

Alcorn A&M Students Riot, Highway Patrol Fired On

LORMAN, Miss. (AP)—A student riot erupted into a gun-battle early today when white officers cleared a burning dormitory with tear gas, and three persons fell wounded by bullets at all-Negro Alcorn A&M College.

Two persons were rushed to a hospital at nearby Port Gibson, one with a bullet wound and the other slashed by flying glass.

Two of the wounded students and five others cut by glass or debris apparently were not injured seriously enough to be hospitalized.

THE OFFICERS reported they were forced to fire on the crowd of 200 when they dispersed rioting male students from the dormitory and then were fired on with one shotgun and several pistols.

"Students were firing guns, throwing bricks and chairs and they set one building on fire," reported Chief Deputy Dan S. McCay of Claiborne County.

None of the 40 highway patrolmen, 11 campus guards and sheriff's deputies were wounded. The fire in the dormitory was quickly put out.

LATER today, sullen students met in small groups under the wary eye of highway patrolmen, who maintained roadblocks around the co-educational school of some 2,300 students.

A school spokesman implied that the highway patrol was rougher than necessary in clearing the dormitory. The spokesman said there were some doubts as to what actually started the shooting.

"There was some shooting out here—but there is a question of who was shooting what," the spokesman said. "I certainly can-

not deny the students were shooting, because I was not there and the highway patrol might have more information about what went on all during the night."

DEPUTY McCay blamed the riot on three students—"one suspended for drinking and the other two for cursing the school's superintendent."

The riot at Alcorn, located deep in rural southwest Mississippi, was the second involving gunfire at a Negro college in the past two weeks.

Classes were closed at South Carolina State College at Orangeburg on Feb. 9 after three young

Negroes were killed the night before during racial violence. That town was reported "returning to normal" today and classes were scheduled to resume Monday.

AT ALCORN, the school spokesman said the administration feels handicapped about discussing the problems because it is felt the highway patrol took control of the situation away from the president. He said the three unidentified students blamed as ringleaders were put off the campus last week after an accident at the president's house.

A&M Awarded \$65,000 Grant For Health Study Development

Texas A&M has been awarded a \$65,000 U. S. Office of Education grant to help develop the university's capabilities in health education.

Dr. C. W. Landiss, head of A&M's Health and Physical Education Department, said the funds will be used for faculty development, library resources and teaching materials.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare agency

also has awarded the university eight health education fellowships during a two-year period beginning Sept. 1.

A&M's health education fellowship program, directed by Dr. Donald J. Merki, is designed to train high school health teachers.

Each of the 12-month fellowships will provide for student stipends and other expenses for study on the master's level.

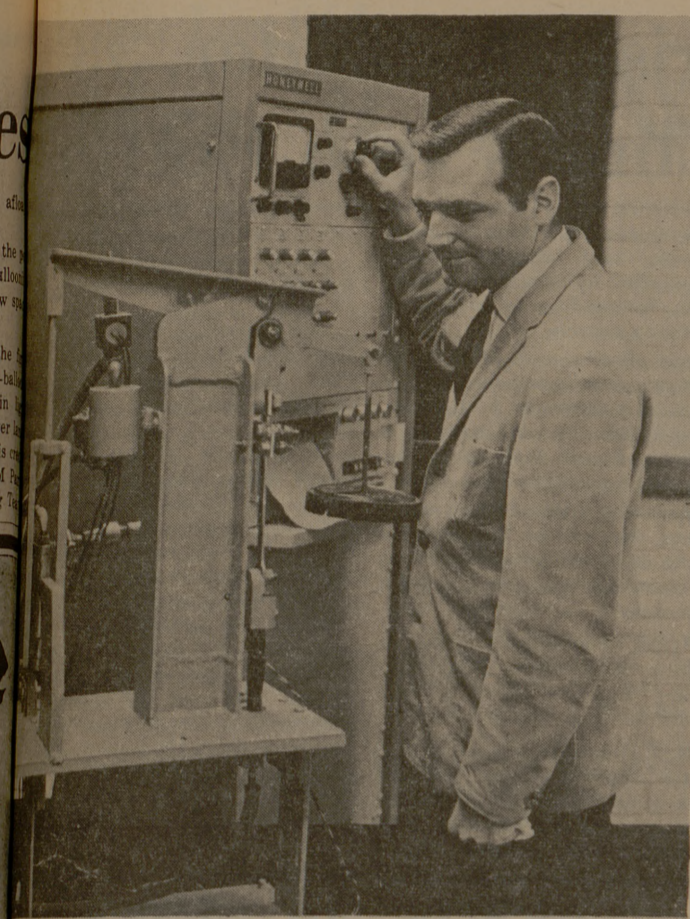
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TODAY
The Orange Hometown Club will elect a club sweetheart at 7:30 p.m. in the Rotunda of the Academic Building.

The MSC Travel Committee will have a program for anyone interested in the charter flight to Europe this summer at 7:30

p.m. in Room 3-C of the Memorial Student Center.

FRIDAY
The A&M Women's Social Club will present "Signs of the Times," a fashion show and tea at 3 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center. Hostesses for the event are the wives of the Military Science Department.



NEW TESTING DEVICE
Dr. Ronald Wells, a metallurgist at Texas A&M University's Space Research Center, adjusts the controls on a new testing device he designed to simulate the conditions of welding.

A&M Metallurgist Builds 'Non-welder'

A Texas A&M University metallurgist has designed a machine which duplicates the stresses and strains of welding without a spark being struck.

Dr. Ronald Wells of the Space Research Center at A&M hopes to get an insight into what happens in cracking of metals.

This research is important because manufacturers of such highly-sophisticated objects as spacecraft are using more exotic techniques in casting and welding new metals.

"We hope ultimately to have a theory of cracking—a really quantitative theory," Dr. Wells said.

After coming to A&M, Dr. Wells and students developed a new apparatus which subjects samples of metals to conditions simulating welding.

"We heat by resistance (like the coils in a toaster) a metal to a set program and it is restrained and cooled at a given rate. So, instead of having to weld a full structure and have it fail, we can do it on a model," he said.

Wells noted investigators have found that most weld cracking occurs at the diffusion line just out of the weld.

The researcher is one of a number of investigators who are studying the new requirements made on materials by the space age.

Other programs involve the acceleration of tiny pellets to high speeds so that meteorite impact on spacecraft structures can

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