



## 'Jimmy' Recalls Past Days As Pot-Rustler For Sbisa

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"Sbisa was a mean old cuss!" James "Jimmy" Henderson recalled of one of the men under whom he worked on the A&M campus prior to 1900.

The words flowed freely from his toothless mouth as he remembered his days of pot-rustling (dish washing), waiting on tables and peeling potatoes under A&M Mess Steward Bernard Sbisa.

HE NO LONGER remembers dates—only people, places and events. He recalls that he was nearly 20 when he served his first meal in the old dining hall which was destroyed by fire Nov. 11, 1911. Clear in his memory of working in the dining hall was the quick temper often displayed by Sbisa.

Jimmy worked several odd jobs on campus in those days including sanitation work, care of the pecan trees for the horticulture department, construction work on the original building of the School of Veterinary Medicine in 1918, and bootblack for the cadets.

THE LAST TIME he shined shoes on campus the cadets were living in tents. Jimmy was one

of many Negro boys in the Bryan area who polished shoes on the campus in the early 1900's. He may even have shined the brogans of the late "Pinky" Downs, though he doesn't remember.

Jimmy would walk from home in Bryan to A&M before sunrise to begin preparing the mess hall for breakfast. Afterwards, he cleaned the dishes, then hurried to the steps of old Ross Hall where he waited for cadets who needed shoe shines before class.

"The cadets had to march to meals over dusty or muddy unpaved roads, so they needed shoe shines often," he said. "It was a good business."

HE RECALLED that not all of the students lived in tents.

"The rich boys stayed in private dormitories off campus," he said. "I remember the Armour boy as being one of them who lived in a private dormitory. I sometimes polished shoes for him in his room, and he gave me a big candied ham before he graduated."

Jimmy believes that this young man for whom he polished shoes at the turn of the century is now president of the Armour Star Meat Packing Co., but he can't remember the man's first name, so he isn't sure if the man he knew is still living.

Jimmy refers to his age as being over 75. He has no certificate. He knows only that he was born on a farm somewhere in Brazos County before 1900. Regardless of his real age, however, he looks like a man of fifty or less years.

His strong arms and shoulders look like those of a prize fighter. His face shows only slight traces of wrinkles. Only the whiteness of his scant hair and thriving mustache indicate his age.

If you are interested in learning more about A&M's past from a man who has lived it, drop in at Jimmy's home for an afternoon visit. He'll welcome you. Just find Military Street in Bryan where it borders the cemetery, and ask anyone to point the way to Jimmy Henderson.

## Rhodes Scholar Applications Now Being Accepted

Students wishing to apply for a Rhodes Scholarship should confer with Dr. Richard Ballinger, Room 302A Academic Building, by Oct. 11.

Applicants must be single, at least a junior academically, and between the ages of 18 and 24 on Oct. 1, 1968.

After screening by Ballinger, applications will be considered pooled with those of other schools across the state. The state selection committee will then choose two candidates for district competition.

Each district committee selects from 12 to 14 candidates from those chosen by the state committees. From these candidates, not more than four can be chosen as scholars.

Thirty-two scholarships are assigned annually to the United States. States are grouped into regional districts to facilitate appointments.

Two Aggies in past years have been selected as Rhodes Scholars. Charles Wright Thomas, 1922 chemical engineering graduate, studied English literature at Oxford University and Jack Edward Brooks, 1946 in electrical engineering, studied physics.

## Table Tennis Tournney Set

A table tennis tournament open to Texas A&M students, faculty-staff and area citizens will be staged Friday at the Memorial Student Center.

Competition in novice and open divisions will be by U. S. Table Tennis Association and MSC club rules, announced Frank Storey of Pasadena, club president.

The 7 p.m. tournament will be played in the MSC Assembly Room.

"We are especially interested in gaining participants from Bryan and College Station," Storey added, noting that several matches will be guaranteed each player.

Division placement will be determined by club rules. Dark shirts, non-skid shoes, an entrance fee of 50 cents in the open division and 25 cents, novice, are required.

Interested persons should register with Jim Cain, Box 318, College Station (846-3965) or Storey in Dorm 17, Room 104 (845-6593) before 7 p.m. Thursday (Oct. 3). Storey said all participants must register and pay the entrance fee before the deadline.

## WEATHER

THURSDAY — Cloudy, thunder-showers in the morning. Becoming partly cloudy in late afternoon. Winds northerly 10 to 20 m.p.h. High 76, low 69.

FRIDAY — Partly cloudy. Winds northerly 10 to 15 m.p.h. High 72, low 56.

TALLAHASSEE — Cloudy. Rain-showers. Winds northerly 10 to 15 m.p.h. High 71. 70 per cent humidity.

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# Campus Chest Plans \$7,500 Fund Drive

## Money Marked For Student Aid, Welfare

By DALE FOSTER  
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The Campus Chest will inaugurate its first fund drive in four years Tuesday with a goal of \$7,500 and a theme slogan of "Put Out for the Ags."

Sponsored by the Student Senate Welfare Committee, Campus Chest will be conducted in a two-pronged effort through Nov. 16. Money will be collected by Alpha Phi Omega as a fraternity service project.

"The money is given by students to be used for students," commented Welfare Committee Chairman David Howard. "Recipients have no obligation to pay back the money, although some do."

FOR ONE part of the drive, barrels will be set up at football games to receive donations from former students and other area visitors. An article about the project will also appear in the Texas Aggie, Association of Former Students official publication.

Mail contributions can be sent to Campus Chest, c/o Alpha Phi Omega, Box 7454, College Station, Texas 77840.

The other part of the drive will concentrate on collecting money in the dorm areas. To increase participation among students, a Miss Campus Chest Contest will be held.

EACH CORPS unit and civilian residence hall will choose a candidate for Miss Campus Chest. The winning group will be determined on a per capita basis, figured on \$1 for each person in the group.

Tally boards will be set up at the "sign corner" by Guion Hall, with the winner being announced and presented at the APO street dance before the Rice football game Nov. 16.

For special recognition, the winning unit or hall will receive a sign to hang outside its dormitory designating them as the top contributors.

Sixty per cent of the money collected will be used to aid students. The other 40 per cent will go to Welfare Committee activities.

"THE DETERMINING factor in deciding if a student is eligible for aid if an impossible financial burden has been placed on him," said Dean of Students James P. Hannigan.

One case was when Fidel Castro took over Cuba and several Cuban students were isolated here without a family or country. The fund paid their fees until they could get jobs to stay in school, Howard said.

A student who had to work to go to school was helped after he broke his leg. Also aided were three students who lost all their possessions when their house burned.

Several married students have received aid when their children contracted rare blood diseases, such as leukemia, and later died.

ON ANOTHER occasion, an Aggie and his date were involved in an auto accident in which the girl was killed. The fund aided the family, for which the girl was the sole breadwinner.

A committee of students reviews each case presented to it, Howard said. This year the committee is composed of Chairman Howard, Student Senate President Bill Carter, Civilian Student Council President David Wilkes, and two other Welfare Committee members.

Dean Hannigan and Assistant Dean of Students Bennie Zinn  
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REHEARSALS CONTINUE  
C. K. Esten directs his Aggie Players in a rehearsal for Euripides' classic drama, "The Trojan Women," to open for a six-night run in Guion Hall beginning Oct. 28. (Photo by Mike Wright)

## Gymnasts Continue U.S. Tour After Town Hall Performance

By PAM TROBOY  
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Like many young persons long to do, the members of the Danish Gym Team, which was Friday's special attraction of the Town Hall Series, have packed their belongings into a caravan of trailers and continued on their trek across the U. S. and Mexico.

The talented gymnasts under the direction of Erik Flensted-Jensen are on their way to perform in the cultural program of the Olympics at the special request of the Olympic Organization Committee.

"Last year's triumphal tour of Mexico," Flensted-Jensen said, convinced the committee that the team's performance would help promote a better understanding and mutual appreciation of the youth of the world through the combination of sports and cultural activities."

THE 24 PERFORMING MEMBERS of the team were selected from many skillful gymnasts of Denmark, most of whom start training as young as age seven. There is great emphasis on physical education in Denmark with most of the population belonging to a gymnastic club of some kind. Thus, when Jensen ran an ad in the major newspapers last August, there was no lack of talent to select his team from youths eager to give up home, school and career for nothing more than the chance to see America.

Those selected spent two weeks learning the routines in a training camp in Denmark, followed by another two weeks training at Kent School in Connecticut. While there, the young people divided their time between practicing routines and renovating the trailers which had been in storage since the last tour.

"THERE WERE A FEW problems fitting five people and their possessions into such a small space, but they soon worked out routines for housekeeping duties and even had time to name their new homes," Flensted-Jensen recalled. "Several of them are familiar names in the United States—'Snoopy,' 'Esso Tiger,' and 'Dennis the Menace.'"

The gymnasts will have seen a vast portion of North America by the time their tour ends next April. During this time, they will combine side trips to major tourist attractions with approximately 3 two-hour performances a week.

The program stresses the perfect style in modern Danish exercises. The boys' exercises are powerful and decided while the girls' are graceful and feminine. These performances, given primarily for college audiences, are particularly helpful in promoting

international friendship as well as in demonstrating the gymnasts' artistry.

"HOW WONDERFUL IT would be if young people from all nations could always meet each other in the same spirit of kindness and understanding as the one we have experienced here," Flensted-Jensen said.

Mai Bogvad, 25-year-old teacher from Nykbing Falster, was particularly impressed with the hospitality that the people all

over the country have shown the team, inviting them into their homes and "just plain being friendly."

Mai said that her favorite place on the tour so far has been Connecticut simply because they had gotten to stay there for two weeks and had gotten to know the people well. The one thing she really regrets about traveling is that they cannot usually stay in one place more than two or three days.

## Trujillo Retires After 21 Years

Sgt. Maj. Frank Trujillo is retiring from the U. S. Army after 21 years service.

The top non-commissioned officer at Texas A&M for the last two years was presented retirement papers and a letter of commendation from Army Chief of Staff Gen. William C. Westmoreland in ceremonies Monday.

Col. Jim H. McCoy, commandant, made the presentation.

Trujillo, 38, has accepted employment as a high school ROTC instructor at Fort Myers, Fla.

He came to A&M in 1966 from

assignment with the First Air Cavalry Division in Vietnam. The armor NCO from Roswell, N. M., also served in Germany and Korea and was sergeant major of infantry and air cavalry units.

Sgt. Trujillo earned two awards of the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Silver Star, Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal and Purple Heart.

He attended several service schools, including the tank leadership course in which he was presented the Armor Leadership Award.



TRADES SGT. MAJ. FOR MR.  
The Texas A&M Military Science Department sergeant major, Frank Trujillo, receives retirement papers from Col. Jim H. McCoy, commandant. The department's top non-commissioned officer for the last two years completed 21 years military service.

## Weekend Loss Of Tape Decks Reported Down

Tape deck losses have been greatly reduced since a story in Thursday's Battalion reported the loss of 29 units in eight days.

The Campus Security Department said Tuesday night that only one theft had been reported that morning.

"I think perhaps the publicity (in the Battalion) has helped curb the thefts," said J. D. Gossett, criminal investigator for the department.

"We have three to four extra men patrolling the lots at night," remarked Chief Ed Powell. He added that the night patrolmen have stopped and searched several suspects in the parking lots at night.

"We haven't been able to pin it down to any trend," said Gossett, in referring to "favorite spots" of the thieves.

Powell reported that most of the thefts seem to be on Thursday and Friday nights when many students have clothing and other valuables packed and ready to leave for the weekend.

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SIDEWALK ARTISTS  
Freshmen pool their artistic skills on the sidewalk in front of dormitory 1 as they create a spirit sign, a bedsheet banner that will hopefully predict what will happen when A&M tangles with Florida State in football Saturday. (Photo by Mike Wright)

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