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Weather
Thursday — Partly cloudy to cloudy, winds southerly 10-20 m.p.h. High 82, low 68.
Friday — Cloudy, rain showers, winds southerly 10-20 m.p.h. High 80, low 68.

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Brazos Civil Liberties Union Organizes, Sets Goals Here

By DAVE MAYES
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Spokesmen from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and the Building Trades Council outlined local civil liberties problems for an audience of 50 at the first general meeting of the Brazos Civil Liberties Union here Tuesday night.

Dr. George Krise, president of the A&M chapter of the AAUP, reported that A&M was one of two Texas schools censured by the AAUP Saturday because the administration had failed to recognize a professor's "basic right of academic due process" in the case of Dr. Leon Gibbs of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

KRISE SAID that only until recently had the administration presented Gibbs with any formal written charges—three years after action was taken to remove him from the classroom.

Gibbs is also entitled to a hearing conducted by elected faculty members, representation by counsel, and the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses, Krise said.

"Censure is the AAUP's way of saying that an administration is suffering from a bad case of

blindness," he continued. "There is no way of knowing what effect the censure will have on A&M; much will depend upon how long the censure remains. Some censured schools have said their faculty recruiting efforts have been set back from 5 to 15 years."

KRISE HAD said Monday that he knew of at least one case in which a prospective A&M faculty member turned down his position because of the threat of AAUP censure.

Another area of concern mentioned by Krise was increased freedom for students in the university.

He stressed that the university should have clearly stated policies concerning a student's protection from "improper disclosure of academic and disciplinary records to agencies which did not need to know."

Reading from a resolution adopted by the AAUP Saturday, Krise listed the freedoms university students should have, including the freedom to organize and promote student committees and clubs and the freedom to invite speakers on campus without required administration approval.

Sam Martin, president of the Bryan Building and Trade Union, called for free college education, the right to have a union shop in public and private employment, and the repeal of the Texas "right-to-work" laws.

Speaking for the NAACP, Harmon Bell, president of the Bryan chapter, questioned the reasoning behind the belief that Negroes cannot hold supervisory positions.

He said he also cannot understand why he had been told that it would take 15 years to have sewers in a certain area of Bryan. "I know of several cases of tuberculosis in that area because of the poor health conditions," Bell said. "When you start measuring dollars against human lives, how far do you go and where do you stop?" he asked.

Nixon Rules Out Debate In GOP

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)—Richard M. Nixon ruled out Tuesday any pre-convention debate with his newly-declared opponent for the Republican presidential nomination, New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller.

Nixon, here for a huddle with Pennsylvania Gov. Raymond P. Shafer, said, "I am willing to debate the Democratic nominee but not a potential Republican."

He said he and Rockefeller, who announced his re-entry into the GOP race earlier Tuesday, would "debate the issues in our speeches and news conferences."

Nixon said he welcomed Rockefeller's competition, but added, "I still think I'll win the nomination."

'SW Vet' Available

The Spring issue of the Southwestern Veterinarian is now off the press and ready for distribution. Copies can be picked up at the Student Publications Office, Room 223, Communications Building.

Zoologist Examines Evolution's 'Design'

By TOM CURL
Battalion Staff Writer

Why is man the dominant being in the world today. What are his chances of staying dominant? Dr. Alfred S. Romer, retired Harvard professor and the recognized American authority on zoology, explained the evolution of man from the simplest water animal to his present state in a University Lecture Series presentation last night.

Dr. Romer talked of possible reasons for the evolution of higher animals and explained the effect on animals of each of these reasons.

"We must assume there is a design in back of the whole (evolution) process," the Harvard professor emeritus said. "Dr. ROMER said that legs on early animals served as a preserver of life in water, instead of locomotion on land. During periodic droughts, the water animals with legs could crawl to muddy or moist spots in the dry pond and river beds, while the ordinary fish-like animals were stranded and died. This "survival of the fittest" helped in the evolution process.

During the dinosaur age, reptiles were dominant and the mammals were small, insignificant creatures. The ultimate advantage mammals had, though, was a brain that had more potential than the dinosaurs'. The mammals eventually survived when the dinosaurs disappeared, and, through evolution, became the dominant type of animal.

"IT IS brains that make the mammal successful," Dr. Romer said. He explained that the young mammal's dependence on his mother gives his brain a short "breaking-in" period to allow more complete development. The ability of higher primates to grasp objects and an acute sense of smell have helped propel them above the common mammals such as rodents. However, the most important factor is the relatively large ratio of brain size to body size in higher primates.

Dr. Romer said, however, that man is the only higher animal that kills his own kind for reasons other than jealousy during the breeding season.

As to the future of man, Dr. Romer speculated: "Time after time, a group has been dominant, and then disappeared."

He said eventually man will probably evolve into a calm, unemotional being with no personal peculiarities. This "new man" would undoubtedly look upon modern man as we look at the ancient cave-man."

TOP Finances Available To A&M Students

By TOM CURL
Battalion Staff Writer

New application forms for Texas Opportunity Plan Loans are now available at the Texas A&M Student Aid Office in the YMCA.

Students who plan to apply for TOP loans for the fall term are requested to pick up forms before they leave campus for the summer, announced Student Loan Supervisor Alvin P. Bormann.

Loan forms also may be obtained by writing the Student Aid Office. "We suggest students submit completed applications to our office during the first part of the summer in order to be assured of a loan in the fall," Bormann commented. "It takes about a month for these applications to be processed by state officials."

INTEREST IN THE TOP loans has climbed markedly since the program started at A&M in September, 1966. Of the 619 loans totaling \$552,630 approved here since that time, Bormann noted, 377 were made in 1967-68 amounting to \$399,155.

Although the average loan during the past year was \$1,059, the size of loans varied widely, depending on the amount of parental income and the number of dependent children in the family. "You would be surprised at the number of parents who write us asking why a loan for their son was turned down," Bormann pointed out. "The state requires parents to meet a portion of their child's college expenses." For instance, he cited, a man making \$15,000 a year with only one child to support could expect to be refused a TOP loan.

BORMANN SAID unlimited funds are available from TOP. Undergraduates may receive \$1,000 maximum loans in a single academic year, with graduate or professional students (veterinary medicine) eligible for \$1,500.

During a student's academic career he may receive \$5,000 in TOP loans or \$7,500 as a graduate or professional student. He has five years after graduation to repay the loans on a six per cent simple interest rate. Students are required to apply for a three per cent per annum federal subsidy.

Applicants must be Texas residents and be able to clearly establish an educational need for TOP loans, Bormann explained. They also must be enrolled or accepted for admission to A&M, and enroll for at least half of a full-time academic loan as determined by the university.

Bormann said students may receive summer school assistance under the plan. Maximum summer loans, he added, are \$333 for undergraduates and \$500 for graduates.

Senate College Repts File In May 14 Vote



PANEL PARTICIPANTS, HOSTS
Members of the second YMCA-sponsored "Man Your Manners" panel, presented here Tuesday by Texas Woman's University students, look over the program with YMCA Cabinet members Ed Donnell, center, and Gary Anderson. From left, they are Jennifer Johnson, Georganne Fort, Mrs. Nancy Newton (sponsor), Brenda Robertson and Kathy Heldman. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Rapid-Fire Exchanges Mark Second Manners Program

By GARY MAYFIELD
Battalion Special Writer

When you're at a dance, how do you get your girl back if she has been dancing with another boy all night?

A shout of "leave her!" echoed through the Aggie-filled room Tuesday night at the second "Man Your Manners" panel discussion headed by four Tesses from Texas Woman's University.

Questions and answers such as this were typical as Aggie Sweetheart Kathy Heldman, Miss Texas Nominee Brenda Robertson, and Misses Georganne Fort and Jennifer Johnson stood boldly before more than 300 Aggies and managed to keep some sort of order among the energized crowd.

The Tessies discussed such issues as dating and driving etiquette and questions of necking, smoking, drinking, and general appearance, all as parts of social activity.

"THE MOST outstanding characteristic of a boy on a date is his personality as a gentleman," Miss Robertson said. "The best way to start out is to be yourself."

"And if you're going on a date, make sure you're on time," Miss Fort added.

In arranging for a date, the boy should follow four steps:

1. He should introduce himself, giving his first and last names.

2. He should ask the girl if he is interrupting anything she may be doing at the time of the call.

3. He should make a brief conversation so as to ease any possible existing tension between the couple.

4. He should inform her of the specific plans and time.

"WHAT IF your date acts like you are Frankenstein or something?"

This question came off the lips of some serious Aggie and resulted in an uproar of wildcats and "who-ahs" before Miss Fort managed to squeak out a sly "be nice anyway!"

"If the situation persists, take the hint!" she quipped.

Concerning questions of how a boy can "break the ice" with a girl on a blind date, Miss Heldman seemed to have the answer:

"The worst problem existing between a boy and a girl is understanding," she began. "One sure attack toward the solution is to try and find something in common."

"HOW DO you tell your date

that she has bad breath?", another Aggie cry bounced across the room and acquired its deserved answer.

"All I can say to that is just keep feeding her gum!" Miss Fort smiled.

Miss Johnson discussed appropriate dress for such social activities as drive-in movies, theatres, dinner dates, Corps trips, and Town Hall performances. "For Corps trips and Town Hall performances, sport coats and ties or turtlenecks are appropriate," she explained.

"As for drive-in movies, in-door theatres, and dinner dates in Bryan, slacks and sport shirts are appropriate," she continued. "But if you're in a bigger town, such as Dallas or Houston, you should wear a tie and a sport coat to movies and restaurants."

"Romance to Marriage" will close out the 1968 "Man Your Manners" panel discussions May 7. Tessies Sandy Carol, Laura Belville, Sharon Johnson, and Jill Heitman are scheduled to head up the panel.

PACAF Chief Will Be Guest At Mother's Day Ceremonies

Air Force Maj. Gen. Jay T. Robbins, chief of staff for U. S. Pacific Air Forces, will be the ranking military guest for the annual Mothers Day ceremonies here May 12.

The general, a 1940 A&M graduate, is a native of Coolidge, 12 miles west of Mexia.

General Robbins will be the senior officer in the reviewing party for the Parents' Day review, announced Col. Jim H. McCoy, commandant.

The general will present the General Dynamics Air Force ROTC Cadet Award — an F-11 model — to the outstanding AFROTC sophomore during awards presentations, according to Col. Vernon L. Head, professor of aerospace studies.

A JET-QUALIFIED command pilot with almost 4,000 hours flying time, Robbins was a cadet first lieutenant in "E" Infantry of the Corps and a member of the Saddle and Siroin Club. He studied animal husbandry at A&M.

The general entered active duty with the Army Air Corps at Randolph Field in July, 1941, and became chief of staff, PACAF Headquarters, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, in March, 1967.

In between, the 48-year-old officer held 25 combat, command, operational staff and Office of Joint Chiefs of Staff assignments.

General Robbins flew P-38s and P-39s in the Southwest Pacific during World War II, scoring 22 aerial victories against Japanese fighter aircraft. Only three other Army Air Corps pilots in the Pacific Theater shot down more enemy planes. During 607 combat hours, Robbins twice destroyed four enemy fighters in single missions and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for each battle.

Debaters Win 4th In NYU Tourney

Texas A&M's debate team of Ron Hinds and Bob Peek won fourth place in the 50-team New York University debate tournament over the weekend.

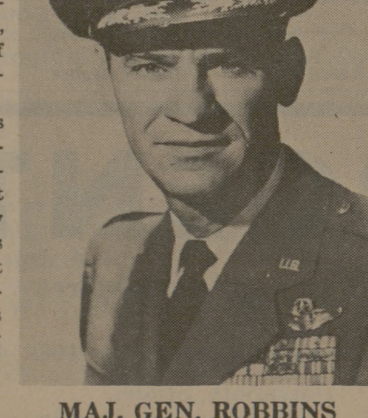
Hinds, a junior finance major of Midland, and Peek, sophomore journalism major of Jacksboro, won five of six matches and lost only to the annual NYU Spring Forensic Festival champion, St. Anselm's College of Manchester, N. H.

Among teams the Aggies defeated were the University of Cincinnati, Temple and Evansville Universities.

"I'm immensely proud of the boys," declared Robert Archer, Aggie debate director. The A&M English instructor said judges indicated the lost round was "very close with the result hinging on a minor point on which the debate was weighed."

While in New York City, Peek, Hinds and Archer visited the United Nations and took in a Broadway play, "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead."

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MAJ. GEN. ROBBINS



WEAPONS DISPLAY
Spec. 5 Mark Beck describes one of the Army's experimental weapons to Squadron 8 senior Erhard Mittendorf. The display was set up Tuesday afternoon in the Memorial Student Center. (Photo by Mike Wright)

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