

## SCONA Announces Speakers, Chairmen

The Fourteenth Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA XIV) will host a variety of internationally known personalities Dec. 4-7 at the Memorial Student Center.

This year's guests include CBS television newscaster Harry Reasoner, who will be round-up speaker.

Other widely-known speakers include Walt Whitman Rostow, special assistant to the President for national security affairs; Gen. Harold K. Johnson, retired Army Chief of Staff; Edward Marcus, executive vice president of Nieman-Marcus, Dallas, and first president of the National Association of the Partners of the Alliance, and Dr. James M. Buchanan, UCLA professor of economics.

Thirteen Round-table co-chairmen to date have been named, including the Hon. Yaacov Hess, Israel Consul General, Houston, and Dr. Otakar Turek, Third Secretary, Embassy of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, Washington.

SCONA was organized at A&M in 1955 to bring together outstanding students from schools of the South and Southwest to discuss current issues of national and international scope. It has been expanded to include representatives from colleges and universities throughout the U. S. and from Mexico and Canada.

Theme for SCONA XIV is "The Limits and Responsibilities of U. S. Power."

Topic material will include the American commitment abroad; exercise of American political power; U. S. military programs in foreign countries and U. S. and

## Third Seminar Will Consider Urban Housing

Minority housing will be discussed Thursday by Houston attorney Jackson C. Hinds as the third part of the Great Issues "People and Cities" Seminar.

Hinds is chairman of the Houston Mayor's Advisory Committee on Housing and is expected to approach the minority housing topic through discussion of Houston's development of an urban plan for housing.

Houston has rejected urban renewal plans in referendums and has had to rely on other methods for financing public housing, according to Tom Fitzhugh of Waco, Seminar Series chairman.

Hinds' 8 p.m. presentation will be in the Memorial Student Center Assembly Room.

Executive vice president and director of Houston Natural Gas and subsidiary companies, Hinds has seen Houston problems from various viewpoints. The University of Texas and Harvard Graduate School of Business graduate is a bank director, member of city, state and national bar associations and partner of a Houston law firm eight years.

He has resided in the city the majority of his life and chairs the Southern Gas Association committee on regulatory information.

The seminar series provides opportunity to examine one of the nation's most crucial domestic issues, the cities. Previous speakers have discussed community responsibility and police-community relations. Future topics include media responsibility and factors of unrest.

Fitzhugh said A&M students are admitted free to the seminar presentation. Faculty-staff and community patron admission is \$1.50 or by \$5 season ticket, good for all Great Issues programs.

## WEATHER

Wednesday — Cloudy, winds Northerly 15-25 mph. High 61, low 48.  
Thursday — Cloudy to partly cloudy, winds Northerly 10-15 mph. High 63, low 38.  
Dallas—Partly cloudy to cloudy, winds Southerly 15-25 mph. 67°. Humidity 47%.

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# New Grad Seating Plan Announced For Rice Game

## Sections Allotted For 'Consideration'

By DALE FOSTER  
Battalion Staff Writer

A new ticket distribution scheme for graduate students at future home games has been announced by Graduate Student Council member Tony Benedetto.

A three-man committee, composed of Head Yell Leader Bill Youngkin, Student Life Committee Chairman Phil Callahan, and Benedetto, met Friday with Athletic Business Manager Wally Groff to develop the new system.

"AS PART of the plan, Sections 234 and 235 will be reserved for standing graduate students," said Benedetto. "A special 'Consideration Section,' Sections 236-239, will be only for graduate and other students who wish or need to sit down."

The action grew out of a Wednesday proposal by the Graduate Student Council which was passed Thursday in the form of a resolution by the Student Senate. Because of the change in seating arrangements, graduate students will be able to choose whether to stand or sit during the football game, effective the Rice game, Nov. 16.

THE RESOLUTION read, "Sections 236-239, hereafter referred to as the 'Consideration Section,' shall be set aside for any student who wishes to sit down during the games. No distinction shall be made as to classification of the student or as to his reason for wishing to sit in the Consideration Section."

"Sitting in the Consideration Section shall be added to the present ticket distribution scheme as an option, i.e., any graduate student who wishes to stand may still obtain tickets in the same manner as for the previous games, with ticket distribution moving south only from a point to be determined by a committee composed of the Head Yell Leader, a representative from the Graduate Student Council, and a member of the Student Life Committee."

ACCOMPANYING the resolution were three justifications for the Senate action.

"Many graduate students who received baccalaureate degrees at other institutions do not wish, and should not be forced, to observe the Aggie tradition of standing during the game. This plan places all people who wish to sit during

the game in one area of the upper deck where they will have the minimum number of people standing in front of them and blocking their view."

"BY PLACING the people who wish to take an active part in the Aggie football traditions in a physically smaller area, the yell leaders' job of controlling the students is made much simpler. Instead of being responsible for the control of people extending from behind the north end zone, the yell leaders would now assume responsibility only north of Section 236 (approximately the south 15)."

"The Consideration Section is not restricted to graduate students for three main reasons. First the many undergraduates who are older people should not be expected to stand for the length of a football game."

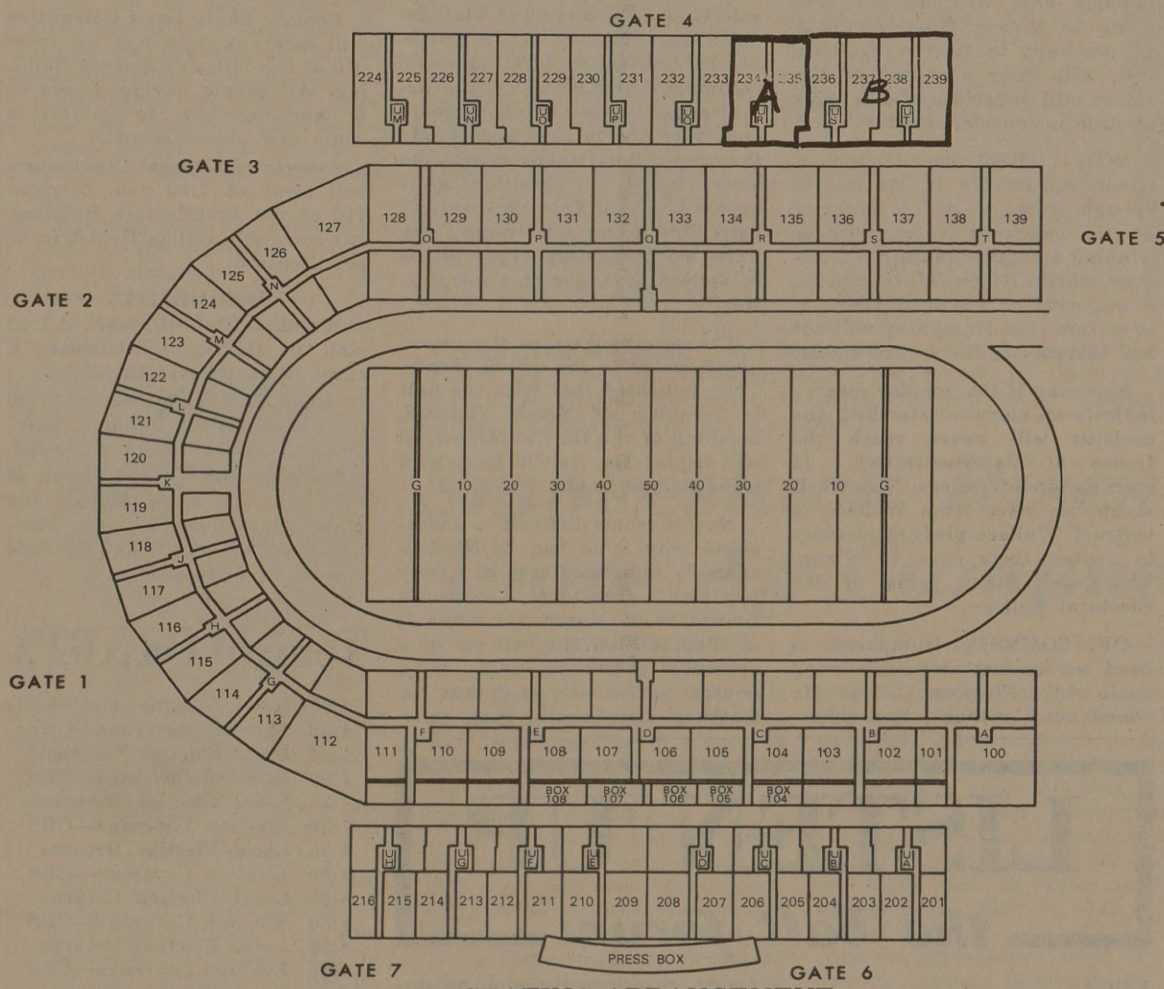
"SECOND, many students have pregnant wives who should certainly not be forced to undergo the strain of standing for such an extended period of time."

"Third, students with older children find football games a trying experience because the children are not tall enough to see what is going on, so the parents have the tiring task of holding them so they can watch the game."

Along with its recommendation to the Student Senate, the Graduate Student Council sent a letter commending Texas A&M and the student body and offering an explanation for the Council's action.

THE EXPLANATION pointed out that the Graduate College has a current enrollment of about 2,650, of which approximately 1,600 or 60 per cent received their baccalaureate degrees at schools other than Texas A&M. It said that these people have come to A&M for the primary, and in some cases sole, purpose of obtaining an extremely high-quality graduate education.

It added that while fully appreciative of the value of Aggie traditions, most do not care to participate in many of these traditions and none cares to be forced into participating in any of them. The Graduate Council acknowledged and acclaimed proud heritage of A&M, which perhaps makes it the most tradition-rich school in the Southwest Conference.



NEW SEATING ARRANGEMENT  
The diagram of upper-level seating on the east side of Kyle Field shows the new section designations for graduate students. Area A will be reserved for standing graduate students, and Area B is to be used only by those students who want to sit down.

## New Registration Termed 'Not So Cold, Impersonal'

Computer registration is not so cold and impersonal as some students think it is, Dr. Charles McCandless, associate dean of liberal arts, told the Liberal Arts Council Monday.

McCandless said that as a result of the new registration system, every student now has an adviser with whom to discuss his course selections.

"The only real drawback to computerized registration is that students will have no choice of professors," he said.

McCandless noted that some students would feel they deserved better professors than the computer had scheduled for them.

Councilman Geof Shoot suggested that class schedules be changed from one hour classes meeting three times a week to hour and a half classes meeting twice a week.

Shoot and Ron Hubert were appointed to study possibilities of class hours changes with H. L.

Heaton, university registrar.

Heaton will address the council Dec. 2 concerning the feasibility of longer classes in connection with computerized registration.

The council chose Hubert and Richard Dubois to represent them on a February leadership trip sponsored by the MSC Leadership Committee. The committee is

sending two members from each college on a cultural excursion to Dallas.

John James, council member, mentioned that the suggestion box where Liberal Arts students could voice suggestions or grievances will probably be placed next week in the rotunda of the Academic Building.

## Computerized Housing Plan Begins With Pre-Registration

Texas A&M students began registering Monday for spring semester housing during the university's computerized pre-registration and will continue until Dec. 6.

Housing Manager Allan M. Madeley said spring semester housing arrangements will be made at the Cushing Building, between the new library and Academic Building, when the stu-

dent turns in his registration card packet.

Spring semester classes begin Feb. 3.

"Because pre-registration is taking place well in advance of the beginning of spring classes, all residence hall students will pre-register for the rooms they now occupy," Madeley noted.

"Rent and board fees will be assessed on that basis," he added.

Procedures for changing rooms or residence halls for the next semester will be given at a later date.

The housing manager said a student who pre-registers for a residence hall room but does not attend A&M next semester must cancel the room reservation by Jan. 15 in order not to forfeit room deposit.

## Menu Committee To Meet Thursday

The Civilian Student Menu Committee will meet with university food service officials Thursday at noon for its regular monthly discussion of Sbis dining operations, announced Edwin H. Cooper, director of civilian student activities.

Cooper said the group will meet in the cash cafeteria and have lunch together.

Any civilian student desiring to offer suggestions about the dining operation is invited to contact one of the committee members and attend the luncheon meeting as his guest, Cooper said.

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AND ANOTHER AGGIE BITES THE DUST  
David Hammitt "bails out" at the end of his competition in the bull riding event of the annual Aggie Rodeo here Saturday. One of the rodeo clowns moves in on the scene at right. (Photo by W. R. Wright)



SPURRING UP  
Fish Rusty Mitchell of Squadron 9 and Fish Richard Tillman of Company C-1 adjust their bottlecap and coathanger spurs before jingle-jangling off to class. Corps freshmen are wearing their homemade spurs all week to prepare for the rough riding ahead when the Aggie football team tangles with the Southern Methodist University Mustangs in Dallas Saturday. (Photo by Bob Haltom)