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Large Crowd Expected For 9p.m. Exercises

By JAN MOULDEN

Approximately 975 Texas A&M students will receive degrees Saturday morning during spring commencement exercises, H. L. Heaton, director of admissions and registrar, announced Wednesday.

The exercises will begin at 9 a.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

H. B. Zachry will be commencement speaker. Zachry is a 1922 graduate and a former president of the board of A&M. He is founder and present board chairman of the H. B. Zachry Construction Co.

About 195 Cadet Corps seniors will receive further honors during commissioning exercises Saturday afternoon. The armed services will grant second lieutenant commissions to 117 Army, 72 Air Force, and four Marine Corps cadets.

FOURTEEN OF the cadets will receive regular service commissions while the rest will receive reserve commissions. Twelve of the Regular Army officers will go on active duty at the time they receive their commission.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Harold K. Johnson will be the principal speaker and will award the gold bars to the new officers.

Graduating seniors and others who will not be attending Texas A&M in September can have the 1968 Aggieldand mailed to them by paying a mailing fee at the Student Publications office on the second floor of the Services Building.

Gen. Johnson will then be reviewing officer as the Corps of Cadets pass in Final Review, the last formation of the year.

Also in the reviewing party will be A&M President Earl Rudder; Col. J. H. McCoy, Corps commandant; and Col. Vernon L. Head, professor of aerospace studies.

THERE WILL be a 30-minute break after the review and the Corps will then form to sing "The Spirit of Aggieldand" and "Auld Lang Syne." Graduating seniors will then march across the field and form along the line of march.

The new Cadet Colonel, Hector Gutierrez will then command the Corps to pass again in review and each squadron and company will "present arms" to the graduating seniors.

Commissioning exercises are scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. with Final Review getting underway at 3:30 p.m.

The day's activities will be concluded as the new seniors in the Cadet Corps celebrate at the Boot Dance beginning at 8 p.m.

## 'New Face' Seen For Poli-Science

By DAVE MAYES

Dr. William C. Gibbons, an energetic political scientist with 14 years experience in government, Washington style, has been laboring two months to create a "new face" for his department here—even though it does not yet officially exist.

Gibbons was named department head in April but the Political Science Department will not be completely divorced from the History and Government Department until Sept. 1.

According to Gibbons, the five-month time lag will enable him to continue with the task of departmental organization he began in February.

"Face-lifting will begin with the rewriting of the existing political science course," the dark-haired native of Harrisonburg, Va., said.

"I WOULD REALLY like to change the curriculum altogether and replace some of the old, outdated courses with newer, more vibrant ones.

"But, because of the university's requirements for course changes, it will likely be the spring semester of next year before any changes are approved," Gibbons explained.

"New faces" in Gibbons' expanded nine-man staff will be four assistant professors with doctoral degrees.

"It took me four months, a nationwide search and interviews with 75 to 100 candidates to select the four, but, for the improvement of the department, it was effort well spent," Gibbons noted.

GIBBONS SAID he has also plans to provide more individual instruction and guidance for the 100 political science majors by assigning them in groups of 10 or 11 to each faculty member on his staff.

To provide students a mixture of practical experience with academic course work, Gibbons is initiating a summer internship program.

"No plans are definite, yet," he explained, "but I would like eventually to see A&M students compete with other universities for the top summer jobs in Congress and the state legislatures."

GIBBONS, whose manner reminds one of a polished states-

man but whose face bears none of the "Congressional creases" of a Dirksen or even a Kennedy, was director of the Agency for International Development's (AID) Congressional Liaison Staff in Washington, D.C., before joining the A&M faculty.

Gibbons scratched a graying temple with a well-manicured fingernail and recalled a turning point in his life which occurred soon after he graduated with a B.A. in political science from Randolph-Macon College.

"I was ready to study law with the idea of going back home to Harrisonburg to set up my practice when I was named a Fellow for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in 1949," he said.

AFTER DOING some graduate work at Columbia University, Gibbons went on to earn his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees with emphasis on international politics from Princeton.

"You know, these fellowships are really great things for changing your life," he said. "In 1954, I was considering going into teaching when I was awarded a Congressional fellowship by the American Political Science Association."

In Washington, Gibbons spent the next eight years as a legislative assistant, researching and drafting bills, preparing speeches, and becoming "an expert on everything about anything."

GIBBONS WORKED with Representative Sidney Yates (D-Ill.), Senator Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) and later with then Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson and Senator Mike Mansfield.

"LBJ was probably the greatest majority leader Congress has ever had. I was very impressed by his ability to get legislation passed," Gibbons recalled.

Dr. Gibbons said he welcomed the chance to come to A&M to organize a new department.

"More and more, it is at the university level where the answers to national problems are being sought," he said. "Education is where things are happening."

Gibbons is finishing a book, tentatively entitled "Vietnam and the Control of American Power," to be published at the end of the year.

# Apathy Reigns Again In Senate Elections

By DAVE MAYES

Student apathy seemed to be the only clear-cut winner in the two-day elections for class representatives to the Student Senate from the colleges of Geosciences, Liberal Arts, Agriculture, Engineering and Sciences.

"The voter turnout for both elections was just terrible," Jerry Geistweidt, vice chairman of the Election Commission lamented.

Thirteen positions were decided Tuesday, two others in the runoff elections Wednesday.

Leading vote-getter was Randy Durham of Hampton, N. H., who garnered 55 of 126 ballots cast to win the sophomore representative post for the College of Engineering.

STEVE MEAUX of Humble, with 45 votes defeated Dick Westbrook and Doyle Sanders, who tied with 23, for senior representative from engineering.

Robert Stanzel of Schulenburg edged Raleigh Lane, 12 votes to 11, to take the engineering's junior Senate representative post.

In the College of Agriculture elections, Glenn Keim of Spearman defeated Tom Smith, 17 to 6, for senior representative and Collier Watson of Coleman, with 12 votes, edged Roger Blackwelder with 11 for junior representative.

Marcus Hill of Yantis nailed down the sophomore representative post by defeating Robert Szaro, 27 to 18.

LIBERAL ARTS senior representative is Glenn Davis of Alexandria, Va., who received four more votes than Wayne Prescott and Jim Willbanks, who tied with six.

James Stephenson of Houston defeated Robert Peek, 8 to 5, for junior representative to the Senate. Sophomore representative is Larry Carreker of Houston, who polled 15 votes to Jon Simm's 4.

Only 20 total votes were cast in the College of Geosciences representatives elections. Norman Jenkins of Austin with 9 votes, defeated Robert Smith with 6 to take the post of senior representatives.

Al Reinert of Fairfax, Va., ran unopposed for junior representative. Thomas Fitzhugh of Waco defeated Jeffery Weber 3 to 1 for the office of sophomore representative.

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE for the College of Sciences was Paschal Redding of Monroe, La., who defeated Mary Custer, the only coed candidate in the elections, 12 to 4.

Fred Magee of Garland won the post of junior representative by defeating Donald Birkelbach, 8 to 4.

Sophomore representative is Charles Hoffman, who outpolled Bill Shephard, 27 to 20.



BOOT DANCE MUSICIANS

"The Ghost Coach," a group of A&M students formerly known as "The Natural Gas Company," will be featured at Saturday night's Boot Dance in the MSC Ballroom. Clockwise from lower left, they are Bill Lucas, Keith Mullins, Greg Vaughan, Craig Kennedy and Ken Haggart.

## Ticket Sales Near Finish For Boot Dance Saturday

Tomorrow will be the last day to buy advance tickets for Saturday's Boot Dance, Bruce Baxter, '69 social secretary said.

"Ticket sales have been going well," Baxter reported. He said that the \$3-per-couple tickets may also be bought at the door.

The dance is to begin at 8 p.m. in the ballroom of the Memorial Student Center.

"If weather permits, we will open the doors out onto the patio and be able to dance out there," Baxter commented.

Music for the dance will be furnished by "The Ghost Coach," a local group made up of Keith Mullins, Ken Haggart, Bill Lucas, Greg Vaughan and Craig Kennedy.

"I have heard them play," commented Class President Early Davis, "and I thought they were really good."

Davis said the group, formerly known as the "Natural Gas Company," has been gaining in popularity throughout the area.

## Applicants Sought For Housemaster

The number of housemaster positions has been expanded for next fall, according to Bennie A. Zinn, associate dean of students.

"All students who are interested in employment as housemasters for fall are urged to contact one of the civilian student counselors at once," Zinn said.

"The position offers an opportunity to earn a part of the school expense, get experience in some administrative details, experience in working with people and contribute to the total welfare of A&M," he added.

The counselors may be contacted at their offices: W. G. Breazeale—Puryear 1-H; Alton Linne—Lounge A-1 (south end of Dormitory 14); Gene Oates—Lounge B (west end of Dormitory 21); and Howard Perry—Lounge C (between Dormitory 22 and Walton Hall).

## Matocha Services Scheduled Saturday

Memorial services for Donald J. Matocha, who was killed in Vietnam, will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. in Smithville.

Matocha, a member of the Class of 1967, was in the Marine Corps.

The services will be at the St. Paul Catholic Church and will have a special part for any students of Texas A&M. Matocha was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Matocha of Smithville.

## Hydrants Get '71 Signature

The cavalry mounted horse Saturday night and increased the chances of Aggieldand burning to the ground.

Brandishing their colors freely, some cavalry oriented members of the class of '71 left all campus fire hydrants a glowing yellow, trimmed in infantry blue.

The problem is that while all fire hydrants may look alike, they are not alike.

According to E. F. Sevison, campus fire marshal, the fire department is engaged in painting fire hydrants in a color code which classifies the hydrants according to water flow. Cadet blue and gold does not fall within the color code.

"We had painted about 10 hydrants before Saturday," Sevison said. "Now we will have to go

back and determine water flow and repaint those hydrants."

The fire department is removing all old paint from the hydrants and painting the barrels aluminum. The caps are painted green, yellow or red.

Davis stressed that the atmosphere for the dance will be completely informal.

"Uniform will be Class B, long or short sleeve, boots and ascots," Davis continued. "Dates are to come either casual or semi-formal."

Davis recommended to help keep the informal air that Aggies not buy corsages for their dates.

The ticket price will cover refreshments at the dance.

The Aggieldand Studio will be taking color pictures at the dance, Davis said. The photos will cost \$3.50 for two 5x7 and four wallet size pictures.

## Civilians To Need Car Titles For Fall Registration

Civilian dormitory students will be required to show ownership and state registration papers to register automobiles for campus parking here next fall.

"This procedure is necessary to allocate parking for upperclassmen and graduate students," explained Campus Security Chief Ed Powell.

He said civilian juniors, seniors and graduate students residing in dormitories should be prepared to show their certificate of title and registration papers to secure parking permits in the dormitory areas.

The south end of parking lot 49, which parallels State Highway 2154, will be designated for freshmen and sophomore parking, Powell added.

"Sophomore and freshmen cars are being registered in upperclassmen's names, parked in upperclass areas and denying legal upperclassmen their parking space," he said.

## CS Election Set For Council Post

College Station Mayor D. A. Anderson said Monday an election for city councilman will be held Saturday to fill the one-year unexpired term of Antonio Rosprism, who resigned.

Anderson said he is concerned over the possible lack of voter turnout. He urged everyone to vote in expressing his concern over possible voter apathy in College Station.

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## Foley To Command '68-'69 RV's

Robert Foley was elected commander of the Ross Volunteer Company for 1968-69 Thursday by members of the present company.

Foley is first sergeant of Squadron 10 and will serve as its commanding officer next year. He is a resident of Premont and majors in preparatory law.

Executive officer of the honor company that serves as the governor's body guard at inaugurations will be Frank Davis, Davis, a government major from Levittown, Pa., is sergeant major of the Second Wing and will command that unit next year.

Garland Clark, sergeant major of the Second Brigade and next year's deputy Corps Commander, will be first sergeant of the RV's. Clark is from Glenselg, Maryland, and majors in architectural construction.

A New Braunfels resident majoring in accounting will command the First Platoon. Bill Heitkamp, who is the first sergeant of Company G-2, will command the Fourth Battalion.

Commander of the Second Platoon will be Fred Blumberg, Corps personnel sergeant. Blumberg, a recreation and parks major from Seguin, will command the First Brigade next year.

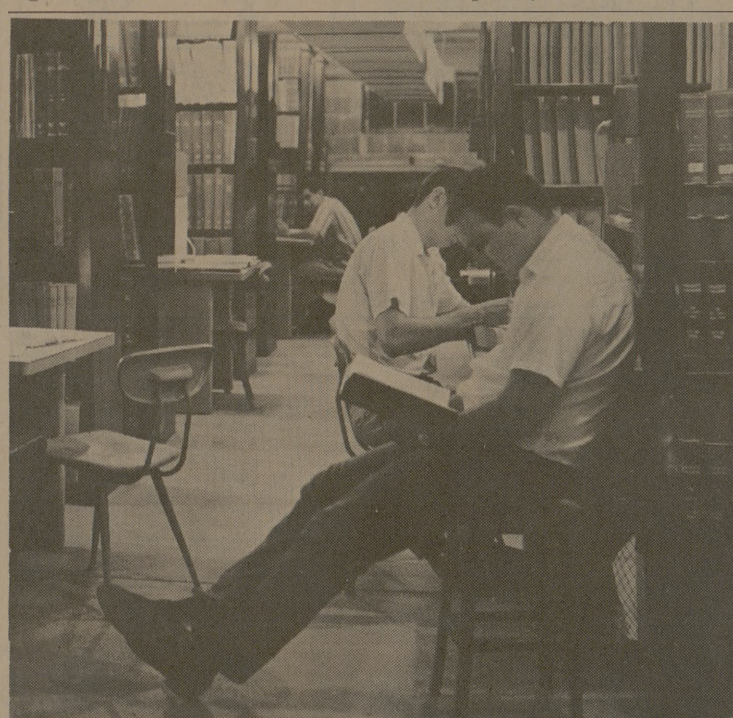
Bob Nida, a San Antonio mechanical engineering major, will command the Third Platoon. Nida will command Company F-1.

Administration officer for the RV's will be John Sutherland. Sutherland, sergeant major of the First Wing and next year's commander of Squadron 1, majors in

marketing and is from Mathis.

Pat Rhodes, an architectural construction major, will be the RV operations officer. A Victoria resident, Rhodes is first sergeant of Squadron 4 and will command the First Wing.

Events the RV's will attend next year will be the annual trip to New Orleans for Mardi Gras, the governor's inauguration, Mother's Day Review and to form a welcoming party for visiting dignitaries.



FINALS TIME AGAIN

Students begin hitting the books in the basement of Cushing Library as final exams approach. This semester, for the first time, the exams begin on Friday of Dead Week. (Photo by Mike Wright)

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