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ANNELLA WRIGHT

Sweetheart Asks Gifts For Aggies

Although it's only Dec. 19, I've been celebrating "Christmas" for two months! I do hope you understand, because I have 13,000 other "Santas." They're all wonderful! From them I receive letters, cards and Howdys—warm, sincere, distinctive of the Aggies of Texas A&M. Because they've been so good, would you bring them some special gifts for Christmas?

First of all, please bring them unity: in athletics, n student-faculty-administration relationships, and in cooperation with one another.

For the Twelfth Man, an increasing abundance of spirit and pride with which to follow the finest team n the Southwest Conference. For the athletes, good health, tremendous enthusiasm and cooperation for the

Please stop in Oklahoma to give Carla (the Aggies adopted her) a happy Christmas with her mother. From there, would you go to the Faith Home in Houston and take a Merry Christmas to the young men 1-of-the-Ya there?

> To the seniors of 1969, bring the promise of next year. Fill their stockings with time to think, to recall, and to look ahead.

Finally, carry courage, and the confidence that Aggie buddies at home support them, to Aggie exes in service away from home this Christmas, especially the men in Vietnam.

Please bring to every Aggie a strong feeling for the meaning of Christmas, a safe, pleasant trip home, a warm reception by families and friends, and many happy memories to bring to school with them.

They're wonderful people, Santa, so please don't overlook a single one. I hope that you, too, have a safe trip, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

> Love. Annella

P.S. Can I go with you when you visit all the Aggies? Oh dear!!! They'll be asleep, won't they? Instead, I make a 110 percent effort to meet each one in 1969 and to repay them—howdy for howdy—for their friendiness and generosity to me. I owe them so much!

Deadline Nears For Registering For Grad School Language Test

15, university officials have

Last Batt Today

This issue marks the last edin of The Battalion for 1968. he Battalion staff wishes all lerry Christmas, a Happy New ar and a safe trip home.

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

1000's required for eign lan-ministered in Room 108 of the age tests to be given in mid- Academic Building by Counseling must be completed by and Testing Center personnel.

"Graduate students who want to take one of the tests on that date must complete registration within eight days following the Christmas holidays," noted Auston Kerley, center director.

A receipt for payment of the \$6 fee at the Fiscal Office should be presented at the center before 5 p.m. Jan. 15. A booklet describing the tests will be available at registration. Questions will be answered at the center.

Yule Activities Continue; Holiday Break Approaches

Reorganization Study Seen For Council, Directorate

Battalion Staff Writer

A study of the organization and workings of the Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate will be conducted next semester by the Student Senate upon recommendation of A&M President Earl Rudder, according to Bennie Sims, Council and Directorate president.

The decision by the president reportedly stemmed from his study of a revised constitution submitted by the MSC Directorate earlier this fall.

The new constitution was unanimously adopted last spring by the MSC Council, the chief policy-making body of the MSC, composed of seven students, five faculty members and two former students. The main changes in the constitution involve organization of officers and rearranging the composition of the Council to add four more students.

"I ASSUME he (President Rudder) doesn't want an overbalance of students on the Council." Sims said. Rudder said the study would be conducted under the supervision of Bill Carter, Student Senate president, in an attempt to involve the maximum number of students in student affairs at the lowest possible

Hannigan appeared before the Directorate Tuesday night to explain the letter from Rudder and the reasons for the study.

Dean Hannigan said Wednesday the move was to consolidate responsibility for different stulent activities into one governing body, somewhat similar to the original MSC Directorate.

"BEFORE the MSC was built,

Senate Will Meet At 7:30 Tonight

The Student Senate will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the conference room of the library.

Visiting students, though welcome, may address the Senate only through their respective representatives, David Maddox, Senate vice president, reminded.

ninety percent of the student bution of responsibility," he reprograms were operated through marked. the YMCA," Hannigan said.

Many of the YMCA duties became the hub of campus life remarked. in the 1950's. Dean Hannigan explained that the planned ex- Senate is going to study this and a similar opportunity for con- Rudder is going to buy. solidation of student programs.

"The expansion will just about double the size of the MSC. The new MSC will need a larger staff and perhaps a different distri- March or April, at the earliest.

"I welcome this (the study); any organization needs this and were moved to the MSC when it I think it will be beneficial," Sims "In my opinion the Student

pansion of the MSC will present whatever they decide, President "I'm not worried about it right

> now," he emphasized. Sims said he does not expect the study to be completed before

Bad Driving Weather Expected For Homeward-Bound Aggies

mas recess and that the need for tions cautious, safe driving will be even more critical.

Weather throughout the U.S. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be marginal due to a deep low over the northeast part of the nation and another develop- until Monday." ing low in Colorado and the Texas

said his situation will make South Central U. S., including Texas, low 30s. Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisi-

day period and the Southeast will week," he added. be generally clear, but cool," he have rain Friday, becoming mixed Tuesday nights.

weather station officials say ing through Sunday. In the West weather conditions are likely to it will be generally cloudy but be extremely poor for the 13,081 with no hazards to travel except students driving home for Christ- snow flurries at the higher eleva-

> HE SAID general driving conditions will not be "too bad for South Central and Southeast U.S. Hazardous conditions will prevail over Central and Northeast sections with no major relief at least In the College Station area,

Panhandle, according to Jim Lightfoot predicted cloudy skies and intermittent rain Thursday THE STATION meteorologist and Friday, with temperatures ranging from the high 40s to the

"This will hold until Sunday ana, cloudy, rainy and cool. then clearing should set in and "The Northeast U. S. will have make it generally clear in Colthen clearing should set in and widespread snow during the three- lege Station the first of next

He said flying conditions will added. "The Central states will be clear and crisp Monday and

No Hong Kong Flu Here Yet

While Hong Kong flu closes universities and the Bryan-College Station area is attacked by the every-day variety of flu bug, Texas A&M students are "virtually free and healthy," Dr. Kenneth L. Nelson, director of the University Hospital, reported Wednesday.

He expects them "to stay healthy too, especially now." The Christmas-New Year recess for students starts Friday for two weeks.

Nelson expects the Aggies to stand up to most anything-at least until after Jan. 5 and the resumption of



SANTA'S SAIGON STAFF

Air Force and Army personnel work fast to keep up with the deluge of maily at Saigon's air mail terminal as the letters, cards and packages pour in from the states. The terminal is now handling about a million pounds of mail a day and officers expect this to increase to a million and a half by the week before Christmas. (AP Wirephoto)

YMCA Schedules Program Tonight

Battalion Staff Writer As Aggies prepare to return home for the holidays, Christmas of which will be trees decorated activities cram the schedule for both campus and community.

Holiday spirit officially descended on the A&M campus Wednesday with the annual Christmas dinners held in Sbisa and Duncan Dining Halls.

TO COINCIDE with the dinners, the Student Senate held a fruit drive for 400 needy Bryan Boys Club members. Students from dining halls donated 40 boxes of oranges, apples and bananas from their own tables. Charles Hoffman and Jim Stephenson, who were in charge of the drive, said that due to the success more money could be spent buying toys.

The "Campus - Community Christmas" program will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. in front of the Systems Administration Building. YMCA cabinet officers decorated two 30-foot pines in preparation for the singing program.

is having its annual Christmas party Thursday afternoon for fice by 5 p.m. Friday. members of the faculty and their families. The different class sections have decorated the interior of the building with many Christmas trees, each trimmed distinc-

Children of the Architecture Jan. 6.

way through a maze of gigantic Christmas packages, at the end

THE MEMORIAL Student Center bowling and billiards area will remain open during the holidays, except for Dec. 24-25. The only doors open in the MSC will be those in the Post Office, the ones next to the gift shop, and the doors in the bowling-billiards

The Western Union office and the travel services will also be open except on weekends, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. The west front door will be open for access to these

ALL REGULAR services of the MSC will be open after Dec. 30, except for the barber shop and

Dormitories and dining halls will close at 6 p.m. Friday, with the exception of Schumacher and Hotard Halls. Students wishing to stay on campus may live in Schumacher if written permission THE SCHOOL of Architecture is granted by all room occupants and turned in to the housing of-

Residence halls will open at 1 p. m., Jan. 5. Duncan and Sbisa will reopen Jan. 6.

Despite an error in the MSC calendar, Aggies are reminded that classes will start at 8 a.m.

Season Marks Peak Of Activity For A&M's 262 Hometown Clubs

Attendance at hometown club meetings here reaches an annual club's primary means of mainpeak this week.

Clubs encompassing students during the two-week holiday peri- ets to the party. od beginning Friday.

BACK-HOME dinner parties, usually much better attended than socials are often sponsored or partially supported by city and county A&M clubs, organizations of Aggie exes and university friends.

Elaborateness of the annual gatherings varies widely, from Dutch-treat dinner of a few students and their dates to country club-leasing shindigs involving a full-course feast and live band dances requiring considerable planning and preparation. MORE THAN 200 hometown

Christmas parties will probably be scheduled around the state. There are 262 hometown clubs registered with the student finance office at the Memorial Student Center and MSC officials figure others have not been offi- Mrs. Edna Miller; two sons, Kencially recognized by the univer-

"About 150 to 200 clubs remain consistently active year to year," commented Jo Scanlin, assistant building cashier. "Some are off now, on later, I suppose, due to the number of students enrolled from a given city or geographical area." Organization and leadership also determine activeness.

ORGANIZED to promote previous friendships, hometown clubs Saturday - Cloudy, northerly also carry out recruiting programs at home and hist groups of high school students at A&M for functions such as career day and Future Farmers of America

Socials, however, remain a taining membership interest and participating. The spirit catches from Abilene to Wise County are in early December, when a stucompleting on-campus plans for dent may be looking for a ride Christmas gatherings back home home and the chance to buy tick-

"This time of year really brings out the members," one student redances, barbecues and the like are marked. "I met two fellows last Thursday I didn't even know were club meetings on campus. The Aggies. We attended the same high school."

Rites Held Here For Laundry Exec

Services for Roy N. (Pete) Miller, who died Tuesday in a Marlin hospital, were to be conducted this morning in the Hillier Funeral Home chapel.

Miller, 57, of 1320 Antone in Bryan, was assistant manager of the Texas A&M laundry. Prior to joining the university in March. he served as a salesman here for Humble Oil & Refining Co. Burial was to be in Bryan City

Cemetery.

Survivors include the widow, neth and Jim, both of Bryan; two sisters, Mrs. W. F. Davis of Bryan and Mrs. Fannie Mae Cooke of Houston; and one brother, W. F Miller of Houston.

WEATHER

Friday - Cloudy, intermittent rain; southerly winds, 5-10; low 41°, high 56°

winds, 5-10; low 42°, high 58°



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