

The Battalion

Weather
 Wednesday — Cloudy, few rain showers or thunder showers, late afternoon, wind South 15-25 m.p.h. High 76, low 54.
 Thursday — Cloudy, few rain showers, winds Southerly, 15-20 m.p.h. High 77, low 58.

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Defense Department 'Invasion' Denied By Research Official

A Department of Defense official here Monday scoffed at the charges that DOD is "invading" the campus by its funding of defense-aligned research.

"As we see it, the objectives of both the universities and defense are complementary," declared Dr. Donald M. MacArthur, DOD's deputy director for research and technology.

Speaking before 180 persons

at a Friday night banquet of the Gulf-Southwest Section, American Society for Engineering Education at A&M, Dr. MacArthur noted:

"We have recently seen, for the second successive year in Project THEMIS, what appears to be a wide-spread, substantial interest by universities in defense-relevant science and technology. We receive 10 times as many THEMIS

proposals as we can fund. Overall, we continue to receive five times as many unsolicited research proposals as we can fund."

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT contracts have come under fire at several universities over the nation.

The speaker said in the past fiscal year, DOD funded approximately 4,200 contracts on university campuses for basic research. Less than three per cent were classified.

"These few contracts were classified usually because the individual investigator's work tended to be applied and required limited access to classified information, rather than because the research itself was classified," MacArthur said.

Nevertheless, the speaker said DOD has taken steps to assure that all future "basic" research supported at universities will be unclassified.

"However, because universities possess special skills unique to the demands of national security," he continued, "we will continue to support applied research at universities as well as academic consulting arrangements, where mutual interests are served."

MacARTHUR noted decline in DOD support for academic research because of a very tight budget situation. In fiscal year 1969, he said, the President has requested Congress provide a 19 per cent increase for academic institutional support.

To minimize any tight-budget impacts of the past few years, he suggested that DOD and the universities insist on high quality in project ideas, in investigators and in project management.

"Yet, we also must take care that in the careful selection process, we do not confuse reputation with potential," the deputy director warned. "In other words, we must not overlook the bright young investigator in favor of the more mature scientist. Equally important, we must not overlook the long-term, more basic, high-risk efforts which can lead to totally new capabilities."

WHILE AT A&M, MacArthur conferred with officials involved in the two THEMIS programs here.

In other banquet activities, Dr. Ruben D. Kelly, associate professor at the University of New Mexico, was presented ASEE's 1967-68 Western Electric Award for excellence in teaching. He received a certificate and a \$500 check.

The three-day ASEE meeting here concluded at noon Saturday. General Chairman was Dr. J. G. H. Thompson of the Mechanical Engineering Department.

Muster Rescheduled For San Jacinto Day

Execs Respond To Protests From Students

By BOB PALMER

The Student Senate Executive Committee has reversed its earlier decision and set Muster Day for the traditional April 21, Senate President Jerry Campbell disclosed Monday.

The decision to have Muster on April 22 had come under fire from large numbers of students and organizations. Representatives from the Junior Council in particular challenged the date on the floor of the Senate Thursday.

"Due to the considerable student interest that Muster be on the 21st," Campbell said, "we changed it back to San Jacinto Day."

Muster will be called at 6 p.m. April 21 in front of the System Administration Building.

EVERYONE INVOLVED with the Muster program will be able to be there, according to Campbell. They include the band, Singing Cadets, Ross Volunteers, a speaker, not yet announced, and President Earl Rudder, who will return from a Muster at the San Jacinto Battle Field earlier Sunday.

Investigation by the executive committee showed that these people, some of whom had been reported as unable to attend, would be able to be here that Sunday.

The overriding reason for the change to the 22nd was the fear that few people would attend, Campbell said.

"At the time we made the decision to change it to the 22nd, we felt it was the only possible decision," he asserted.

CAMPBELL explained that because so many students have expressed a desire to have Muster on the 21st, the executive committee reviewed its decision and agreed that "Aggies would care enough to come."

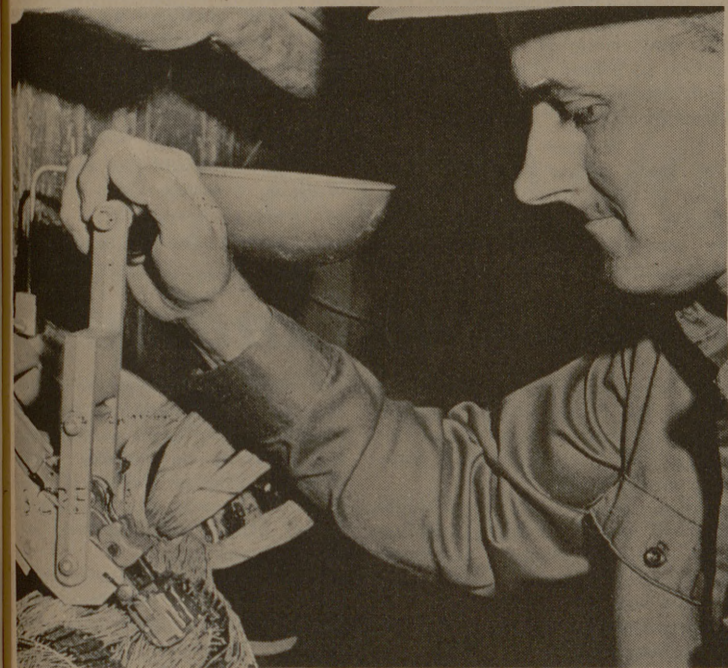
Campbell stressed that it is now up to the students whether Muster will be a success or not.

"I am certainly happy to see that Aggies were so concerned about having Muster on the 21st," Senate Vice-President Bill Carter said.

Both he and Campbell expressed satisfaction with student interest in Muster and hoped for a good attendance.



SIGNS OF THE TIMES
 In the spring, a young man's fancy turns to class elections, and campaign signs start blossoming out like new leaves. Above, two students look over the Guion Hall area advertisements for candidates in the elections to be held Thursday. (Photo by Mike Wright)



CENTREX WORKER
 General Telephone Co. employe Clement E. Kortis splices 1,800 pairs of wires connecting telephone lines in the northern section of the campus with the \$3.6 million Centrex telephone system being installed in the new library addition. The connection was made Monday in an underground hatch just west of the Chemistry Building. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Hines Named '68-'69 Chairman Of Political Forum Committee

By DAVE MAYES
 Battalion Staff Writer

Ronald D. Hines of Midland was unanimously voted new chairman of the Political Forum Monday by the Memorial Student Center Council.

A junior finance major with a 2.02 overall grade point ratio, Hines will have the responsibility of bringing Political Forum out "from under" the protective wing of the Great Issues Committee and building it to a major committee by the end of next year.

In other council business, David Gay, executive vice president of programs, reported that his program evaluation committee is examining existing MSC activities on the basis of general appeal to the student body.

"ONLY 500 students, four per cent of the A&M student body, actively participate in any of MSC student programs," Gay said.

"We hope that there will be more student participation as we widen the scope of existing programs and add new activities, like film presentations, which require only 'passive participation' from students," he added.

Wayne Prescott, council vice president, announced that two council delegations will visit the student unions of six universities within the next month to get firsthand information for making

recommendations for the proposed \$6 million expansion of A&M's student union.

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More Money, Social Affairs Top Senior President Issues

(Editor's note: The following article is presented in an effort to inform student voters of the goals of class officer candidates in Thursday's elections. A second feature in this series will continue with candidates for junior and sophomore offices.)

By MIKE PLAKE
 Battalion Feature Editor

The 1968 race for the presidency of the senior class, a contest between four members of the Cadet Corps and a lone civilian, appears to be oriented towards campaign promises for "more money and increased social activities."

William "Elmo" Bradford is the civilian. Former Corps Commander at Peacock Military Academy in San Antonio, Bradford is a pre-med major at Texas A&M.

Bradford's political experience include the vice-presidency of Peacock Academy's student council, and the presidency of his class at that institution for three consecutive years.

He has never run for office at A&M.

His platform:

"I WOULD like to investigate further the policy concerning the issuance of day student permits next year," Bradford said.

"I would also like to look into the possibility of permitting students, either Cadet Corps or civilian, to eat off-campus if they so choose."

"In addition, I intend to attempt to establish a trip en masse to one of the road football games next year."

Clarence T. Gore, a Ross Volunteer who competed last year for yell leader position, expresses his programs differently.

"I've always been extremely interested in my class activities," Gore said. "We as a class ought to get together and move out, especially on fund raising."

GORE, a chemical engineering major from Arp, Texas, suggested that the senior class sponsor inter-class dances on football weekends next year. He proposed using the profits for a memorial in the Memorial Student Center.

"I was thinking of a bust of Pinkie Downs," Gore noted.

"Also, I would like to see at least one informal dance in the spring so that civilian students could have the chance to bring their dates down a final time before the ring dance."

He added that, for the Cadet Corps, he would like to try to formally re-instate the "bootline" at the halftime period during Aggie football games.

Henry M. Johnson, like Gore, campaigned for office last year.

"I LOST by two votes, but it gave me a valuable experience," Johnson said.

From Baytown, majoring in marketing, Johnson came up with the idea of a raffle to raise money for the senior class.

"The profits from the raffle could go for an increased number of social functions next year, such as dances and class parties on football weekends."

Johnson also suggested a continuing contribution to the Senior Fund, which will be donated to the university 25 years from the present.

BEVERLY "Early" Davis, vice-president of the present junior class and a member of the election commission, represents a fourth view for fund-raising.

"I would like to see the Senior Council make more money than we did this year, through the sale of sweatshirts and other campaigns."

"In addition, the council could perform the important job of giving efficient communications

throughout the class.

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String Virtuoso Duo Sets 'Showcase' Concert Here

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TOWN HALL VIRTUOSOS
 Carol and Daniel Domb, internationally-renowned virtuoso duo on violoncello and violin, will perform here Thursday at 8 p. m. in the Memorial Student Center ballroom. It will be the last Town Hall Artists Showcase presentation of the year.

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Gonzales said activity cards and Town Hall season tickets will gain admission to the performance. There will be no reserved seats. Other single admissions will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students with 12-and-under children free.

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Bond Posted By Two Students Held In University Burglaries

Two Texas A&M students charged with burglary for more than \$10,000 were reported to have posted bond of \$4,000 each and been released from Brazos County Jail.

Charged in Brazos County Justice of the Peace Court were Jerry F. Janicka, 19-year-old sophomore from Hillsboro, and Erwin G. Kirkvold, also 19, a freshman from Sioux Falls, S. D. Both students were studying engineering.

A&M Campus Security Chief Ed Powell said the two youths were apprehended Thursday

night at their dormitory on the basis of information provided by several other students.

Theft of a television set and radio from a dormitory room had been reported earlier in the day.

A SEARCH of the suspects' rooms revealed a variety of items hidden in a wall behind a medicine cabinet, as well as in closets and under beds, Powell said.

The two students made statements regarding the case Thursday night and this morning led officers to a pond north of Bryan where several electronic items were believed to have been discarded. He said a citizens band two-way radio and an auto stereo unit were recovered from the water.

Powell believes the arrest cleared up at least six campus burglaries dating back to before Thanksgiving.

The burglarized facilities include the Memorial Student Center, the 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.

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