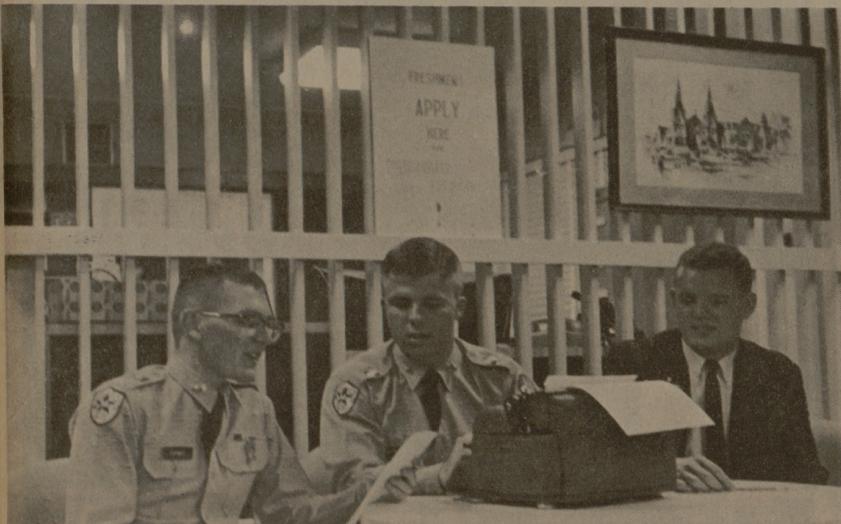




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Weather
Friday — Cloudy to partly cloudy, winds South 10-20 m.p.h. High 72, low 49.
Saturday — Cloudy, few afternoon rain showers, winds South 10-15 m.p.h. High 76, low 53.



NEW MSC VICE-PRESIDENTS

Three vice-presidents-elect of the Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate look over the agenda before the Wednesday night meeting. They are (from left), Harry Snowdy, vice-president for programs Mac Spears, vice-president for operations, and Jim Finane, MSC Council vice-president. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Committee Chairmen Needed By MSC Council-Directorate

By DAVE MAYES
Battalion Staff Writer

Chairmen are still needed for six Memorial Student Center committees, according to Wayne Prescott, executive vice president-elect of programs.

"Applications for chairmen of Political Forum, Dance, Recreation, Bridge, Radio and Chess Committees should be returned to the Student Programs Office by Tuesday," Prescott announced in an MSC Directorate meeting Wednesday night.

He added that the only qualifications for a committee chairmanship are a 1.4 grade point ratio overall and the preceding

semester and no conduct or academic probation.

IN OTHER Directorate business, Jim Finane, MSC Council vice president-elect, announced that freshmen interested in becoming one of 11 assistants to the Council and Directorate next year should apply at the Student Programs Office before March 23.

"The only requirement is that applicants have a 1.5 GPR," Finane said.

Al Reinert, sophomore geology major from Fairfax, Va., is the new Finance Committee chairman, according to Benny Sims,

president-elect of the Council and Directorate.

Sims also announced that "Mexican Fiesta" will be the theme of the annual MSC Council

Students and faculty planning to spend this summer in Europe will have their last opportunity to take advantage of reduced air travel rates at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center Social Room, according to Dave Mayes, chairman of the MSC Travel Committee.

"Flights still available are Dallas-London, June 4-Sept. 5 (\$373 roundtrip), and several New York-London flights leaving on different dates (\$245 roundtrip)," Mayes said.

and Directorate Awards Banquet April 25.

Ron Zipp, executive vice president of operations, reminded committee chairmen to prepare booths for the Spring Personnel Drive at 7:30 p.m. April 2 in the MSC Assembly Room.

"WE WANT this drive to serve as a stimulant not only for new committee members but also for new committee chairmen as well," he declared.

Mac Spears, vice president-elect of operations, announced plans for a 4x8 foot display board to show the organizational structure of the Council and Directorate.

A report on the recent three-day World Affairs Conference sponsored by Texas Tech was given by David Maddox, chairman-elect of Great Issues.

He said that the conference theme, "The Soviet Bloc: Evolution in World Affairs," was well presented but noted the seminar sessions lacked the student-to-student idea exchanges in the roundtable discussions of A&M's Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA).

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Arrowsmith Sets 8 p. m. Address For Great Issues

Scholarship vs. education are the general battle lines of a controversial topic to be discussed in a Great Issues lecture tonight at Texas A&M.

Dr. William Arrowsmith, University of Texas professor of classics and arts and letters, will speak on the topic "Toward A New University" at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

His provocative educational criticisms have been voiced before numerous college and university student-faculty audiences, the American Council on Education and published in Harper's Magazine.

Graduate of Princeton and Harvard, Arrowsmith has taught at Texas 10 years. He has been acclaimed for new translations of the classics and is known for his denunciations of American educational processes.

Admission to the lecture is free for Aggies with activity cards, \$1.50 general and 75 cents for high school students and Aggie wives.

MSC Ballroom — 8:00 p. m. Dr. William Arrowsmith

Consideration Begins For SCONA Topics

14th Chairman Names Heads Of Committees

By BOB PALMER
Battalion Staff Writer

Groundwork was laid Wednesday night in the Memorial Student Center on the Fourteenth Student Conference on National Affairs.

Chairman-elect Don McCrory announced the committee chairmen and discussed possible topics for the upcoming SCONA.

"Topics being considered are 'Communism in the Americas,' 'The Three Brands of Communism — Russian, Chinese and Eastern Bloc,' and 'The Middle East,'" McCrory said.

ALSO UNDER consideration, according to McCrory, is the possibility of using a national topic such as "The Crisis in the Cities and Civil Justice." In the past SCONA has dealt with an international problem.

Bill Howell, finance chairman, announced plans for the Easter fund drive in which he hopes to net \$10,000 instead of last year's \$9,000.

"There are other conferences on the size and quality of SCONA, but we are the only conference that is solely financed from outside funds," Howell commented.

He pointed out that last year's SCONA spent \$18,000 and that it will take the work of all the SCONA members to be able to raise enough funds to pay for the conference.

THE DRIVE will run from April 11 through the 15 and will be followed by another drive in June, Howell said.

Applications for membership in SCONA can be picked up in the SCONA office, Roger Engelke, personnel chairman, noted.

Committee chairmen announced at the meeting were Harry K. Lesser, vice chairman; James H. Willbanks, conference manager; William R. Howell, finance, and Roger L. Engelke, personnel.

John C. Sutherland, publicity; Ray Dillon, transportation; Hector Gutierrez, arrangements; Frank Davis, secretary, and Stephen A. Holditch, housing, were also recognized.

The remaining committees were program, Scott Spitzer; planning, Jon Beall; host, Garland Clark; and member-at-large, Patrick G. Rehmet.

The publication chairmanship has not been filled.

Town Hall Seeks '68-'69 Applicants

Applications for next year's Town Hall staff junior positions are now available in the Student Programs Office, Town Hall Chairman-Elect Lewis Adams announced.

The forms are to be returned to the office by March 22, he noted.



TARLETON DRILL TEAM

The Wainwright Debutantes, a girls' drill team from Tarleton State College, will give a special performance in the A&M Invitational Drill Meet here Saturday. They are among 14 teams to be participating.

Red Cross Meets With VC, Czechs

By FRED S. HOFFMAN
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — American Red Cross authorities have been meeting with representatives of the Viet Cong in Communist Czechoslovakia in so-far frustrated efforts to get food packages and mail to U. S. prisoners.

The Red Cross also has sent cable after cable to Hanoi in hopes of arranging some regular channel of contact with U. S. POWs in North Vietnam, sources said.

"So far we've had absolutely no encouragement either from the VC or the North Vietnamese," one American Red Cross official said.

HE DISCLOSED that a representative of the American Red Cross meets a Viet Cong representative in Prague every other month or so. "We've tried time and time again," he said.

The VC and the North Vietnamese also are spurning efforts by the International Red Cross, officials reported.

The intransigence of the Communist Vietnamese is puzzling to American Red Cross authorities in view of the totally different attitude on the part of the Chinese Communists, also bitter enemies of the United States.

FOR THE past 13 years, officials said, the Communist Chinese have never failed to carry out a monthly arrangement whereby a letter and two packages of food, each weighing 11 pounds, are provided for five Americans in Chinese captivity.

Mail getting out of mainland China to families of the prisoners indicates they are getting the

mail and packages with the contents undisturbed, it was said.

Four of the five are American civilians who have been held in Chinese jails on espionage charges for nearly 20 years. They are Father John J. Walsh, a Maryknoll priest from Ossining, N. Y.; Richard G. Fecteau of Lynn, Mass.; Hugh Redmond, Yonkers, N. Y., and John Downey of New Britain, Conn.

THE FIFTH is Air Force Cadet Capt. Philip E. Smith of Victorville, Calif., who was taken prisoner after his plane was shot down over the South China Sea in September 1965.

Except for an exchange of mail three years ago, the American Red Cross has been turned back in all its tries—though a variety of possible channels—to get the Viet Cong to agree to accept packages for POWs.

The latest Pentagon listing carries 240 Americans captured or interned and 897 missing. The great bulk are captured fliers downed in air attacks against the North.

Tarleton Debts To March In Drill Tourney

The 19-member Wainwright Debutantes, a coed precision marching unit of Tarleton State College, will add the feminine touch to Texas A&M's annual Invitational Drill Meet Saturday.

The Tarleton lasses will perform at 1:15 p.m. Saturday on the main parade ground in front of the Memorial Student Center.

Fourteen teams will be marching for 10 trophies in the regular day-long competition. The girls' team from Stephenville will not compete.

First place winner in San Antonio's Fiesta Flambeau last year, the Debutantes execute a variety of military movements and sequences in their precision drill. The Debts march in parades, football games and form a support unit of Tarleton's State's ROTC program.

Wainwright Debutantes commander is Pam McEntire, a sophomore elementary education major of Waxahachie. Suzanne Marx, junior math major from Houston, is executive officer and Kristi Bowers, Brownwood soph in elementary education, is first sergeant.

A&M Invitational Meet To Draw Regional Drill Teams Saturday

Rifle teams from Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and New Mexico clash for the Texas A&M Invitational Drill Meet championship Saturday.

Mitch Woodard of Houston said 14 teams have entered the competition and the Wainwright Debutantes, a girls' team of John Tarleton State College, will perform a special drill.

Woodard is president of the Association of Former Fish Drill Team Members which co-sponsors the annual meet with the Military Science Department.

Among the state's top teams competing for 10 trophies will be A&M's Freshman Drill Team, St. Mary's University Marion Guard; Loman Rifles, Sam Houston State; King's Rifles, Texas A&I; Buccaneers, University of Texas, Austin; Cougar Rifles, University of Houston, and Sam Houston Rifles, University of Texas, Arlington.

SAM'S LOMAN Rifles is the defending champion and second place team at the fall semester University of Houston meet, won by St. Mary's. The A&M Fish won sweepstakes at the recent West Texas State Scabbard and Blade meet and received invitation to compete in the national intercollegiate ROTC drill championships in Washington.

Also competing will be the Drillmasters, New Mexico Uni-

versity; Texas Tech, McNeese, University of Texas, El Paso; New Mexico Military Institute; Wainwright Rifles, Tarleton, and Reng Rifles, Arkansas State.

Three-phase competition will be held on A&M's main parade ground in front of the Memorial Student Center and on the Trigon parking lot.

Inspection begins at 8 a.m. Basic drill will be conducted Saturday morning with precision competition to follow the Wainwright Debutantes' special exhibition at 1:15 p.m. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded in basic and precision phases. A first place award goes to the inspection winner.

THE MASTER trophy will be claimed by the team with the highest aggregate score. Second and third place overall awards will also be made.

Presentation at 4:30 p.m. will be by Col. Jim H. McCoy, commandant.

A Marine Corps team comprised of Capt. Corbett G. Pool, Capt. Thomas A. Baily, Capt. Therlon E. Hughes, Gunnery Sgt. Arne S. Mikkelsen and Sgt. Donald G. Obermiller will judge competition.

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THE ENEMY IS BELOW

Theodore Rutkowski, U. S. Navy hospital corpsman of Pittsburgh, Pa., uses stethoscope to listen for digging by North Vietnamese troops under neath a U. S. Marine outpost at Khe Sanh. At right is Julian Kalama of San Lorenzo, Calif. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Saigon)

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