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Gen. Johnson Returns As SCONA Participant

Retired Army Chief of Staff Gen. Harold K. Johnson, spring commissioning speaker at Texas A&M, has accepted an invitation to address the 14th Student Conference on National Affairs in December.

The 35-year military service veteran will speak on "The Limits and Responsibilities of U. S. Power," SCONA theme for 1968.

SCONA chairman Donald B. McCrory of College Station, a fifth-year architecture design major, also announced that Yaacov Hess, Israeli consul general in Houston, will serve as a Round-Table co-chairman.

"The Ambassador of Israel, His Excellency Maj. Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, secured Hess' services," McCrory added.

General Johnson's popular commissioning address touched on the SCONA theme when he said "responsibility begins whenever you find it, and you find it whenever you begin to look for it."

Participant of the Bataan death march, General Johnson served as chief of staff four years before his recent retirement. During his 35 years service, the West Point graduate served in practically all areas of the world.

He commanded 57th and 7th Infantry units, 5th and 8th Cavalry Regiments in the Far East

and headed the joint war plans branch in the Pentagon G3 office. Johnson was commandant of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth three years before going to the Pentagon in 1963.

SCONA's objective is to provide an informal atmosphere for student delegates from across the nation and nearby countries to debate, hear and discuss topics of major importance to the United States and the world.

Leading politicians and statesmen appear before the student-planned, financed, and operated conference. Committees have already worked several months attempting to raise money and attract speakers.

Other committees work at sending invitations to other schools for delegates, arranging transportation and lodging for SCONA delegates and speakers, and planning the agenda for the four-day conference.

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Student Unrest On Campus Next 'Great Issues' Topic

Student unrest on U. S. campuses will be the subject of a special summer Great Issues presentation next week at Texas A&M.

Panel members representing the administrative, faculty, civilian and Corps viewpoints will discuss the topic, "Revolt on American Campuses," in the Aug. 15 presentation in the Memorial Student Center Assembly Room.

Opportunity for audience discussion and questions will be provided, noted Richard L. Engel of Elm Grove, Wis., Great Issues summer committee member.

"The discussion will be kept on a general level and will not be allowed to center on A&M," Engel added.

The panel will include Dean of Students James P. Hannigan; Dr. William C. Gibbons, Political Science Department head; Griffin L. Venator of Dallas, former Civilian Student Council president, and Engel. Moderator will be the Rev. Wesley Seeliger of the St. Thomas Episcopal Chapel.

Engel was 2nd Wing commander in the Corps of Cadets last year.



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT EARL RUDDER

President Rudder Greets Freshmen

It is a sincere pleasure to welcome you to Texas A&M University, the states oldest public institution of higher learning. This institution will continue to play an increasingly important role in the advancement of higher education in Texas.

You will be impressed with the environment which exists on this campus. Such an environment has been created by an outstanding faculty and staff, by an inspired student body, by fine teaching and research facilities, and by educational programs of the highest caliber. Your acceptance into A&M indicates that you have the capability to contribute in a meaningful way to this environment for learning. Your attitude, your diligent effort and your every action can be of lasting benefit to yourself and will contribute also to the enhancement of the university.

The difference in outstanding success, mediocrity or failure for the student is determined largely by the student. The scholastic record you achieve will be the basic standard by which success is measured. This record will begin your FIRST DAY on campus and will follow you throughout life. We hope that you will accept scholastic achievement as your primary mission while at Texas A&M.

We place great confidence in the A&M Class of 1972. You have our best wishes for success and for an exceptionally challenging educational career at Texas A&M University. We commend you for selecting Texas A&M for the attainment of your educational objectives.

Inside The 'Batt'

This annual freshman edition of The Battalion is designed to give the new student and his parents some insight into the background, size, traditions, facilities and extra-curricular activities of Texas A&M.

The new student might find it helpful to keep this issue of the "Batt" and bring it with him in September to help him in the big job of getting acquainted with the university.

The first section contains the current campus news and feature stories.

The second section includes information on the 1968 football team and what is in store for them in the fall.

The third section centers around the history, traditions and extra-curricular activities available to the students of A&M.

Reservations Due For Fall Semester

Students who are planning to live in residence halls during the fall semester should stop by the Housing Office and fill out a "old-returning" buff-colored room reservation card this week, according to Allan M. Madeley, housing Manager.

Any reservation made for the summer session was made only for the summer and does not apply to the fall semester, he said.

Freshmen who have been accepted for the fall semester but have not submitted fall reservation cards should obtain them from the Registrar's Office and

return them to the Housing Office at once, Madeley continued.

Students who entered as transfers in June should fill out white cards. Sophomores, juniors and seniors should fill out the buff-colored cards. Graduate students should fill out green housing cards and international students should complete the blue cards.

Madeley reminded students that since the demand for residence halls is expected to be heavy this fall and room reservations are handled on a date-received basis, it is important that the cards be returned as soon as possible.

Aug. 15 is the deadline for cancellations. Any cancellations after this period will cause a forfeit of the room deposit, Madeley pointed out.

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—Adv.

Centrex Telephone System Causes Directory Changes

Centrex is coming to Texas A&M Aug. 18 and Howard Vestal, the university's management services director, is making sure everyone is prepared.

Vestal explained Centrex is a complete telephone central office designed to serve the specific needs of the university with its own exchange.

Next week, he noted, all university offices will receive a memorandum detailing instructions for proper use of Centrex and a supply of post cards to notify off-campus callers of new numbers.

All campus phones operating on the Centrex system will have complete new numbers with an 845 prefix.

The post cards, furnished by General Telephone Company of the Southwest, are printed in maroon ink and include Texas A&M's 1968 football schedule, in addition to providing space for

a personal message and the new telephone number.

Vestal pointed out that all the new telephone numbers will be published in a temporary campus directory to be distributed about Aug. 15.

Brazos county customers of General Telephone Company of the Southwest will also begin this week receiving a new telephone directory according to B. A. Erwin, Division Manager.

This second 1968 directory is being published for several reasons: The advent of the new Centrex telephone system at Texas A&M will cause most numbers on the campus to change August 18, 1968. In getting ready for Expanded Direct Distance Dialing (EDDD) which will come to Bryan-College Station August 1969, some Bryan numbers must be changed.

Two hundred and fifty of these

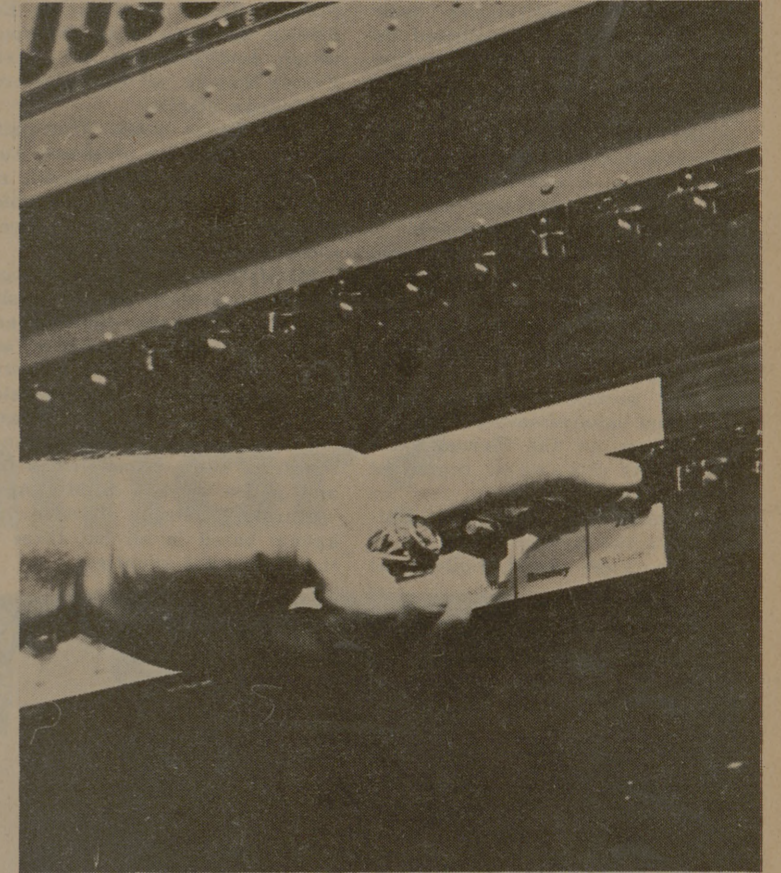
changes will be effective August 18, 1968, and the new number will be in this month's new directory.

If a customer has not received his new telephone directory by August 26, 1968, he should contact his telephone company's business office, Erwin concluded.

Tug-Of-War Set For Tuesday

A second tug-of-war contest has been set for Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., Jack Abbott, Action Committee chairman of the Memorial Student Center's Summer Directorate, announced.

The teams will be made up of 20 men (or women), says Abbott. Site for the tug-of-war is just east of the Cyclotron.



Small Student Vote Puts Wallace Ahead

Third-party presidential hopeful George C. Wallace won a close decision over Republican candidate Richard M. Nixon in a Memorial Student Center-sponsored election Tuesday.

The former Alabama governor, representing the American party, got more than 25 percent of the student votes cast in the basement of the MSC, Jack Abbott, Action Committee chairman of the Student Directorate, said.

Only 227 students showed up at the polling booth to vote for the 11 candidates on the slate, according to the chairman.

"The voter turn-out here reflects on the national picture the indecision that many people face this election year," he continued. Many of those who did show up for the election were undecided about their preference for the president of the United States.

"A little less than half of those who did vote were undecided at the time they closed the curtain behind them. A remark often heard after they were in the booth was 'now who do I vote for?'—clearly showing the indecision," Abbott said.

Wallace won over Nixon by receiving 64 votes, while Nixon was given 56. California Governor Ronald Reagan was accorded 29 votes by the A&M students. New York Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller was close behind

Reagan with 26. Both Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and Minnesota Senator Eugene J. McCarthy were given 17 votes each.

"Non-candidate" Lyndon B. Johnson won 11. Texas Governor John Connally and New York Mayor John Lindsay both received three votes, and Illinois Senator Charles Percy was given one. Michigan Governor George Romney was also included on the slate of presidential candidates and "non-candidates," but did not tally any student votes.

Two AF Officers Added To Staff

Air Force Maj. Ray H. Copus, a 1950 Texas A&M graduate, and Capt. Louis D. Sassman Jr., who completed graduate studies at Texas A&I in 1962, have been assigned to the aerospace studies detachment at A&M.

The Texans will serve under Col. Vernon L. Head, professor of aerospace studies, in instructional capacities. Major Copus is an associate professor, Captain Sassman assistant.



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—Adv.

Work Progresses On Grad Center

Construction work is virtually complete on the first part of a \$3.25 million Graduate Center for Materials and Structural Mechanics at Texas A&M.

Physical Plants Manager Howard Badgett said a preliminary inspection of the two-story and basement building on Spence Street was made last week.

"The formal inspection on which acceptance hinges will come in about a week or two," he said.

Installation of a quarter-million dollars worth of equipment will follow. The Phase I building will house photoelasticity, strain gauge, instrumentation, cement and concrete technology and other labs.

Engineers with specialties from road building to aerodynamics will investigate a variety of materials and structures in the new quarters, which have a gross floor space of 23,334 square feet.

The facility provides for precise control of temperature and humidity in some rooms.

Phase II and III buildings are planned for later construction. One wing will face on Spence Street and the second will be set on the east side of the present structure, forming a "T" shaped building, Badgett said.



"COUNTDOWN 5"

The last dance of the summer has been set for 8 p. m. Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center ballroom. The versatile "Countdown 5" will be the featured band, according to Summer Directorate Dance Chairman James Fletcher. The

"Countdown 5" performed for the Junior Ball and also were on the same program with "The 5 Demension" during Civilian Weekend last spring.