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## \$20,700 Collected In Drives For SCONA XIV Dec. 4-7

Approximately \$20,700 has been collected to finance the fourteenth Student Conference on National Affairs Dec. 4-7, Bill Howell, SCONA finance chairman, said Wednesday.

Howell told a SCONA committee meeting the funds were gathered in drives during Easter, June and August and from alumni. The remainder, to be collected by delegate registration fees, will be

enough to finance the conference, Howell said.

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

The topic was chosen, according to conference chairman Don McCrory, "because the U. S. is at a point of crisis both at home and abroad over military, economic, and political issues."

Plans have been worked out, according to Rance Palmer, publicity chairman, to have heads of the department provide lectures on various topics at the conference for A&M members, staff and delegates.

Personal invitations have been sent to 125 institutions in the United States, Canada, and Mexico by President Earl Rudder. This list includes five schools in Canada, two schools in Mexico, and all five military academies.

Walter Cronkite, CBS news commentator, is one of three prominent Americans asked to join the group of outstanding speakers already slated to speak at the conference.

Others asked to speak are Walter Rostow, special advisor to the President on Southeastern Asian Affairs; George F. Cannon, Ambassador-at-large; and David Rockefeller, U.S. Representative from West Virginia.

Speakers accepting invitations are James Buchanan of the University of Virginia, one of the top six economists in the world; Gen. Harold K. Johnson, retired chief of staff of the Army; Edward S. Marcus, president of the National Association for the Partners of the Alliance; John T. Barton, representative of Dow Chemical Co.; and Gutierrez Tibon, representative from the University of Mexico.

## 23 Members Named To Singing Cadets

By DALE FOSTER  
Battalion Staff Writer

Twenty-three new members are among 59 Singing Cadets that will first perform as a full group Nov. 30 at the 1968 Miss Teenage America Pageant, in Fort Worth.

New members of the cadets, directed by Robert L. Boone and accompanied by Mrs. June Biering, are the following:

First Tenors Roger Fry of San Antonio; Mike Murrell, Gruver; Joe Snow, Irving.

Second Tenors Walter Ashworth, La Marque; Ronald Chansey, Merkel; Dave Denney, Bryan; Kenneth Green, Galveston; Ernest Khoury, Waco; Dan Saladin, Elmhurst, New York.

Baritones Earl Bond, Bill Butler, and Dale Foster of Bryan; Clarence Hill, Freer; Eddie McCann, Sweeny; Mike McCulley, Bryan; Robert Rowe, Dallas; Teri Soli, Bay City.

Basses Rick Allen, Houston; Gary Cohen, Peeskill, New York; Mike Hensley, Cameron; Justin Jones, San Antonio; James McLeroy, Houston; Scott Wilson, Bryan; and John Yantis, Brownwood.

"A good group of men returning from last year's organization will provide us a solid foundation to build upon," President Jerry Holbert said. "We are looking forward to a full year of programs, both on and off the campus."

"We also think the organization has gained a good crop of Buffos, or new members," he added, "with several All-State voices included in the group."

"Response this year was good for the single week of tryouts. More than 100 students tried out for 23 positions. Normally two weeks are used for auditions," the senior continued.

During an indoctrination period next week the Buffos will wear

## Howard Notes New Policies In Blood Drive

David Howard, chairman of the Student Senate Welfare Committee, Wednesday told how A&M students may benefit from the blood collection in the annual senate blood drive.

"Misunderstandings arose last year about who was eligible to receive blood and in what quantities," Howard said. "The Wadley Blood Bank of Dallas, which handles blood drive arrangements, has agreed to honor our new rulings."

"Any A&M student in need of transfusions is eligible to receive full credit from the bank in the amount needed. Any member of a student's immediate family is eligible to receive up to 15 pints of free blood."

"Up to 10 pints of blood are available to anyone connected with the A&M staff. No questions will be asked when an emergency transfusion is needed."

"The Wadley Blood Bank, 9000 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, must be notified as soon as possible that an emergency exists and to which hospital credit is to be given."

The blood drive, a service sponsored by the Campus Chest and the Welfare Committee, will be April 16-17, in the basement of the Memorial Student Center.

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# Tape Deck Thieves Active Here Again

## Security Lists Recent Thefts Of 29 Units

By TOM CURL  
Battalion News Editor

Tape deck thieves have struck at Aggieland once again.

Campus Security reported Wednesday night that a record number of stereo tape decks have been stolen since school started.

The department reported 30 cases of breaking and entering of cars from Sept. 18-25. Most of the complaints concerned tape decks, with a few cases of stolen tachometers.

"IT'S THE worst outbreak we've ever had here," said Officer J. D. Gossett.

Campus Security Chief Ed Powell said Wednesday night that students should take their tape decks out of their cars and keep them in a safe place.

"As long as they (tape decks) are in the cars, they will be stolen," Powell commented.

"The thefts look very amateurish and unprofessional," commented Gossett.

"It's hard to tell whether it's outsiders or students," he continued, "but we have been able to get some fingerprints."

THE OFFICER said much of the stolen merchandise is taken to large cities and then shipped to another area for resale.

The robberies do not seem to be confined to a particular area or parking lot on the campus, although the hardest hit is Lot 49 along the west side of the campus.

"It seems like they (the thieves) try to hit one area at a time. Next they hit a new area and then sometimes back to the first parking lot," Gossett remarked.

Twenty-one tape decks were stolen from student automobiles in the two weeks preceding Christmas vacation last year. Two hundred were stolen during the year.

"WE BROKE up three different bunches of thieves last year," said Gossett. One group, composed of two dormitory students, had more than \$5,000 worth of stolen merchandise in their rooms.

According to Gossett, students should record the make and serial number of their tape decks and report this information to Campus Security if the tape player is stolen.

Powell said a representative from an auto insurance company called him Wednesday about a student's claim for a stolen tape player. The representative said that his company is considering separating insurance rates for tape decks and the usual comprehensive auto insurance.

## Experiment Club Elects Officers

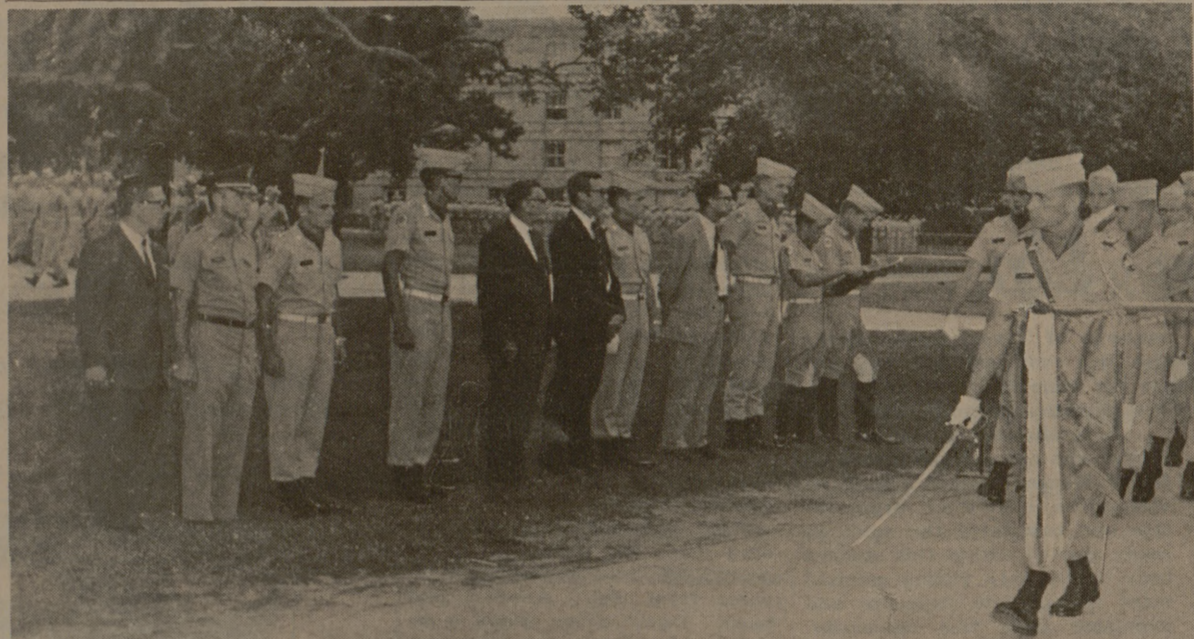
The Experiment Supper Club, a newly-formed wing of the Memorial Student Center Travel Committee, organized Wednesday and elected Pat Rehmet of Alice chairman for the fall semester.

Other officers elected were Blaine Purcell of Wichita Falls, vice chairman, and Frank Tilley of Jacksonville, secretary-treasurer.

Rehmet, who had "experimented" in Poland the summer of 1966, said the club would promote Experiment In International Living participation by A&M students.

The supper club will also serve as an alumni organization for past experimenters. Last summer, eight students from A&M, the third highest number of students from a university participating in the exchange program, lived with families in five European countries.

First Bank & Trust now pays 5% per annum on savings certificates. —Adv.



Gregory K. Meyer leads his unit Company C-2, past the reviewing line in a Second Brigade passby in the Duncan Area. The brigade review Wednesday was in honor of Corps unit faculty scholastic advisers. (Photo by Mike Wright)

### EYES RIGHT

## Top Army ROTC Cadets Chosen At Summer Camps

Texas A&M Army ROTC cadets had an outstanding record at summer camp, announced Col. Jim H. McCoy, commandant.

He said 146 of 285 cadets in the six-week training camp at Fort Sill, Okla., were recommended by the deputy camp commander for Distinguished Military Student awards.

Aggies were ranked as the outstanding cadets in one of two brigades, first in six of 14 companies and tops in 23 of 56 platoons.

"Eighty-three A&M cadets finished in the top 10 percent of their 44-member platoons," McCoy noted.

James M. Townsend, Company D-2 commander of Falls Church, Va., was the top cadet in his brigade. About 1,200 cadets competed for the honor.

The first position at company level was awarded John G. (Buster) Adams Jr., H-1 commander, Freer; Roy D. Lewis, Second Brigade operations officer, Hurst; Michael S. Meharg, D-2, Bartlesville, Okla.; Richard C. Moley, McGuire AFB, N. J.; and San-

ford T. Ward, Austin. Moley and Ward held senior rank in the corps last year, Ward as E-1 commander and Moley, cadet captain.

First in their platoons were Raymond L. Armour Jr., H-2 commander, Houston; James C. Benson, First Battalion executive officer, Dallas; Garland H. Clark, deputy corps commander, Glenelg, Md.; Michael T. Curd, Aggie Band, Fort Worth; Walter D. Dabney, D-1 commander, Dallas; Henry W. Dille Jr., C-2, El Paso; Gary H. Eaton, E-1, Houston;

Frank X. Farias, E-2, San Antonio; Dennis J. Fontana, C-2, Lompox, Calif.

Also, William R. Howell Jr., Aggie Band commander, Brenham; Samuel E. Hodge, A-1, Alletton; Glenn W. Keim, H-2, Spearman; Clamire J. Landry III, D-1, Biloxi, Miss.; Ralph Rayburn, Third Battalion operations officer, Ingleside; Charles F. Schwab Jr., San Antonio; Neill W. Wait, Dallas, and Kenneth R. Wilkin, Second Brigade scholastic officer, Bossier City, La.

## January Graduation Hopefuls Must Take GRE Dec. 10-11

Texas A&M seniors planning to graduate in January should register at the university's Counseling and Testing Center by Oct. 18 to take the Graduate Record Examinations, announced Auston Kerley, center director.

Kerley said the GRE, a requirement for graduation from Texas A&M, will be administered by the university the evenings of Dec. 10-11 as an institutional testing program.

Students unable to take the two-part test at that time, Kerley added, may also apply at the center for the national testing program.

## Gibbs Case Goes Into Fourth Day Of Testimony

Testimony continues today in the hearing for Dr. Leon W. Gibbs, professor of veterinary anatomy.

Gibbs, charged with nine counts of misconduct, is seeking reinstatement as a teacher after being transferred to a research assignment in 1965.

Dr. Manuel Davenport, president of the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors, said Wednesday night that testimony by the university administration would probably be completed sometime this morning.

Dr. Davenport estimated that defense testimony would possibly be finished by Friday afternoon.

The five-man faculty committee hearing the case will then make recommendations to A&M President Earl Rudder, who in turn will present the recommendations to the A&M Board of Directors.

University National Bank "On the side of Texas A&M." —Adv.

## Sailing Club Will Organize; Beginners, 'Old Salts' Sought

By TIM SEARSON  
Battalion Staff Writer

The organizational meeting of the A&M Sailing Club will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in room 210 of the Military Science Annex.

"We hope anyone interested in sailing will come to our first meeting," said David L. Walker, third-year architect student from Corpus Christi and commodore of the club. "Not only experienced sailors, but beginners are welcome to join."

To encourage new members, the club will host a picnic Saturday at Lake Somerville to acquaint the beginner with the fundamentals of sailing. Seventy returning members are expected this year, along with 50 sailing families in the Bryan area.

THE CLUB currently has on display in the Memorial Student Center a collection of 11 trophies won over the summer.

Jim St. John, first vice commodore, and Larry Richter worked as a team in a Lone Star sailboat to place first in the Arlington Invitational, third in Waco, fifth in Fort Worth, and tenth in the National Championship regatta in Fort Worth.

Club Secretary Anne Carter, entered in a Day Sailor, won the club championship in the women's division, the summer series, and the Adam's Cup, women's division. She also placed in the New England semi-finals.

CLARK ERSKINE placed first in the Fort Worth Invitational and second in the Alice Invitational in a Star Fish.

Several books of interest to the new sailor and a drawing of the official Southwest Conference sailboat, the International 420, are also included in the display.

In the past two years, a training program has been used to teach the fundamentals of sailing to beginners. The club hopes to continue the program with fea-

tured speakers and instructive films.

Members of the sailing club hope to enter a number of races scheduled this year. The Aggie club will challenge such schools as Texas Christian University, Texas Tech, University of Houston, and University of Texas at Austin.

A regatta is scheduled for early next spring in Houston, followed by the Embleton Cup race in Austin during Easter, an invitational in Dallas, and a race sponsored by the Fort Worth Boat Club in the late spring.



### NOW IN OPERATION

College Station's million-gallon water tower became fully operational Wednesday. Projected figures show that it will adequately serve the city's needs for the next twenty years. See story page 3. (Photo by Mike Wright)

## WEATHER

Thurs.—partly cloudy to cloudy, few afternoon rain showers—easterly 5-10; high 84, low 68.

Friday—cloudy, southerly 10-15; light rain; high 86, low 71.

Tulane—cloudy, scattered rain showers; southerly 10-15; high 81.