winning papers will be entered in competition at the 1968 American Nuclear Society's student conference for the western states, scheduled March 29-31 at the University of Arizona.

The North Texas section of ANS awarded A&M \$100 to help defray costs for student participation in the Arizona conference. W. A. McFarland, associate director of A&M's Cyclotron Institute, presented a technical paper in the non-competitive faculty portion of the Fort Worth meeting.

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 —Adv.

Rudder Looks Into Future Of A&M

By MIKE PLAKE
 Battalion Features Editor
 (Editor's Note: This is the conclusion of a three-part series on Texas A&M, its history, its economic impact on the community, and what is to come in its future.)

The following is an interview with Earl Rudder, President of the Texas A&M University System.)

BATTALION: What is the future of the Cadet Corps? Will the present system remain? (i.e., cadets residing in companies in a separate Corps area, seven days a week.)

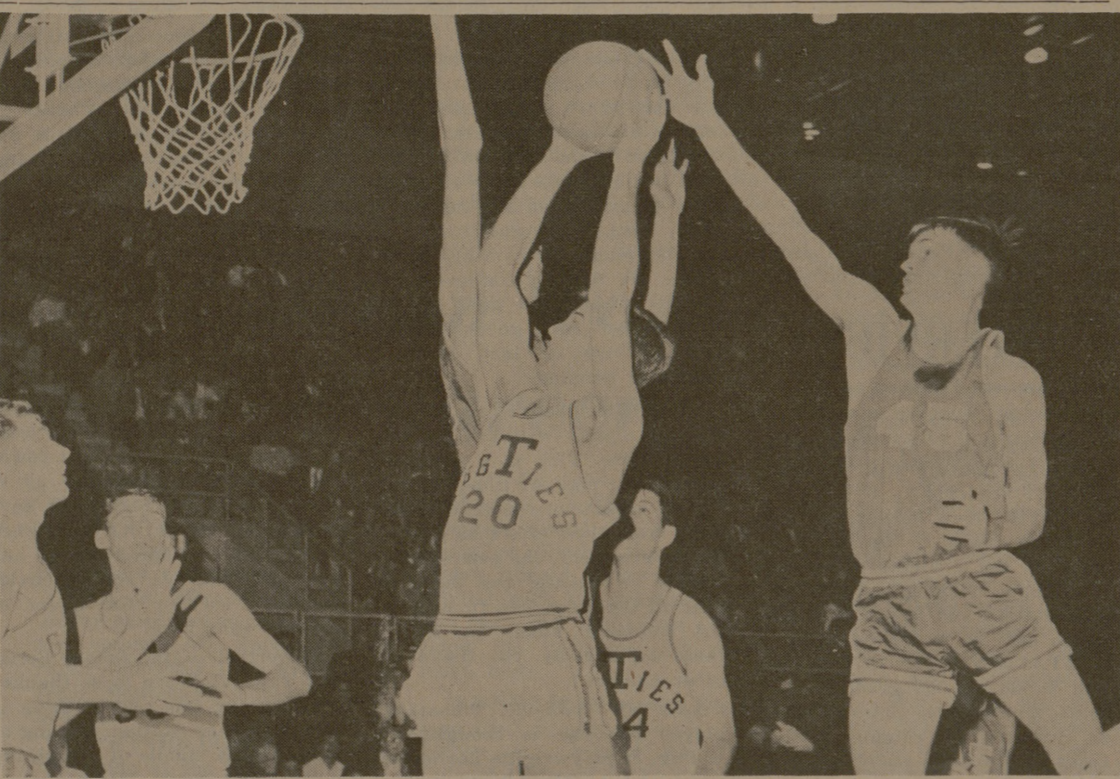
RUDDER: This hinges on two things. First, if there is continued

and improved support by the Department of Defense. Second, if the Cadet Corps conducts its affairs in such a way that students will desire to become a part of it. In other words, the future of the Cadet Corps is in the hands of its members.

BATTALION: Each year, the comparative number of civilians and Cadet Corps members changes. The percentage of Corps members compared to the number of civilian students has fallen. What, if any, changes will you make in regard to this?

RUDDER: The appointment of Ed Cooper as Director of Civilian Student Activities is an example of the changes that will be made.

N. Korean Predicts War Unless U. S. Leaves Nation



TWO FOR UNDERWOOD
 Aggie guard Johnny Underwood shoots over the out-stretched hand of Rice's 6-7 sophomore center, Steve Wendel, for two points in the second half of the Aggies' 78-58 win last night. Wendel fouled Underwood on the play and the 6-3 senior from Honey Grove converted the free throw to complete the three-point play. The Owls' Bob Rule (45) missed a block attempt as the Aggies' Ronnie Peret, Mike Hazel and Billy Bob Barnett wait for a possible rebound. See story, page 5. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Saber Becomes Memorial To Prison Camp Victim

A Texas A&M cadet officer's saber worn by a 1935 graduate and two flight commanders will become a Corps of Cadets unit memorial to James Randolph Oppenheim, who died in a World War II prison camp.

Instigated by sophomores and freshmen of Squadron 2 in the corps, the Oppenheim Memorial saber will be carried once a year and displayed at other times.

The saber of James R. Oppenheim was presented to Robert D. Robison, a Squadron 2 sophomore, by Air Force Maj. Duane E. Vandenberg, currently stationed at Bergstrom AFB.

"The sophomores and freshmen felt the saber is symbolic of

Squadron 2 and want to place it in proper respect," explained Robison, a zoology major from Memphis, Tenn. The Oppenheim Memorial was designed by Squadron 2 cadets. Cadet Maj. Brian E. Heckman of Humble commands the unit this year.

THE SABER will be presented to each new Squadron 2 commander who will wear it during Final Review, the last dress parade of each school year at which cadets achieve rank and privileges for the following fall.

During the year, the saber will be displayed at the Military Science Department or squadron quarters in a glass case given by the Classes of 1970 and 1971.

Oppenheim carried the historic saber as adjutant of the Composite Regimental Staff in 1935. A cadet captain in the corps, he was a member of the Ross Volunteers and as a junior was first sergeant of "A" Engineers. The A&M student from Houston received his civil engineering degree and commission in 1935.

ORDERED to active duty with the Army Corps of Engineers in 1940, Oppenheim arrived in the Philippines in October, 1941. He was stationed at Fort Stotsenberg and Clark Field near Manila and had charge of air field construction and maintenance.

Aerospace Studies Department research shows Oppenheim was with Gen. Douglas MacArthur on Bataan and died in a Japanese prison camp shortly after the American surrender at Corregidor.

Oppenheim's father presented the saber to Vandenberg while he was a student at A&M. Vandenberg, a business administration major from Houston, turned it over to Flight "B" commander Hansel C. Kennedy of Pampa to carry in 1951-52. Kennedy passed it on to J. R. Holder of Mart, 1952-53 Squadron 2 (Flight "B") commander.

The saber was then returned to Vandenberg, who retained possession until passing it on to Robison.

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Aggies To Enter Slides In Contest

Slides of four Texas A&M students will carry the Memorial Student Center camera committee's colors forward into Gulf States Camera Club Council competition.

Winning color slides of a regular committee contest were made by Capt. Harry H. Culler Jr. of San Antonio, a graduate student in civil engineering; Tom Niederauer of Bryan, third-year architecture major; Maury M. Calvert Jr. of New Orleans, junior in architecture, and Tibor G. Csicsatka of Utica, N. Y., freshman electrical engineering major.

Their photographs were judged tops among 56 entered, noted Frank Tilley of Jacksonville, committee chairman.

AIR FORCE Academy graduate Culler turned his camera on a

sidelighted scene of his sons, David, 6, and Jimmy, 5, fishing at Bryan's Country Club Lake.

"They caught some fish, too," the nine-year Air Force officer said.

Niederauer tripped his shutter while Pacific Ocean fog rolled across a Puget Sound bridge.

A Mexican waif framed by vertical lines of an Alameda Park revolutionary monument in Mexico City won for Calvert, who studied a year at the University of the Americas.

CSICSATKA arranged a chalice, candle and fork against a blue background for a still life photo winner.

The MSC camera committee is affiliated with GSICC and enters members' top photos in the regional competition.

U. S. Urges Korea To Halt Aggression

By WILLIAM L. RYUN
 AP Special Correspondent
 PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP) — A North Korean representative said today there will be war unless the United States gets out of Korea, and the U. S. delegate replied that the North could insure peace by stopping acts of aggression.

The harsh exchange came at a meeting of the Military Armistice Commission called to discuss charges by the U. N. Command of armistice violations by the Communists. There was no discussion of the fate of the 83 crewmen of the Pueblo, the U. S. intelligence ship seized by North Korea Jan. 23.

Meanwhile, U. S. special envoy Cyrus Vance extended by still another day his visit to Seoul, where he is trying to patch up U. S.-South Korean differences over U. S. priorities in Korea.

The South Koreans have complained that the United States is paying more attention to the Pueblo incident than to the attempted assassination of South Korean President Chung Hee Park Jan. 21 by 31 North Korean commandos who invaded Seoul.

Rear Adm. John V. Smith, senior U. S. representative on the armistice commission, cited the assassination attempt today and said there had been 7 other serious truce violations by the North in the last 44 days.

"The decision whether there is peace or hostility depends upon the whim of an apparently irresponsible North Korea," he said. "Your side can have peace merely by unilaterally stopping acts of aggression. You must stop dispatching armed murderers into the Republic of Korea."

North Korean Gen. Pak Chung Kook glared at Smith and replied: "We don't want war but we are not afraid of it."

He said North Korea would

match buildup for buildup, blow for blow "and all-out war with all-out-war" if it should come to that.

Pak added that it would come to war unless the United States agreed to "take your bloody hands off Korean and withdraw from South Korea."

The only mention of the Pueblo was a charge by Pak that the United States was taking advantage of the incident to make "full preparations for war" and create a climate in which hostilities could be touched off "at any moment."

It seemed unlikely that the Communists had any intention of apologizing for the attempt on President Park; and the American posture indicated little intention of bowing to a Red demand for an apology for the Pueblo's alleged intrusion into North Korean territorial waters.

Instructor Hunts Campus Trouble

B. T. McLennand, industrial accident prevention instructor is looking for trouble and wants help.

The trouble he's seeking is hazardous conditions on campus.

McLennand said students in his industrial education classes will investigate any potentially dangerous conditions called to his attention by students or university employees.

"One should not wait until an accident happens before he reports a hazardous condition," the instructor emphasized.

McLennand said all reports should be forwarded directly to him and include the name of the sender.

Fish Drill Team To Enter WTSU Tourney Saturday

Texas A&M's 20-member Fish Drill Team opens spring semester competition in Canyon next weekend at the Scabbard and Blade Drill Meet sponsored by West Texas State.

The Feb. 17 competition will pit the Aggie freshman against teams from West Texas State; University of Texas at El Paso, Texas Tech, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico State, Panhandle A&M, New Mexico Military Institute and Oklahoma A&M.

A&M's 1966-67 team captured all four trophies at the Canyon meet last year. The team won basic and fancy drill, graded best in inspection and amassed the most points for the overall trophy.

A new team commander, Samuel E. Garcia of San Antonio, will lead the fish at West Texas State.

The Squadron 11 freshman was executive officer and guidon bearer last semester.

Grade point ratio requirements severely cut team membership after fall semester grades were posted. To remain on the team, a fish must have at least a 1.0 GPR.

The 1967-68 team made two fall semester competition appearances.

"A Houston meet was for experience," noted Jim Vogas of Galveston, senior advisor. "The team must start making its own reputation now."

The Canyon meet will be the freshmen's last before the annual A&M Invitational March 16.



HERE CHICK, CHICK, CHICK
 Barney Ballard, civil engineering student from Itasca, attracts the attention of the chicks in the FFA exhibit in the showcase of the Memorial Student Center. (Photo by Mike Wright)