



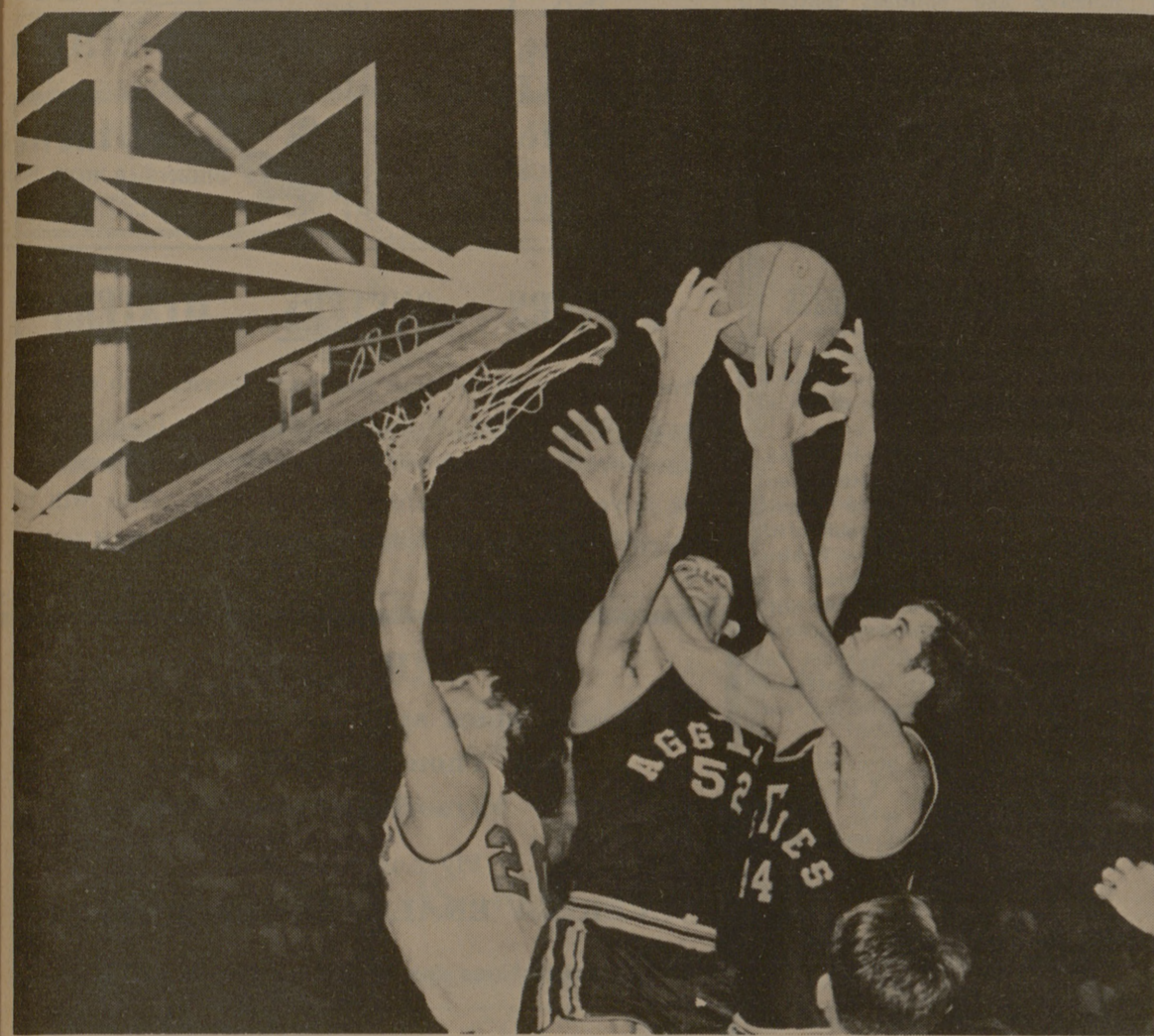
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IT'S MINE

A&M's Ronnie Peret (44) and Steve Niles (52) fight over an offensive rebound in second half action of last night's game with Baylor while the Bears Tom Freidman (20) seems to be getting set to keep any return shot out of the hoop. The Bears upended the Aggies 66-65 to throw the conference race into a two-way tie. Story on page four. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Philosophy Head Designated Representative Of VISTA

Dr. Manuel M. Davenport, Philosophy and Humanities Department head, has been designated the campus representative for VISTA.

Establishment of the branch was suggested by the VISTA Southwest region office at Austin, which will have a recruiter here Feb. 17-19. Miss Marti Kennedy will be at an information booth in the Memorial Student Center.

VISTA, Volunteers In Service To America, is a corps of full-time volunteers who live and work in tenements, slums, mill and mine towns, immigrant labor

camp, on Indian reservations, worn-out farms and with the mentally handicapped.

AS VISTA representative, Davenport provides information and applications for prospective volunteers and speeds up processing by sending in applications.

The professor who also chairs the local Peace Corps advisory council said no entrance or placement tests are required of VISTA volunteers. Age limitations and educational backgrounds also are flexible.

In addition to providing information to individuals, Miss Kennedy said the recruiters will be available for speaking engagements. They also will have daily showings of the 28-minute Academy Award-winning documentary, "A Year Towards Tomorrow."

Library To Loan Famous Paintings

Prints of renowned artists' paintings will go on loan Friday at the university library for the spring semester.

Dr. James P. Dyke, library director, said the lending print collection may be charged out one per student beginning at 1 p.m.

The 80 framed, ready-to-hang color prints will be due May 16, 1969. Borrowers will be held responsible for lost or damaged prints. Replacement cost ranges from \$25 to \$40.

The collection covers a broad range of artistic styles and represents 80 artists including Matisse, Picasso, Goya, Velazquez and Rembrandt.

Loan policy is on a first-come, first-served basis to A&M students only, Dyke added.

'Sense Of Wonder' Shown Tonight

A television documentary, "The Sense of Wonder," will be shown tonight for public-free viewing by the School of Architecture.

The special one-hour color program featured on ABC-TV last November will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the architecture auditorium, announced Architecture Chairman Ed Romieniec.

Based on works of the late marine biologist and author Rachel Carson, the documentary film is a panoramic journey into nature. It captures the drama, violence and symphony of nature as seen through the eyes of a child.

Presentation of the 3M Company-sponsored special is open to the public and no admittance will be charged, Romieniec said.

Bryan Building & Loan Association, Your Savings Center, since 1919. —Adv.

A&M Sailing Club Sponsors Day-Long 'Boat Show' Today

A boat show sponsored by the A&M Sailing Club will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. today in the area between Guion Hall and the Memorial Student Center.

Three new International 420 class sailboats belonging to the club are to be displayed at the show, according to Club President David Garrison.

The 420 is the most modern sailboat used in sailing competition, noted Garrison. The two-man sailboat is 14 feet long, has two sails of 110 feet and a top speed of 18 m.p.h.

The Houston Sailboat Regatta will be the first racing competition for the 420.

"The Regatta is one of the top sailboat racing meets in the world," Garrison remarked.

Other boats to be entered in the show are the Cal-Cat, Fin, and O'Day.

The Cal-Cat, and O'Day are two-man sailboats with double sails, and the Fin is a one-man, one sail vessel.

Garrison said that anyone interested in joining the club should contact an officer for further details, or attend the club's meeting

Certificates Here For 'Who's Who'

Certificates are now available for those named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." James P. Hannigan, dean of students, said they may be picked up in Room 209 of the YMCA Building.

MISS KENNEDY said VISTA's 4,300 volunteers represent all walks of life, with ages varying from 18 to 85 and educational backgrounds ranging from high school dropouts to Ph.D. recipients.

Volunteers receive six weeks of training before assignment.

More than 450 VISTA volunteers are now serving in the five-state Southwest region, including approximately 200 in Texas, Miss Kennedy noted.

Last summer, the organization, a division of the Office of Economic Opportunity, introduced a new program called VISTA Volunteer Associates. VISTA associates are volunteers who serve 10 weeks during the summer in much the same capacity as full-time volunteers, Miss Kennedy explained.

at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 12, in the Military Sciences Building.

In November the club finished third in the University of Southern Louisiana Fall Meet, and won a Division Trophy in other competition in the meet.

3 Cadets Cited For Top Grades In Air Studies

Clarence W. Fee Jr., of Galveston, James W. Russell III, Annandale, Va., and Lawrence W. Rhodes, Odessa, have been cited as the top cadets in Air Force ROTC studies.

Rhodes, a freshman management major and Aggie Band member, had the highest AFROTC academic average—32 per cent—of 523 cadets during the fall semester. The 1968 Odessa High graduate plays a cornet in the band.

Russell and Fee maintained 94 per cent grade averages in sophomore AFROTC studies during the fall semester, announced Col. Vernon L. Head, professor of aerospace studies.

An industrial technology major and pilot candidate for the Professional Officers Course upon graduation and commissioning, Fee is a Squadron 11 cadet and 1967 Kirwin High graduate.

Paris Negotiators Studying 3-Nation Viet Peace Force

PARIS (AP)—U. S. and South Vietnamese negotiators are studying proposals for a three-nation peace force of Asian neutrals to guarantee any Vietnam peace settlement, diplomatic sources reported today.

The nations most frequently mentioned are Japan, Indonesia and Burma. These and other Asian countries have been discreetly sounded out by the United States, the sources said.

American and South Vietnamese delegates in Paris have spent much time in private consultations on how to enforce a settlement. As far as is known the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong have not participated in such discussions.

THE DIPLOMATS said the proposal probably will not be voiced at the peace conference until there is some progress toward a settlement. The third session of four-way talks is scheduled Thursday.

The conference is deadlocked because Hanoi and the Viet Cong's National Liberation Front refuse to discuss military de-escalation without simultaneously discussing a political settlement for South Vietnam, and Saigon insists the conference has no right to discuss South Vietnam's internal affairs.

Despite the deadlock both sides seem to agree on the need to revive and revise key provisions of the 1954 Geneva agreements that ended the French Indochina war. These partitioned Vietnam "provisionally" at the 17th parallel and set up an International Control Commission made up of Canada, Poland and India.

THE ICC, based on the "Troika" principle of one representative sympathetic to each side plus one neutral, was paralyzed from the start. The Canadian delegate invariably voted in sympathy with Saigon, the Polish delegate in sympathy with Hanoi, and the Indian usually abstained.

Got a gripe about the phones? See page 2.



CHARLES A. SIEPMANN

Journalist to Talk About 'Censorship'

Drawing from a 40-year background in communications, Charles A. Siepmann will speak on "Freedom of Speech and Censorship" at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

The Danforth visiting lecturer is communications consultant to the Ford Foundation. He held similar posts with the Federal Communications Commission, U.S. Army and Harvard.

As director of the West Coast office of War Information during World War II, Siepmann was responsible for developing and broadcasting propaganda to Japan, China and occupied territories.

The presentation by the former vice president of the British Broadcasting Company is jointly sponsored by the University Lecture Series and the MSC Great Issues committee.

WEATHER

Thursday — Cloudy. Afternoon rain showers. Wind Southerly 10 to 20 mph. High 71, low 52.
Friday — Partly cloudy to cloudy. Afternoon thunder showers. Wind Southerly 10 to 20 mph. High 72, low 58.

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

American officials have long desired a more effective peace-keeping machinery. They once considered a body along the lines of the neutral nations' Truce Supervisory Commission in Korea, but discarded this as too similar to the ICC.

A peace force from countries accepted as genuinely neutral by both sides is regarded as the best solution. It could supervise a

ceasefire and ensure compliance with other conditions of a settlement.

NEUTRAL Asian observers at the Paris conference have indicated keen interest in the idea. They have no official status at the talks, but are being kept closely informed by chief U. S. negotiator Henry Cabot Lodge.

Diplomats believe Indonesia and Burma would be acceptable to

North Vietnam as peacekeepers, but Japan is a question mark.

Japan is linked to the United States by a security treaty due for renewal soon. But sources said North Vietnam and its Soviet and Chinese friends might welcome Japan as a "neutral," hoping it will lead to scrapping the security treaty. The treaty already is under strong leftist attack in Japan.

Officials Beginning Critique On Computer Registration

Officials here are going through a week of self-examination as the result of full implementation this semester of an automated registration system, first put into limited operation last fall.

Dr. Horace R. Byers, academic vice president, said, "We're conducting a critique on what we

Automated registration won general approval from 70 per cent of the 3,200 students polled Tuesday by the Student Senate at both university dining halls, according to Al Reinert, chairman of the Senate subcommittee on computer registration.

Although 84 per cent of the students polled said they got all the courses they wanted, only 52 per cent favored the add-drop procedure as it now stands. More than 90 per cent indicated that they wanted to be able to select professors and section hours for courses offered.

Another 90 per cent said that computer registration did save time over the old Sbsa-type registration process.

Reinert said that results of the poll will be studied and included in a subcommittee report at Thursday's 7:30 p.m. senate meeting in the library.

have learned from this first experience."

The automated registration was first used on 2,000 freshmen in September, 1968. A large scale

Menu Group To Convene

The Civilian Student Menu Committee will meet with university food service officials at noon Thursday for its regular monthly discussion of Sbsa 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.

Permanent members of the committee are: Civilian Student Council President David Wilks, Davis-Gary Hall, Room 238, 5-5566; William Holt, 505A Culpepper, College Station, 846-9280; and Graduate Student Representative Tony Benedetto, P. O. Box 4213, College Station, 846-2130.

Cooper pointed out the Corps of Cadets has a separate menu committee.

NASA Space Grant Awarded To A&M

NASA has awarded A&M a \$50,000 grant for continuation of structural shells research with possible application to improved design and construction of spacecraft, announced Cong. Olin E. Teague.

The project, directed by Dr. James A. Stricklin, aerospace engineering professor, specifically involves a study of non-linear static and dynamic analysis of shells of revolution, with asymmetrical stiffness properties such as the heat shield of the Apollo spacecraft.

Initiated in 1967, the research is conducted under A&M's Space Technology Division. The new grant provides funds for three years.

attempt was made in January to register the entire student body—13,000 plus—by computer.

Byers hailed the new automated process as "a big success," but admitted that "there are details in parts of it that must be improved."

He said there were "some problems we couldn't predict." Among them were a better way to handle late payment of fees, adding and dropping of courses, counseling methods, computer programming and special problems relating to graduate students.

Byers added that the problems can be corrected, noting that the "computer steers wherever you make it steer—like a car."

One of the most beneficial factors of the new system, Byers added, goes to students.

"New class sections were created in many instances," he said, "because we knew the number of students turned away from a full class section." He disclosed in some instances as many as 100 students were originally excluded

from filled sections, but were able to attend with the creation of new sections.

Byers pointed out the new system is "attracting widespread acceptance and acclaim in the state," and is being looked upon as a "model for other state institutions to follow."

The automated registration recently was presented in the Texas University and College System Coordinating Board's "Challenge for Excellence," a blueprint for progress in higher education.

It was listed as one of several productive advances, taking full advantage of advanced technology, and as a breakthrough in lowering the unit cost of education.

Byers said workshops are being planned to acquaint other institutions with the system.

He noted the system also "cuts down on the tasks of people in the registrar's office—a great advantage—and provides a closer working relationship between student and faculty adviser."

Two Take Oath As Officers In B-CS State Guard Unit

William H. Gard of College Station and James B. Howell of Bryan were recently sworn in as officers of the Texas State Guard by First Lt. Thomas W. Wiley III, commanding officer of the Bryan Security Unit.

Gard is a biochemistry technical assistant and inventory supervisor with A&M's Department of Biochemistry and Nutrition. He is a retired Army major and was an ROTC instructor at Texas A&M in 1959-60.

Howell is a former member of the National Guard unit in Bryan and is presently employed as a photographer by the University Studio, College Station.

Commissioning ceremonies for Gard and Howell will be announced at a later date, Wiley said.

The Texas State Guard is composed of special cadre-sized units with one unit assigned to each National Guard armory. The State Guard unit provides security for the National Guard Armory during the absence of the National Guard unit, whether for summer camp or active Federal service.

The State Guard is not subject to Federal military service, Wiley noted. Serving in the State Guard does not exempt an individual from active Federal service.

Training for State Guard units includes handling of and assisting during natural or man-made disasters, traffic control, riot and mob control, and counter-insurgency.

Wiley asked all veterans and ex-servicemen interested in the Texas State Guard to contact him at P. O. Box 7434, College Station, Texas; or 1st Sgt. Thomas D. Wilson Jr., 2005 Miller, Bryan, Texas, or call 822-0700.

Spring Semester SCUBA Course To Teach Safety

An informal course in basic SCUBA diving will be offered during the spring semester.

The non-credit training will equip participants to use self-contained underwater breathing apparatus and stress safety procedures to be observed by SCUBA divers, explained William Schroeder.

An Oceanography Department graduate assistant, Schroeder will instruct the course to meet each Wednesday evening for 12 weeks beginning Feb. 12. The Feb. 12 orientation meeting will be in Room B-25 of the Biological Sciences Building.

Wet instruction will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. each Wednesday at P.L. Downs Jr. Natatorium.

Schroeder said applicants must be at least 16 years of age, supply their own fins, mask and snorkel and be able to pass a medical examination and swimming fitness test by the third week.

A \$25 registration fee will cover tanks, regulators, weight belts and textbooks, he added. Course applicants may sign up in Room B-28 of the Biological Sciences Building.

A qualified diver card will be presented participants upon successful completion of the course.

KK's Note Rise In Dorm Thefts

A&M's Campus Security reported decrease in the number of auto thefts but a rise in the number of thefts in residence halls.

The items being taken are money, tape decks, and record albums, noted officer J. D. Gossett. He said that dorm thefts had risen from one case in December to 10 cases last month.

"It's up to the students to lock doors when they leave for classes or other reasons, and to stay alert to prevent residence hall thefts," Gossett said.

During January, Campus Security investigated 16 misdemeanor thefts, 19 felony thefts, two obscene phone calls, one window peeping case, one misuse of gun, one case of breaking and entering and one sex offense. Names and details of the offenses were withheld at the request of the Campus Security.

Gossett said that his staff, which has jurisdiction over the A&M campus and the University apartments, has cleared up half these cases.