

Mothers Club Elects New State Officers

Mrs. W. A. Prewitt of Temple, mother of four Aggies, Saturday was elected president of the Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers Clubs.

The Temple businessman's wife will direct more than 2,100 members of 55 clubs over the state for the year. She succeeds Mrs. W. S. Brashears of San Antonio, who becomes vice president at large.

Other new officers named at a statewide meeting here include: Mrs. John Beasley of Austin, first vice president; Mrs. Lewis Gross of Dallas, second vice president; Mrs. Carter Dibrell of Brenham, third vice president; Mrs. J. D. Faulkenberry of Wichita Falls, fourth vice president; Mrs. E. L. Haag, Jr., of Abilene, fifth vice president; Mrs. S. T. Sikes of Houston, sixth vice president; Mrs. Henry G. Creel, Jr. of Fort Worth, recording secretary; Mrs. J. W. Hinkle of Temple, corresponding secretary; Mrs. F. B. Royder of Dayton, treasurer; Mrs. Wallace Kimbrough of Bryan, parliamentarian, and Mrs. B. R. Koehler of Beaumont, historian.

'Hell, No, We Won't Go!' Students Shout To Hershey

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Approximately 50 young demonstrators shouted "Hell No, We Won't Go" from a hallway in the Student Union at Washburn University Monday as Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service, addressed 350 students.

About a dozen demonstrators pounded and kicked the car in which Hershey was driven away after his talk.

Hershey, 74, concluded his speech with a question and answer period, which was repeatedly interrupted by the sounding of a fire alarm.

Jerry Barker, vice president of the university, said the demon-

strators were not from the school. He guessed their number at about 50 and said a dozen or so took part in kicking and pounding Hershey's car.

U. S., N. Viets Open Paris Negotiations

Yesterday, the first serious talks between Hanoi and Washington began in Paris. The two previous days had been filled with the diplomatic formalities of international etiquette which had decided how many men would be in on the negotiation, where they would sit—that the Americans would wear gray flannel suits and the Orientals silk.

In past editorials we have sounded a pessimistic note about negotiations with North Vietnam and we continue to feel that little progress will be made with such a cunning and ruthless adversary.

The U. S. representative, W. Averell Harriman, has been stern-faced, and has walked quickly and quietly to and from his car and the negotiating site—not the best public relations with newsmen.

North Vietnam's representative, Xuan Thuy, has been smiling and waving for cameramen, but has been quiet also.

But while Harriman opened his remarks with several concrete proposals for the beginning of de-escalation of the war, Thuy began with the usual communist tirade about Americans imperialism and aggression against the free people of North Vietnam.

Harriman called for a return to truly neutral situation of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and asked that both sides withdraw troops from the area. This would be a small but first step toward toning down the war.

Thuy reiterated that there be an end to American bombing in the north, that the United States withdraw its troops from Vietnam, and recognize the National Liberation Front.

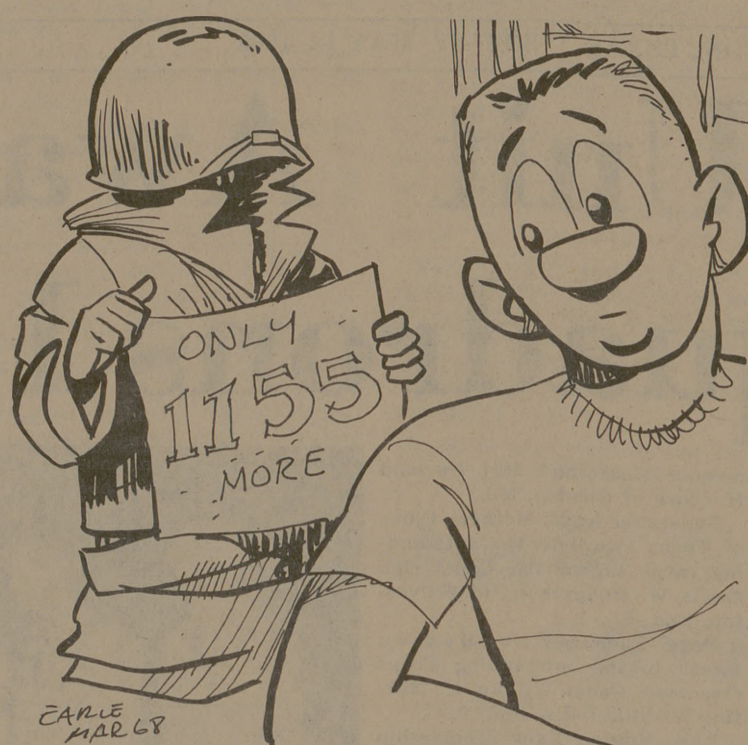
But while the U. S. has paused most of its major bombing of the North for the past several weeks the North Vietnamese have not made any gesture toward similar de-escalation. Instead, they have poured fresh men and material South—100,000 regular troops at last count.

For the past week they have laid siege to Saigon, not in hopes of winning a military victory or in taking the city as much as striking terror into the hearts of the civilians, in burning and murdering.

The North Vietnamese use negotiations to buy time. While the talks could be stalemated for months, their troops will continue to infiltrate the South to cause as much destruction and dissent as possible. While this country voluntarily holds back, the North Vietnamese have made no such promise.

The next couple of weeks will set the tone of the negotiations and decide just how fast progress might be made toward a mutually agreeable settlement.

There is no consolation in false hopes. But at least the North Vietnamese work under one pressure—the knowledge that total refusal on their part and failure of any peaceful resolution could lead to the heaviest retaliatory measure of the war.



"Until my graduation—what else?"

Distinguished Alumni Named By Association

Four prominent Texans, Lt. Gen. A. D. Bruce and Michel T. Halbouty of Houston, Roy B. Davis of Lubbock and Carl C. Krueger of San Antonio, have been named "distinguished alumni" of Texas A&M University.

The honorees, jointly selected by the university and its Association of Former Students, will be presented awards at commencement ceremonies May 25.

"These awards recognize our distinguished graduates and present evidence of the effectiveness of A&M's role in higher education," noted A&M President Earl Rudder.

He added that the measure of any university's distinction and influence depends greatly on the achievements of her alumni.

GEN. BRUCE, who was graduated from A&M in 1916 and received an honorary LL.D. in 1946, is chancellor emeritus of The University of Houston and currently resides at Southern Pines, N. C.

The general retired in 1966 after serving seven years as chancellor of the Houston school. He previously completed a 37-year Army career which included service in both world wars. His numerous military honors and decorations include the U. S. Distinguished Service Cross.

Halbouty, an independent oil operator, financier and author of two geology books and numerous technical articles, graduated in 1930 and received A&M's first professional geological engineering degree in 1956.

He is credited with discovery of oil or geological responsibility for,

new production in 46 oil or gas fields in the U. S. He is president of The American Association of Petroleum Geologists and serves in various official capacities for many other professional organizations.

HALBOUTY also is chairman of the board for five Texas banks and heads A&M's Geosciences and Petroleum Engineering Foundation.

Davis, a 1927 graduate, is manager of the Plains Cooperative Oil Mill, the world's largest cottonseed processing plant. Known as "Mr. Cotton," he is the new president of the National Cotton Council and was previously named "Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture" by Progressive Farmer magazine.

Last year, Davis was among a small group awarded Federal Land Bank golden anniversary medallions for outstanding contributions to American agriculture. He has served on numerous industry, state and federal committees, boards and special campaigns. He also was a member of the Texas A&M Century Council.

Krueger, a 1912 graduate and former member of the university's board of directors, retired in 1961 after serving 38 years as president of San Antonio Machine & Supply Co., during which time he was active in numerous civic affairs.

He was the fourth president of A&M's Association of Former Students and was instrumental

in developing many of its programs. He also founded the San Antonio A&M Club and helped organize that city's A&M Mothers Club. In 1952, he donated 23 oil paintings to the university.

The 92-year-old institution had previously bestowed only 16 distinguished alumni awards.

Switzer To Head Dairy Science Club

Leonard A. Switzer, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David S. Switzer of Sunnyvale, has been elected president of the Texas A&M Dairy Science Club for the 1968-69 school year.

Switzer, a junior dairy production major, was elected by acclamation during a recent club meeting.

He is serving as the club representative to the College of Agricultural Student Council.

In addition to the Dairy Science Club, Switzer is a member of Alpha Zeta, the oldest national agricultural honor fraternity in the country, and is a student employee of the Dairy Section.

Other officers elected were Kelvin J. Kelkenberg of Clarence Center, N. Y., vice president; Houston L. Lane of Stephenville, representative to the Student Agricultural Council; Donald B. Coker of Arlington, secretary; Randall R. Holdridge of Copiaque, N. Y. treasurer; and James N. Chastain of Brownwood, reporter.

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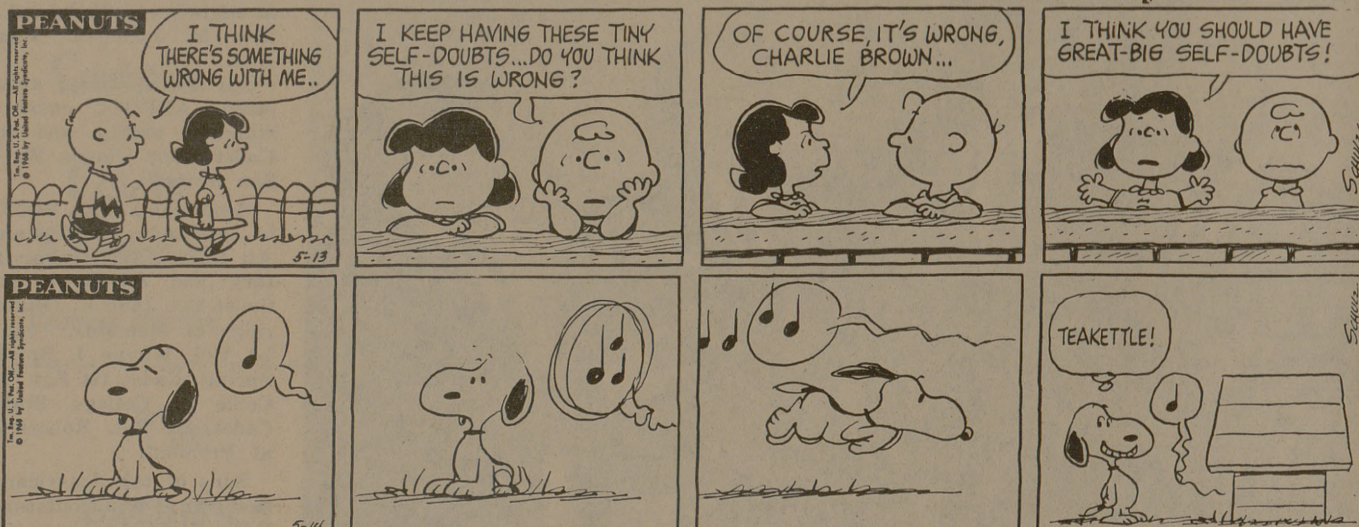
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Engineer's award to outstanding AFROTC junior student, Cadet T. Sgt. Paul M. Mebane;

Society of American Military Engineer's award to the outstanding AFROTC senior student, Cadet Lt. Col. Laurence S. Melzer; Daughters of the American Revolution ROTC award to an outstanding graduating AFROTC cadet, Cadet Col. Richard L. Engel;

Norman Beard award to the outstanding student in the Marine Corps platoon leaders class, Cadet Maj. Gregory W. Duesing.

PEANUTS



By Charles M. Schulz

Bulletin Board

TODAY

The Skin and Scuba Diving Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Goodwin Hall, Room 305. A movie on John Pennecamp State Park will be shown and plans for the summer will be made.

THURSDAY

The Mechanical Engineering Seminar will host Jack E. Milder, consulting engineer and associate, Smith, Hinchman, and Grylls, Inc., Architects, Engineers, Planners, in Detroit. His subject will be "Engineering Re-

quirements for Buildings and Their Equipment," according to J. H. Caddess, of the Mechanical Engineering Department. Architects, Civil, Electrical, Industrial, and Mechanical Engineers are invited. The seminar meets in Room 303, Fernier Hall, at 10-10:50 a.m.

The Orange County Hometown Club will discuss plans for end of school party at the bell in the Academic Building, 7:30 p.m. All members are invited to attend. The Peace Corps Club will meet

at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202, YMCA Building. A film, "Confrontation on Peace Corps Training Programs," will be shown.

The Bryan Bass Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Bryan Chamber of Commerce building. Color movies about fishing and the outdoors in general will be shown. Members, prospective members and guests are invited to attend.

FRIDAY

The Deep East Texas Hometown Club will meet in the Memorial Student Center, 7:30 p.m.

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