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MISS AMERICA CONTESTANTS

These fifty beauties, from every state in the union, have their eyes set on the coveted Miss America crown, in the annual contest at Atlantic City, New Jersey. The winner will be crowned after week-long competition. (AP Wirephoto)

## Board Backs Amendments On Investment, Retirement

Texas Constitutional Amendments No. 3 and 9 have received the formal support of the Texas A&M University System Board of Directors. Passage of Amendment No. 3

would permit broadening of the investments of the University Permanent Fund, in which The Texas A&M University System and The University of Texas System share.

Amendment No. 9 would permit the Texas Legislature to improve retirement benefits for members of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

The board's resolution endorsing a vote for Amendment No. 3 pointed out the cost of constructing and equipping all buildings and other permanent improvements for the various divisions of The Texas A&M University System must be financed from a share of the income of the Permanent Fund.

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Reagan Brown, general chairman of the conference and Extension Service sociologist at A&M, said Brice is one of the nation's most decorated U. S. civil servants, with 18 awards.

"His rich background of experience as college president, high embassy official, adult educator, and author of eight books gives him a unique insight into the problems and opportunities of today," Brown said.

The Extension sociologist said this year's program, centering on the theme "Where Is the Action?" will allow a maximum amount of time for group discussions.

More than 200 ministers and lay leaders from rural areas and smaller towns are expected to attend the non-denominational meetings, he said.

The conference is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, and is conducted by the A&M Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology.

## NFU Leader To Speak At Luncheon Here

National Farmers Union President Tony T. Dechant will address a "shirt sleeve" luncheon sponsored by Brazos Valley Growers Association at the Ramada Inn here at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday.

Basil Abate of Bremond, president of the Brazos Valley Growers Assn., has extended an invitation to directors and members to join Mr. Dechant for an informal steak luncheon and visit with the national farm leader. Abate has announced that because some farmers are busy with cotton harvest, they will be expected to "come from the fields dressed as they are."

Brazos Valley Growers Assn. is composed of members who farm and ranch in the Brazos River bottom from Marlin to Navasota. It is an affiliate of Texas Farmers Union. Farmers from Falls, Robertson, Brazos, Milam and Burleson counties are expected at the luncheon affair.

In extending the invitation to the luncheon, Abate said, "This is an important time for farmers to hear a great national farm leader who has done so much to improve cotton producers income in the Brazos River bottom." Dechant is expected to talk about farm policy and future legislation involving cotton, grain sorghum and other crops produced in Central Texas.

## Selected Engineering Students Meet For Four-Day Institute

Improved engineering instruction in the Southwest is the objective of a four-day institute this week at Texas A&M.

Forty selected participants from engineering schools in Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico are attending the effective engineering teaching institute sponsored by the education research and methods division of the American Society for Engineering Education and A&M.

Dr. Roy Hann of A&M heads the Tuesday through Friday program.

"This Gulf-Southwest region institute is part of a national program by the engineering education profession for upgrading the quality of teaching," the civil engineering professor said.

Conduct of the institute involves Engineering Deans Fred J. Benson of A&M and John J. McKetta of Texas.

Special speakers include Lester Harrell, associate director, Center for Research in Higher Education, and H. Paul Kelly, testing center director, Texas; Ed Kraybill, dean of undergraduate instruction, College of Engineering, Duke; and Larry P. Grayson, chairman of ASEE's educational resources and methods division.

Assisting are engineering professors of A&M and Texas and Norman Godwin of A&M's Educational Television Department.

Sessions are in the Ramada Inn and various engineering college facilities.

## Foreign Students To Be Briefed

Foreign students enrolling here for the first time this fall begin a comprehensive orientation program Friday, announced Robert L. Melcher, foreign student adviser.

Melcher said he expects approximately 140 new international students this fall, a record.

He noted, however, that only 113 will be participating in the full orientation program. Foreign students who have attended other U. S. schools, he explained, are not required to participate in the full briefing session.

Orientation continues next week, with all new international students registering for classes at 12:45 p.m. Sept. 12.

Melcher said the new students will be briefed on university policies and regulations, given tours of the Memorial Student Center, Cushing Library and other campus facilities and meet with their respective deans and department heads.

## 343 Fish To Attend Annual YMCA Camp

One of the largest groups of new students ever assembled for Fish Camp will depart Texas A&M Saturday for the Methodist Assembly Grounds, near Palestine.

The camp is sponsored by the YMCA here. J. Gordon Gay reports 343 freshmen will attend the 15th annual gathering designed "to acquaint new students with many things they will not learn as a general rule on campus."

Gay, YMCA secretary, pointed out this group is the second largest group to participate and is 90 more students than last year.

Fish Camp, increasingly popular with new students each year,

is used to orient students on college life and A&M customs. Students find answers to such questions of "Why attend college" and "The value of study."

"Camp is that 'little extra' ingredient that gets these students started," said Gay. "I consider it one of the outstanding events in the life of a freshman. Not

only does it offer contact with upperclassmen and faculty, but it serves as a basis for lasting friendships."

Gay proudly points to students—now serving in key campus roles—who received their start in Fish Camp.

Students will travel by bus, returning Tuesday.

## Board Of Directors To Tour A&M System Field Stations

The Texas A&M University System Board of Directors will visit seven system field stations in West Texas next week following a business meeting at Tarleton State College in Stephenville.

A&M President Earl Rudder, who will accompany board members on the three-day trip, said the agenda includes stops at Fort Worth, Throckmorton, Spur, Lubbock, El Paso, Pecos and Sonora.

Board members begin the West Texas tour with an 11 a.m. meeting Monday at the Tarleton Student Center and an afternoon tour of the Tarleton Experiment Station and Poultry Disease Laboratory.

After overnighting in Fort Worth, the group will visit the Texas Experimental Ranch at

Throckmorton and then proceed to the A&M Agricultural Research Station at Spur, stopping enroute at the Pitchfork Ranch near Guthrie for lunch.

Board members will arrive at Lubbock Tuesday afternoon in time for a field day at the A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center. They also will visit the Plains Cotton Cooperative Association and attend a reception and dinner hosted by Lubbock civic leaders.

Wednesday morning the group will inspect A&M's Agricultural Research Station at El Paso and conclude the trip with visits to the Pecos and Sonora Research Stations.

Board members will utilize personal aircraft during the tour, Rudder noted.

In addition to Rudder, university officials accompanying the board include Agricultural Dean H. O. Kunkel, Associate Deans John E. Hutchison and L. S. Pope, and Robert G. Cherry, board secretary.

Rudder pointed out the board made a similar tour of South and East Texas facilities earlier this year.

## Record Enrollment For Vet School Expected By Price

Students enrolled in the professional program of the College of Veterinary Medicine register for the fall trimester at 8 a.m. Saturday, announced Dean Alvin A. Price.

Dean Price said he expects record enrollment for the College of Veterinary Medicine, with 128 students signing for first-year classes, 128 for second year and 121 for third year.

Registration will be held in the Veterinary Medicine Sciences Building.

Veterinary medicine classes begin at 8 a.m. Monday.

Remainder of the A&M students, including those majoring in pre-veterinary medicine, register Sept. 11-13 and begin classes Sept. 16.

The College of Veterinary Medicine is the university's only division operating on the trimester basis.

## Australian Prof Guest Lecturer At Engineers Meeting

Dr. De Vahl Davis, associate professor of mechanical engineering at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia, was presented as guest lecturer Tuesday by the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Subject of the presentation was "Natural Convection in Cavities." Analysis of the motion of a fluid in an enclosed or open cavity by a numerical solution of the equations of motion and energy was discussed. Several types of cavities were considered.

Texas A&M is one of several universities where Davis is exchanging ideas with engineering educators during his visit in the United States. His itinerary also includes participation in several conferences.

Davis is an engineering graduate of the University of Sydney. He received his doctorate from Cambridge.

He was introduced by Dr. Charles F. Kettleborough, distinguished professor of mechanical engineering here and formerly Chair of Mechanical Engineering professor at the university of New South Wales.

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## HEW Officials To Address Church Conference Here

A Department of Health, Education, and Welfare official will be the lead-off speaker for the 23rd annual Town and Country Church Conference here Oct. 10-11.

He is Dr. Edward W. Brice, confidential assistant secretary for education in HEW. His topic is "The Music by Which They

## Hirst To Lecture Graduate Students

Dr. James M. Hirst of Harpenden, Herts, England, will deliver a Graduate College lecture here Tuesday.

Dr. Hirst, head of the Department of Plant Pathology at the Rothamstead Experiment Station in England, will speak on "The Epidemiology of Airborne Diseases." His lecture is set for 4 p.m. in the Plant Sciences Building.

A pioneer in epidemiology and aerobiology, Dr. Hirst is visiting in the United States as a lecturer during the 1968 Phytopathology meetings this week at Ohio State.



RUSSIAN ACROBATICS

Russian soldiers applaud stunt performed by one of their compatriots during a song and dance meeting in park in Prague, Czechoslovakia. (AP Wirephoto by cable from Vienna)

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FIGHTING WHILE SINKING

As stern of this U. S. Navy landing craft goes under water, GI's of U. S. 9th Infantry Division fire back at Viet Cong force hiding nearby on canal bank in Mekong Delta. (U. S. Navy photo via AP Wirephoto)