



Corps Leaders Arrive Early

Texas A&M's campus will start taking on a khaki tinge again Sept. 7 with the arrival of Cadet Corps representatives to kick off the 1968-69 school year.

Corps staff members headed by Cadet Col. of the Corps Hector Gutierrez Jr. of Laredo and unit executive and supply officers and first sergeants report at noon. Squadron and company commanders check in Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Orientation, briefings, supply and housing of new students will

be accomplished before upperclassmen check in Thursday and Friday, noted Col. Jim H. McCoy, commandant.

At a Monday morning commanders conference in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom, Dean of Students James P. Hannigan will address corps officers, Colonel McCoy will give policy guidelines for corps operations and Major George E. Strebeck, assistant commandant, will swear in cadet officers.

The commandant's reception for cadet officers will be held at the MSC at 7 p.m. Monday.

Freshmen who did not attend a summer conference will be briefed, draw uniforms and meet with deans Monday and Tuesday.

New students who attended summer conferences arrive Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning to complete registration.

President Earl Rudder's welcoming address will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday in G. Rollie White Coliseum. He will speak to cadet officers at 11 a.m. Thursday.

Returning upperclassmen begin registration at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12 and complete enrollment at 5 p.m. Friday.

MSC open house will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, and orientation and organization of the corps will be completed Saturday morning, Sept. 14.

Fall semester classes begin at 8 a.m. Sept. 16.

State Extension Confab In Full Swing This Week



EXTENSION HONOREE

TAES Director John E. Hutchison presents Mrs. Wilmer Smith, president of the National Extension Homemakers Council, with the Knapp-Porter Award for her contributions to Texas agriculture and family living. The award was handed Mrs. Smith in a Tuesday morning ceremony which opened the state conference to conclude Friday.

Programs Center Around Education

Youth organizations of the nation need to begin serving young people at an earlier age, and providing guidelines and guideposts for them to become more effective citizens.

So says Dr. Hester Turner, national executive director for Campfire Girls, Inc., of New York City.

Addressing the State Extension Staff Conference at Texas A&M Wednesday morning Dr. Hester told the group that every youth organization is concerned with reaching more young people—and should move to offering programs for younger boys and girls, since children are ready for meaningful programs at a much earlier age than comparable youngsters were several decades ago.

The San Antonio native told the approximately 900 professional Extension staff members that "all youth groups have a common goal: That of developing boys and girls. Each organization has its special unique features, and this is as it should be to allow choices."

Dr. Turner, who served as dean of students at Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon, before accepting her current leadership role with Campfire Girls, said that the best ideas and programs of each group could be shared—for most youth programs complement each other.

Emphasizing that "I don't pretend to be an authority on anything, but have been a student most of my life and find learning a tremendous challenge," the vivacious mother of four children said that each organization should capitalize on its great assets, as well as adapt overall programming to better meet the needs of today's youth. She emphasized that all youth organizations are reaching only about 20 percent of the nation's youth—and are conducting research on how to go about involving the other 80 percent.

"One of the best—yet hardest techniques—would be to get adults to really listen to youth," Dr. Turner, a member of the Oregon and Arizona State Bar Associations, declared. "We often use highly judgmental, rather than factual information when we deal with youth," she added.

Sharing platform honors during the Wednesday morning program was Dr. W. M. Bost, director of the Mississippi State Ex-

ension Service, who emphasized that "problems confronting society today are much more complex than those of 65 years ago, when the Extension Service was born."

"Efforts of Extension educators are now reaching both upward and downward, for the college graduate as well as the illiterate both need Extension programs—yet they have vastly different needs," Dr. Bost, who gives leadership to the dynamic Mississippi Extension education programs, emphasized in his address entitled, "Tomorrow is Already Here."

Dr. Bost challenged the educators to keep their programs flexible enough to adapt to necessary changes. "A high standard of thinking may be better than a high standard of living," he said.

An inspirational address by Gustave A. Ferre, chairman of the philosophy department of Texas Christian University opened the morning session. Work group sessions were highlights of the Wednesday afternoon program.

MSC Chairmen Named By Ellis

Mark Schumann of College Station, Clint Machann of Caldwell and Don Prycer of Edinburg have been designated series and special activities chairmen of the Memorial Student Center's Contemporary Arts Committee at Texas A&M.

The 1968-69 fall film series, literary arts and MSC exhibits committee chairmen were named by Tommy Ellis of LaPorte, Contemporary Arts Committee chairman.

Ellis noted the committees provide cultural activities for A&M students, faculty-staff members and the community.

Schumann, a fifth year architecture major, is selecting top quality foreign and domestic films for showing in the MSC series.

Arrangements for campus speaking engagements by the world's foremost literary critics are being made by Machann, senior English major.

As exhibits committee chairman, Prycer will be responsible for art shows and special artist guests throughout the fall semester.

Czech Visitor From A&M Sensed Russian Invasion

Czechoslovakia has exposed world communism for its untrustworthiness and put the Soviet Union on the spot, declares a Texas A&M professor who visited the country in June.

Dr. William R. Smith, head of the university's Psychology Department, chaired an 11-day seminar in Prague in mid-June.

The then-free Czech economic reform leaders and U. S. corporate vice presidents met in a person-to-person educational exchange.

The State Department-approved program involved 13 U.S. citizens in the Center for International Management Studies sponsored by International YMCA and the Czechoslovak Committee for Scientific Management.

Their discussion of management problems and Czechoslovakia's transition toward a free economy came during six months of Czech freedom.

"Our purpose was not to evaluate the political situation, but it was inevitable," Smith said.

"These were friendly, courte-

ous, free people who were going to church, talking and exchanging ideas on topics they had been denied. They were so proud of their communism surveillance it was pathetic," he continued.

"A SECRET ballot-type election was to be held within a month, which is one reason the Russians moved in. Communism isn't based on a secret ballot," Smith added.

The former A&M management professor said the Czechs were "very appreciative" of the Warsaw Pact nations' movement of soldiers and equipment into the country while the U.S. delegation was there.

"But they believed the Russian statement that it was just a test," the CIMS director added. "I had the feeling something was amiss. In that sort of maneuver, the military doesn't normally map city streets and check bridge weight capacities."

"The pact nation officers were very aloof, arrogant, business-like. They know what they were there for," Smith went on.

Three weeks after the seminar,

Pact troops pulled out, sharpened their weapons, added more troops and invaded. In Smith's words, the invasion blocked a true exposure of what was happening behind a rusting iron curtain.

TODAY'S killings in Czechoslovakia are taking place on the square in front of the Jalta Hotel in which Smith, his wife Betty Jo and other U.S. delegates stayed.

"Czech people want freedom. They got it and are not about to give it up. They plan to achieve it or die in the process," reported Smith.

"The warning to the rest of the world is obvious. World communism cannot tolerate independence of any sort," he went on.

"Here is a country that made a bold move toward individual and collective freedom. Then the center of world communism made its policies and long term intentions clear to all by crushing freedom with overpowering military force," he said. "The Czechs very clearly exposed the dangers of communism." Other satellite countries are frightened and will

always distrust communist systems, Smith thinks.

He said there are two possibilities, with Russia losing either way.

"IF THE CZECHS win their freedom back, it will be the end of world communism. If Ducek and Svoboda live, the country will have modified freedom and appear to conform to communist doctrine until it can again strive for full freedom. If Ducek and Svoboda die, there will be an uprising and Russia will have to occupy the country to control it," he pointed out. Smith said a reform leader pinpointed the problem on his seminary-arranging trip to Czechoslovakia a year ago.

"He gave us two dolls. One for my daughter was a costumed Czech peasant. The other is a uniformed secret policeman," he said.

"You people in the U.S. will never understand us Czechs until you understand him," the reform leader told Smith, pointing to the doll representing the secret police.

City Youth See Outdoors As Never Before

Wide, brown eyes stared from a chocolate face at towering pines of an East Texas glade.

"Man," the early teenage Ne-

gro exclaimed. "It sure is quiet. I can't hear a siren."

His and 800 other youths' first non-city experience, has been the



NATURE LORE

Disadvantaged youth of Harris and Jefferson Counties get a close-up look at nature in a youth camp near Huntsville. The youngsters, 10 to 13 years of age, have been city-bound all their lives. The one-week camp will provide opportunity for 800 to develop self-confidence, worth, social and manual skills. Part of the program is a nature hike conducted by Wade Simmons (center) of College Station.

result of a camp near Huntsville.

In the idyllic setting 10 to 13-year-old Negro, Mexican and white children discover a sense of self-worth, a feeling of self-confidence, self-discipline, social and manual skills.

Many have never been outside their ghetto neighborhoods, none have ever known the tranquil freedom of forest or meadow through a summer camp. All are from low income, disadvantaged families where problems of poverty, too many children and city crowding are daily fixtures.

They aren't selected for the week-long camp for scholastic abilities or other attributes society tends to reward. The youngsters' qualifications are from the other end of the spectrum.

At the State Negro 4-H Committee camp site, they learn a skill, are taught the value of physical and mental cleanliness, touch true nature, discover there are thousands of stars hidden by city lights and pollution and the

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smell of air without auto exhaust fumes.

Their new experience is made possible by local, state and federal agencies. The 50-acre wooded site southwest of Huntsville was initially pressed into additional service by efforts of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Texas A&M. The idea originated with Mrs. Louise Kilpatrick, former TAES 4-H leader.

Office of Economic Opportunity aid grew out of U. S. Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman's visit at the one-week pilot camp. Aspects of the program is now drawing aid of individuals, civic organizations, home demonstration clubs, Walker County schools, Job Corps at New Waverly and many others.

The Houston Mayor's Committee on Youth Opportunity, Houston-Harris County Youth Opportunity Center and Neighborhood Youth Corps are deeply involved. "We're interested in making better citizens," explained Camp Director Wilson Richardson, a Houston school counselor.

From indications, the 1968 camp is the first of many.

"There is no better place to put our money," observed Walter

Richter, former state senator and region OEO office director in Austin.

TAES received a \$40,000 OEO grant for eight weeks of camp through Freeman's efforts. Overall training, programming and operation is the responsibility of John Pelham, extension service 4-H assistant leader. Agent R. A. Saunders of Overton is at the camp fulltime and numerous TAES specialists contribute.

Houston and Beaumont organizations select 100 youngsters a week. Physicals, shots, a toothbrush and, sometimes, clothes are provided before buses take the youngsters to camp.

Girls and boys live in separate cinder block cabins, 10 to an age group under a 16 to 22-year-old counselor. A 250-seat dining hall, roofed pavilion and four dorms comprise the layout.

Girls learn to use a sewing machine. They make a blouse to take home along with a sewing kit. Boys become familiar with hand tools, construct and paint a wooden chest that is filled with tools for him to take home.

"These things are the first that many of these kids have to call their own," noted Jack T. Sloan,

TAES resource development specialist.

"We expect and have problems," inserted Saunders. "Antagonism is often worked out by the kids themselves, but we all talk and work with 'em. Homesickness wears off and the kids want to stay. Sometimes we have to deal with stomach aches."

The dining hall is the camp centerpiece, from the youngsters' viewpoint. In a brief paragraph on camp experiences, few fail to mention good food and singing.

"For the first few meals, counselors have to convince the kids they don't have to stuff themselves or try to sneak food out of the hall," Sloan said.

"They have to be assured they'll get three good meals a day. At home, they aren't sure when their next meal will be."

John Thomas of Houston, 18-year-old counselor who attends Prairie View A&M, said youngsters arrive Mondays tense and unsure.

"They loosen up after the first

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