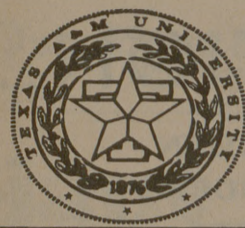


First Yell Practice Scheduled For 10:30 Tonight



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Prominent Speakers Accept SCONA Bids

Field Day Set Saturday For Air Force Freshmen

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In another first for A&M, which dispelled the Aggie joke last year with more than one "first" gained on the turf, First and Second Wings will hold an Air Force Field Day for freshmen Saturday from 8-10 a.m. behind Duncan Dining Hall.

Actually, the entire event is serious, in that it will assist freshmen in adjusting to their new environment and in meeting new friends within the Corps of Cadets.

"This is the first time such an event has been held at A&M," notes Larry Graviss, Corps Operations Officer. "It is patterned after a program held at Air Force summer camp in which camp participants get to know each other better."

BILL SHIELDS, Second Wing operations officer, adds that besides just offering fun and games, the event will help to build team spirit and get the freshmen to act as a unit.

"We hope that this spirit will carry over into other Corps activities, and if successful, that Field Day will be tried in future

years," he continues. "Also later this year, the winners of the individual events could challenge each other as members of their respective Wings."

Individual field events will include the medicine ball throw, football throw, and standing broad jump. In these each person will be allowed two throws for distance, the longest counting.

TWO-MAN team events will be the wheel barrow race, egg throw, and three-legged race. Each unit will field two two-man teams. For the individual events, four freshmen from each unit are entered.

Events involving four-man relay teams, one from each squadron, will be the potato race, 50-

yard shuttle, dizzy race, and 50-yard leap-frog race.

In each event scoring will be by first, second, and third places with the first-place winner receiving three points; second-place, two; and third, one. Point totals will be kept to determine the winning unit.

The Field Day Event will be an official ROTC activity with participants receiving credit for corps training. Air Force officers will be present as they would have at the regularly scheduled drill to have been held this weekend.

Upperclassmen will supervise the First and Second Wing sponsored events as well as provide moral support for their respective units.

Editor Of 'Reader's Digest' To Speak At TJCPA Meet

Charles Ferguson, editor-at-large of "The Reader's Digest," will make one of the feature talks during the annual Texas Junior College Press Association conference here Oct. 14-15.

More than 200 junior college members are expected for the two-day meet, announced Director Dr. David R. Bowers, journalism professor.

He noted 28 of 32 member junior colleges were represented last year.

Joining Ferguson, banquet speaker, will be Dr. James Rogers, vice president of North Texas State University. The conference keynote speaker will deal with "Responsibility and Freedom of the College Press."

A faculty-sponsor session will feature Dr. Norris Davis, University of Texas, Austin, journalism head, explaining the report on journalism education that went to the State Coordinating Board earlier this year.

Also scheduled for faculty discussion is Mrs. Branche Prejean of Tyler Junior College, speaking on programmed teaching, and Bill Stone of McLennan County College, reporting on junior college sessions at the recent Association for Education in Journalism convention.

Professionals to speak to students include Ron Calhoun, Dallas Times-Herald political writer; Miriam Kass, Houston Post medical writer; Nick Bourneas, Victoria JC graduate writing Post sports, and Glenn Dromgoole, Fort Worth Star Telegram education writer and former A&M Battalion editor.

Yearbook staff sessions will be under D-Eon Priest of Taylor Publishing and Mrs. Kathleen Leabo, former supervisor of the National Scholastic Press Association. She is the wife of A&M's Journalism Department head, C. J. (Skip) Leabo.

Senior Council Meets Tonight

Senior Council President Beverly Davis announced the Student Council will organize at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Room 3C of the Memorial Student Center.

Davis asked that at least one representative from each Corps unit and each civilian dormitory attend. Davis especially urged that civilians attend "so they don't feel left out of any major decisions later on."

Mauro Urges Good Support From Civilians

The season's first regular yell practice is scheduled for 10:30 tonight in front of Henderson Hall, the athletic dormitory.

Headed by the yell leaders and accompanied by the Aggie Band, the yell practice will be a prelude to the opening game Saturday night against the Louisiana State University Tigers at Baton Rouge.

Head yell leader this year is Bill Youngkin of Gilmer. Other senior yell leaders are Barney Dawson of Wichita Falls and Bob Segner of San Antonio. Juniors are David Hoelscher of Alice and Garry Mauro of Dallas.

The Aggies leave for Louisiana about noon Friday and are expected to return to College Station soon after the game Saturday night.

Dawson said he hopes that the Aggies who do not go to Baton Rouge will meet the team plane when it arrives here sometime Sunday morning.

MAURO, a civilian, reminded students that this yell practice will be in the civilian dormitory area and said all civilians should attend.

"A lot of civilians have indicated a desire to take part. We've given a lot of lip service to the idea of how we want to support the team. Now it's time we show that support," Mauro said.

He suggested that civilian dormitory students go en masse to the yell practice. Mauro is the first civilian yell leader since the 1965-66 school year.

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Rainy Conditions Seen For Drive To Baton Rouge

Wet driving conditions are expected for traffic from Bryan and College Station to Baton Rouge Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Nevertheless, a dry cold front moving through Baton Rouge late Friday afternoon or Friday night will provide near ideal weather for Texas A&M's 1968 football opener with LSU, according to A&M's Meteorology Department weather station.

Station meteorologist Jim Lightfoot said Weather Bureau charts indicate it will be partly cloudy, near 70 degrees with northerly winds 10 to 20 mph at the 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

"The front will be noticed mostly by a wind shift," he predicted. "There will be very little temperature change and it should not bring any precipitation."

Lightfoot indicated those driving or flying to Louisiana for the game will find slightly different conditions late Friday. He said thundershowers and rain showers are predicted on the coast along the most favorable route. Saturday morning should prove partly cloudy and dry to the east.

A&M Cyclotron Gets Bids From Research Firms

Several top space and medical research institutions are expressing interest in utilizing Texas A&M's new cyclotron as the nuclear device nears full operation.

W. A. McFarlin, associate director of A&M's Cyclotron Institute, said the university is discussing possible arrangements with the Aerospace Medical Division of Brooks Air Force Base at San Antonio, M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute at Houston and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

McFarlin noted a University of Pennsylvania scientific team engaged in cancer research just completed a "highly successful" experiment at the A&M installation and plans to return next month.

A&M welcomes inquiries regarding use of the cyclotron by off-campus organizations, the associate director added.

While the machine is developed to its maximum capabilities, it is being used for numerous "in-house" experiments and other projects initiated by the university's Activation Analysis Research Laboratory.

McFarlin said the multi-million-dollar, third-generation cyclotron—largest in the Southwest—is now operating 24 hours a day, Monday through Friday.

Top Economist, Chief Of Staff Head Program

Three nationally prominent figures have already accepted invitations to speak at the Student Conference on National Affairs, Don McCrory, conference chairman, announced Wednesday.

Scheduled to speak at the Dec. 4-7 Forum are James Buchanan of the University of Virginia, one of the top six economists in the nation; Gen. Harold K. Johnson, retired chief of staff of the U.S. Army; and Edward S. Marcus of Dallas, president of the National Association for the Partners of the Alliance.

In addition, roundtable co-chairmen will include John T. Barton, representative of Dow Chemical Co., and Gutierre Tibon of the University of Mexico.

Other chairmen scheduled to lead roundtable discussion groups will be representatives from the embassies of Israel, Nigeria and Czechoslovakia and from the U.S. Military Academy, the Air Force Academy and the Department of State.

PERSONAL invitation to SCONA delegates from President Earl Rudder have been sent to 124 colleges and universities in the United States, Mexico and Canada.

Some 250 persons are expected to attend, McCrory said. Computers will be used for the first time to speed up registration.

"Limits and Responsibilities of U.S. Power" is the topic for the SCONA XIV conference, headquartered in the Memorial Student Center.

"The delegates chose this topic because the United States is at a point of decision," McCrory said. "America, though a leader of the free world, is facing a crisis at home, and has cumbersome military, economic, and political commitments overseas."

"We will try to look at how we got where we are, where we are now, and whether we should be there," he added. "The final question is what course should the United States take now."

McCrory SAID that the purpose of SCONA is to give student leaders a broad view of the complexities of American foreign relations. There are five conferences of this type and A&M has the largest.

"A&M's is the only one where the students raise the funds for the conference," he noted. "This year's budget is \$21,000."

McCrory said more than \$18,000 has been collected from fund drives and that the remainder is to be collected from delegate registration fees.

"THIS IS THE most a SCONA committee has ever raised. We have also attracted more contributing sponsors," he noted. "The finance committee plans to raise \$1,000 more than the budget for SCONA XV."

Fund drives were conducted in each major Texas city at Easter, during June and September.

Garland Clark, chairman of the conference host committee, is now choosing outstanding junior and senior students to host speakers, co-chairmen, and roundtable members.

A general meeting to familiarize SCONA staff members with this year's topic is planned for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in rooms 2C and 2D of the Memorial Student Center, Harry Lesser, vice chairman, said.

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SULLY SPARKLES AGAIN

Lawrence Sullivan Ross gets a face-lifting as well as a new suit of clothes as freshmen from Squadron 4 complete a spit 'n polish rubdown on the statue of the former A&M president. One of the more popular A&M traditions, the statue has already been polished a half dozen times by energetic groups of civilians and Corps members since the start of school.

Band Preparation Continues For Oct. 12 Marching Debut

Texas Aggie Band preparation for its first 1968-69 public appearance gradually will pick up speed during the next two weeks and reach its crescendo Oct. 12. At its largest since 1960, the famous marching military organization will debut this fall at the A&M-Texas Tech football game.

Lt. Col. E. V. Adams, director, said the band includes 156 returning cadets and 122 freshmen plus drum majors Michael B. Benton of Dallas, Lawrence A. Lippke of Yorktown and James J. Hall III of Corpus Christi. After the band marched outside for the first time Wednesday, Combined Band Commander Bill Howell said, "Things went much better for the band the first day on the field than in any of the four years I have been here."

"THE FRESHMEN fit right in and are learning what is expected of them. We made no major errors; the minor ones, of

course, can be ironed out with more marching practice."

He said that overall the band, which plays at all conference games this year, was ahead of schedule in its marching practice.

"We plan to march 264 in 22 ranks of 12 men each," announced "The Colonel," as he is known to bandmen.

Adams, starting his 23rd year as director, noted the 1968-69 band is the first since 1960 that has had the personnel for two additional ranks. The organization normally marches 12 by 20. He said 14 alternates will work into succeeding drills.

THE DIRECTOR said the band will work outdoors without instruments only briefly this week. Dorm 11 practice field sessions will add music the first time next week. Indoor practice will be on almost a completely new repertoire.

"Timing has got to be just right," the dean of Southwest Conference band directors stated. "If we start drills too soon, the men burn out. If we don't start soon enough, the three weeks we have to get the first performance ready will go out the window."

The 1968-69 schedule allows the band more practice time for its first appearance than any in the Colonel's memory.

Last fall, the band reported early and had a week to prepare for national TV camera coverage. WIDELY KNOWN for its precision, grandiose marching style, the Aggie Band has made flawless halftime drills its normal standard.

"I won't make any predictions until I see them on the ground in public," cautioned Adams. A classicist at the art of understatement, he describes a winning drill as "one in which we start together and finish together."

The organization has its usual national and international membership, with 11 per cent from out-of-state. The roster includes

more than its usual number from the Eastern United States, however, and lists members from Balboa, Canal Zone, and Mexico.

"The only thing I can attribute this to is our two national TV appearances last season," Adams said. "I haven't done any out-of-state 'recruiting.'"

Almost 20 per cent is from West and Far West Texas which is unusual, he added.

Adams says the band would have to close shop if members from major state cities were lost. The marching diagram shows 26 musicians from Houston, 24 from San Antonio and 21 from Dallas.

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NEW ID CARDS

John Bebout, Company A-2 sophomore, looks over the new-style student identification card handed him by Sondra Adams, who is helping distribute the cards in the Sbisra newsstand. The cards may be picked up through Friday afternoon. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Fish Drill Team Tryouts Tuesday

Freshmen interested in trying out for the 1972 Fish Drill Team are requested by Senior Adviser Mike Casey to report at 5 p.m. Tuesday to the drill field behind Duncan Dining Hall.

Casey said no special qualifications are needed to join the all-freshman team.

"Most of the members of last year's national champion drill team had little or no marching experience before they joined the team," he noted.

The unit's first performance will be during the halftime of the A&M Fish-University of Texas Shorthorn game at Austin in November. Other drill meets scheduled for the fall and spring include competitions at Houston, Baton Rouge and Lafayette, Ind.

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