



The Battalion

Weather
 Saturday — Clear, wind Northerly 15-30 m.p.h. High 54, low 36.
 Sunday — Clear, winds variable, 5-10 m.p.h. High 63, low 34.

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AH, SPRING!
 Two students brave the wind and rain as they change classes during Thursday's chilly weather. The calendar said it was the second day of spring—would you believe fall? (Photo by Mike Wright)

APO Blood Drive Passed By Senate

Grid Banquet Tickets Open To All Classes

Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, received Student Senate approval Thursday night to conduct a campus blood drive April 24 - 25.

Ronnie Smith, representing the fraternity, submitted the proposal at the senate's monthly meeting in the Memorial Student Center.

The student governing body granted Alpha Phi Omega complete charge of the drive, from planning through execution. The donated blood will be given to the Wadley Research Foundation.

A registration period designating individual donation time is set for April 8 - 9, Smith said.

SENIOR CLASS President Sanford T. Ward announced that tickets for the Appreciation Banquet honoring Coach Gene Stallings and the 1967 Southwest Conference football champs would be available to all classes.

Ticket sales for Monday night's banquet will continue through Monday noon at the Student Program Office and the dean's office in the Veterinary Science Building, Ward announced.

"This is a chance for the Aggies to show their appreciation for our football team," Ward said. "We want to show Coach Stallings how much we think of him and the team."

Tickets for the banquet, which begins at 6:30 p.m. in the main ballroom of the Ramada Inn, cost \$3.50.

A 30-MINUTE color film of Cotton Bowl highlights will be shown at the banquet. The film will track the pageant from the practice drills, through the Cotton Bowl parade and the game itself, featuring slow motion sections of scoring plays.

Leon E. Travis, senate welfare committee chairman, reported on the progress of the Senate's "Miss A Meal Feed a Multitude" program.

TRAVIS announced that only about 160 students had registered against the proposal to send money allocated for Friday's evening meal to two Vietnamese orphanages. These people may eat in Sbsa, but the money spent for their meals will be deducted from the fund.

Travis praised several people who are not on the Student Senate but helped with the drive. They were Tony Groves, Greg Duesing, Steve Warnick and Guillermo Palm.

The senate also voted to allow election commission members who are running for offices in the coming election to continue to work on the commission. Election Commission Chairman Tony Benedetto explained that there would not be enough people to man the polls if those running were disqualified.



APO BLOOD DRIVE
 Ronnie Smith appears before the Student Senate asking approval for the annual blood drive conducted by Alpha Phi Omega. Bob Pennington, sitting in for secretary Rob Moreau, take the minutes.

Exes To Face Challenges, Albritton Tells A&M Club

"I have no doubt that the Texas A&M Association of Former Students can raise a million dollars in 1969," remarked Ford D. Albritton Jr.

The association's president-elect told Brazos County A&M Club members this week that a 12-month self-study revealed new challenges for the alumni organization.

"SINCE World War II, Texas A&M has undergone tremendous change. I know of no institution that has done more than A&M to prepare for its mission in the future," Albritton declared. "The association recognizes that the organization must make basic changes to meet challenges of serving its membership and its school."

Richard (Buck) Weirus, executive director, spoke on A&M men's service to the university. More than 140 attended the larg-

est Brazos County A&M Club meeting ever held, according to President Joe Buser, FSA assistant director. Bryan's First National Bank sponsored the meeting.

Albritton noted the association's long-range plan includes three basic objectives: to strengthen the association, serve A&M's interest and perpetuate ties of friendship formed during college days.

HE STRESSED improved communications from campus to alumni and from alumni to campus are fundamental to achievement of objectives.

The Bryan industrialist said specific projects being undertaken by the association include student recruitment.

"Too many bright young men leave Texas for their higher education," Albritton noted. "A&M must attract the top students

from Texas and we'd like to get superior students from other states."

"One of the handicaps is the lack of understanding of changes that have occurred at A&M. You'd be shocked to learn how little many high school students, guidance counselors, parents and others know about the excellent educational opportunities we have in this community," he continued.

Albritton said the association has dedicated itself to assist the university with these two programs, utilizing its state-wide organization.

"The Brazos County A&M Club is leading the pack and I congratulate you on the type programs you are conducting. This club can be most meaningful to the association and to Texas A&M," he said.

A FORMER students' goal of \$448,000 for 1968 fund objectives was broken down by the president-elect. He said it included \$11,500 in merit scholarships, \$9,000 faculty recognition, \$30,000 each in faculty research, faculty salary supplementation and graduate fellowships; \$19,000 in emergency funds for faculty recruitment and other programs not funded by the legislature, plus association membership programs, club and class programs, directory of former students, computer locator records, monthly magazine subscription and world-wide muster.

Albritton said "1969 will be a year to find ways and means to enlist former students to invest more time and more dollars in A&M. The legislature just has so many dollars for higher education and there are many fine schools in Texas.

"The A&M administration has done a great job in getting its share, but in order for this institution to achieve excellence it must depend more and more on its alumni. I'm confident that A&M men will, as they have in the past, respond to the challenge," Albritton concluded.



DISCUSSION
 Edwin H. Cooper, director of civilian student activities at Texas A&M, answers questions posed by Gordon Sorrel, president of the Apollo Club. Cooper was the last of four speakers for this semester. (AP by Mike Wright)

Cooper Finishes Apollo Series

By MIKE PLAKE
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Edwin H. Cooper, director of civilian student activities, spoke to an Apollo Club audience Thursday night about his observations of five other campuses in comparison to A&M's.

His speech, "Texas A&M in Comparison to Other Universities," was based on a recent trip. The speech concluded the spring program of the Apollo Club.

COOPER'S five-campus tour included Purdue, Louisiana State University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, and Pennsylvania State University.

These particular schools were selected, Cooper said, because they are the land grant institutions for their states, just as A&M is for Texas.

University National Bank
 "On the side of Texas A&M"
 —Adv.

"Most of these schools have outstanding student life programs," Cooper said. "They have vigorous programs of activity centered around the residence halls."

Cooper explained that the main emphasis of his trip centered around the activities of students outside the class room.

"THE UNIVERSITY feels a responsibility to help develop student leadership. The overall objective of my trip was to study these other school programs and determine what they are doing that would be applicable to our campus," Cooper said.

He said that actual dormitory construction was similar for all the campuses, except Purdue.

"If you woke up in almost any of these school's dorm rooms, you wouldn't see much that was drastically different."

Cooper said "The most exciting things he saw on his trip were the residence hall programs."

A RESIDENCE hall, as Cooper explained it, is not only a dormitory.

"They were much more than a place to sleep, or a place to migrate from every weekend."

"Take Purdue University, for example. There, they have 700 students living in each residence hall. These halls are built in an "H" shape—with washaterias, a radio station, a snack bar, and a reference library located in the cross bar of the "H."

"THESE HALLS have developed the leadership of the students to such a point that it is quite an honor to belong to a residence hall. Students compete for the privilege of living in certain halls," Cooper noted.

"Some of the halls had local

judicial committees," he added. "These committees are very effective, because they are initiated and staffed from students in that dormitory."

Cooper said that in one instance student judicial committees became more strict than administrative decisions.

"One dean of students upheld 80 per cent of the judicial committee's decisions. He felt the other 20 per cent were too harsh on the students who committed the offenses, so he lightened the punishment."

COOPER said the key to all the successful residence hall programs that he observed was the wide involvement of students in the programs.

"This develops their leaders. This leadership brings a responsibility on the part of the stu-

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Burglary Ring Broken By A&M Campus Security

Campus security officers solved a series of burglaries Thursday night with the apprehension of two sophomores and recovery of university and private property valued at approximately \$5,000.

Security Chief Ed Powell said burglary charges will be filed today by the Brazos County district attorney's office.

Most of the stolen property, which included tape recorder, television set and auto stereo tape units, was found in the Mitchell Hall rooms of the youths.

Powell said the two suspects made statements. Officers said they threw several electronic items in a pond near Highway 6 north of Bryan. Officers were attempting to recover the sunken property this morning.

Powell indicated the arrest clears up six campus burglaries dating back to before Thanksgiving.

Burglarized facilities included the Memorial Student Center, Educational Television Department in Bagley Hall, Electrical Engineering Building and the Creative Application of Technology

to Education (CATE) Center in Buildings C and D of the temporary classroom area behind the A&M Press. The chief noted ETV was struck twice.

He said several Mitchell Hall residents assisted in breaking the case. A television set was stolen

at noon Thursday from one of the rooms in the dormitory.

Powell said one of the apprehended students had been involved in prior offenses on campus. Charges against him, however, were reduced and he was allowed to remain in school.

RFK License Plates Prove Unpopular In Brazos County

Numerous Aggies are becoming RFK boosters — whether they like it or not.

Those are the letters stamped on a series of license plates being sold at a Brazos County sub-station on the Texas A&M campus.

One customer, noted Mrs. Sylvia Herrera who is in charge of the sub-station, decided to take his business elsewhere, rather than display a tag associating him with presidential hopeful Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

A student from New York elected to wait out the RFK run, explaining he sure didn't want those initials on his car when he went home.

"That's a hell of an initial to have on a license plate," one gent observed.

Another fellow said he'd prefer to have LBJ.

The topper came when Mrs. Herrera was distributing RFB plates.

"What does that stand for," one man inquired, "Bobby Boker."

Mrs. Herrera noted that in order to purchase plates, one should have his car title. She added that she cannot accept out-of-county checks.

First Bank & Trust now pays 5% per annum on savings certificates. —Adv.

Rudder Named To West Point Visitor's Board

A&M President Earl Rudder was named Thursday by President Johnson to the Board of Visitors of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

The 12-member board includes six congressmen and meets three or four times annually, usually on weekends.

A major general, Rudder retired from the Army Reserve last June after 35 years of service. He received his commission on graduation from Texas A&M in 1932.

Rudder entered active duty in 1941 and became a World War II hero. He was awarded some of the nation's highest combat decorations.

Rudder commanded Texas' 90th Infantry Division for nine years. In 1963 he was named deputy commanding general for mobilization for the U. S. Continental Army Command, Fort Monroe Va.

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AGGIE STARVE-IN
 Carl Feducia, Second Brigade Commander, assists the Student Senate as he posts a notice of the "miss a meal" project for a Sbsa Hall door. The project, is slated to raise funds for two South Vietnamese orphanages by closing the dining halls tonight. (Photo by Mike Wright)