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## Leaders Attend Conference On U.S. National Strategy

By DAVE BERRY  
Ten A&M student leaders hope to return from Dallas tonight with a better understanding of the factors involved in the formulation of U.S. national strategy.

This was the theme of the Dallas Council on World Affairs which the students attended yesterday and today.

They were accompanied by J. Wayne Stark, Memorial Student Center director, and were chosen jointly by Stark, Edwin H. Cooper, Civilian Student Activities director, and Maj. Edmund S. Solyomos, assistant commandant.

"THESE ARE students who we thought would profit from this experience and who would be able to bring something back to share with their fellow students," Cooper said.

"W. W. Lynch, Dallas Power & Light Co. president and an Aggie-Ex, invited A&M to send representatives to the council," Cooper continued.

"Arrangements were made beforehand for accommodations and admission fees," Cooper added. "The group left early yesterday afternoon to attend the opening dinner."

Co-sponsors of the council were the Dallas Council and the National Strategy Information Cen-

ter in New York. Their stated objective was to "bring important information concerning the national strategy of the United States to the civilians of Dallas."

EXPERTS WERE invited to speak and then participate in panel discussions. The topics discussed included the freedom of Southeast Asia, intervention and defense in Latin America, Soviet strategy and the Middle East, and the future of U.S. national strategy.

Stark explained that most major cities conduct such "world conferences" to attract international speakers interested in civic

affairs.

The students who attended the council with Stark were Bennie Sims, MSC Council president; Bill Carter, Student Senate president; Mac Spears, MSC Council vice-president of operations; and Harry A. Snowdy, Jr., MSC Council vice-president of programs.

Also attending were Don McCrory, SCONA chairman; David Maddox, Great Issues chairman; Ronald D. Hinds, Political Forum chairman; Garry P. Mauro, civilian yell leader; Wayne Gosnell, Issues Committee chairman; and Bert T. Henderson, Election Commission vice-president.

## Major Student Denominations Led By Baptists, Catholics

Baptists took the lead again as denominational preference among students here, although Catholics edged out the traditional second-place Methodists

by one person, according to a YMCA survey compiled by Logan Weston, religious life coordinator and general secretary.

From slightly over 12,000 students, 10,736 registered a preference during enrollment for the spring term, said Weston.

Baptists led the list of church affiliations with 2,383, with Catholics numbering 2,265 and Methodists 2,264.

The figures were less than last semester when Baptists totaled 2,646; Methodists 2,508, and Catholics 2,456.

The report remains consistent with previous years," said Weston. "There are some decreases as well as increases, but they are consistent across the board considering a slightly lower student enrollment which is natural during the spring semester."

Other groups remained basically the same. Presbyterians followed with 750; Lutherans, 645; Episcopal, 542; Church of Christ, 511; Christian (Disciples of Christ), 323, and Jewish 100.

The next highest categories were Moslem, 82; United Church of Christ, 59; Assembly of God, 53; Unitarian, 44; Mormon, 44; Brethren, 34, and Hindu, 31.

Weston noted 532 students gave their preference as Protestant. Other preferences included Christian Science, Greek Orthodox, Nazarene, Pentecostal and Buddhist.

## \$60,000 Grant Given By NASA

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration granted \$60,623 to Dr. C. R. Kettlesborough, distinguished A&M professor of mechanical engineering, Senator Ralph Yarborough informed The Battalion Thursday.

The grant will study water impact in the Apollo project. The study will determine whether the heat shield on the capsule can be altered without harmful effects during re-entry.

## Nixon To Outline Agnew's Role In Shaping Domestic Policies

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon is expected to issue an executive order very shortly detailing the expanded role Vice President Spiro T. Agnew will play in the administration's domestic policies.

The order is expected to formalize what Nixon has said will be the vice president's significant duties in coordinating activities among several federal agencies and between the administration and state and local governments.

The executive order, it was learned, is likely to include establishment of the office of inter-governmental relations, through which Agnew hopes to formalize and clarify lines of communications between the federal government and other levels.

THE creation of the agency, with its own staff responsible to the vice president, formalizes for Agnew the role divided in the Johnson administration by Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, and the Office of Emergency Preparedness.

Agnew is said to be especially interested in his role as chief coordinator of federal-state-local relations because of his prior experience as governor of Maryland and Baltimore county executive.

Those close to the vice president say they are pleased with the way his role has developed since the Nixon administration took over last month.

While he has spent considerable time presiding over the Senate and establishing good relations with individual senators, Agnew has also been a regular at the high-level meetings of the Cabinet, National Security Council and Urban Affairs Council.

HE presided over the latter group twice last week in Nixon's absence.

Like other vice presidents, Agnew has a Capitol Hill staff, and other staff in the executive office building adjoining the White House.

But the vice president himself is quartered in the White House, right next to Nixon's presidential office.

"He and the President have a pair of working offices, back to back, with an open door policy between them," an aide said, adding that "his ideas have been sought right along."

Walter Mote and Frank Da Costa, two key Agnew aides, say that one of the vice president's main concerns in the first month has been to establish good relationships in the Senate. He is the first vice president since Henry Wallace in the early 1940s to come from the post without prior Senate service.

As for whether Agnew will become the chief voice in Congress for Nixon's forthcoming legislative proposals, Mote says "we'll have to play it by ear." But he added that "everything indicates it will be a team effort."



BLACKBOARD-BY-WIRE CHECK

A Texas Education Agency team completed evaluation Thursday of Creative Application of Technology to Education (Cate) Center programs, for possible state funding. Viewing the blackboard-by-wire transmitter at the Texas A&M-located center are (standing, left to right) Max Slaughter, Region 6 Service Center director, Huntsville; Mrs. Virginia Cutter, dissemination; Dr. Irene St. Clair, math; Al Peters, program development, and Sherman Wagner, media, TEA specialists. At the console is Taylor Riedel, A&M Consolidated superintendent. The school district is funding agent of the center.

## Pershing' Topic For University Lecture Series

"John J. Pershing, A Career of Leadership" is the topic for the Tuesday presentation of the University Lecture Series, announced Dr. Edwin B. Doran Jr., series chairman.

Guest speaker for the 8 p.m. program in the Architecture Building auditorium will be Dr. Frank E. Vandiver, chairman of the History Department at Rice.

Dr. Vandiver is preparing a multi-volume biography of Gen. John J. (Black Jack) Pershing of World War I fame. The Pershing family has made available to the Rice professor many of the general's unpublished writings.

In preparing for the biography, Doran noted Vandiver visited many of the sites where Pershing won his fame, including the "Western Front" in Europe, Pancho Villa's home ground near Chihuahua, Mexico, and the Philippines, where Pershing played a major role in combating an insurrection.

Privately educated, he received his B.A. degree by examination from the University of Texas, where he also earned his master's degree. He earned his Ph.D. at Tulane.

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## Man Now Seeking Knowledge Of Ocean's Deepest Secrets

For centuries, man's unquenchable curiosity and imagination have moved him to extend the geographic limits of his activities and the intellectual horizons of his knowledge.

Today, with the earth's land areas well mapped and relatively well explored, he has begun to study his planet's other wilderness, the ocean. Dr. Earl F. Cook, acting dean of the College of Geosciences, declared.

"Scientists now consider the ocean as a great new source of materials and food, as well as a huge sewer into which ultimately everything goes," he said.

AS A RESULT, added Cook, it is important to know more about the food chain and productivity of the ocean, including

## WEATHER

Saturday — Cloudy to partly cloudy. Wind Northerly 10 to 20 mph. High 68, low 46.

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Wind Northerly 10 mph. High 66, low 41.

ocean sediments and how they affect marine ecology and provide minerals, sustain drilling platforms and absorb wastes. Equally important is learning ocean currents and chemistry as well as the interactions of the ocean with the atmosphere which produce our weather and our supply of fresh water.

Since 1949, A&M has been a leader in the quest for more knowledge about the oceans. For a year and a half, A&M served as the International Geophysical Year World Data Center for Oceanography.

A&M also was one of the original 14 participants in the establishment of the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research 10 years ago at Boulder, Colo., and is a member of the Gulf Universities Research Corp.

COOK POINTED out that A&M "has become one of the key centers of oceanographic and meteorological studies in the nation."

Most outstanding, perhaps, are the vast research capabilities to be found on the university's campus, at its Marine Laboratory in Galveston and aboard the 800-ton research vessel, Alaminos.

As a result of its broad capabilities, Cook pointed out A&M can gather "a wide array of oceanographic and meteorological data."

Cook also emphasized that offshore oil platforms are "occasionally equipped with environmental sensors for automatic data gathering to provide information of wind speeds and di-

rections, air temperature of the sea surface, underwater temperatures and current speed and direction."

COOK SAID about \$1.5 million worth of research is done annually for the Office of Naval Research in the Gulf of Mexico and adjacent waters.

The departments have emerged in a relatively short time as significant contributors to basic environmental research, Cook added. Contributions include:

- Obtaining a better understanding of the ocean circulation and thermal structure of the Gulf including the Gulf Stream.

- History and structural relationships of the bottom and sub-bottom geologic formations in the Gulf and Caribbean areas, as well as the composition and soil mechanics properties of the sediments in these areas.

- The fauna (animal life) of the Gulf and their role in the productivity cycle of the total ecological system.

- Feasibility of using remote sensing instruments located in airplanes to study critical oceanographic parameters.

## A&M Maritime Academy Hurt By Legislature Budget Cuts

AUSTIN (AP) — Unless the legislature restores budget cuts, the Texas Maritime Academy's Pelican Island installation will be like "having a bathroom but no fixtures," Adm. J. D. Craik said today.

The Academy, established in 1962, is part of the Texas A&M University System.

Craik, the academy superintendent, appeared before the House Appropriations Committee.

The Legislative Budget Board recommendations deleted \$734,000 that the Galveston school asked to develop the educational buildings and docking facilities being built at Pelican Island.

Craik said the Moody Foundation had given the school \$1 million for the Pelican Island installation.

Craik said the school has grown from 24 students when it opened in 1962 to an enrollment of 145. There were 1,300 applications for admission last year, he said.

The school operates a four-year bachelor degree program,

training its graduates for posts as ship's officers in the merchant marine.

Craik said starting salaries for the school's graduates run as high as \$1,200 a month.

He said the state, federal government and students each bear about one third of the costs of the academy.

"Regardless of Vietnam, the shipping companies have had trouble filling officer berths," Craik said.

Rep. Russell Cummings of Houston questioned "whether Texas ought to be spending all this tax money (about \$960,047 a year now) on a program that is available elsewhere at federal expense."

"If you want to give our Texas lads this opportunity, I don't know of any better way to do it than the maritime academy," Craik said.

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SNOWBOUND AT AN AERIAL CROSSROAD  
Airline passengers, trapped in terminal at John F. Kennedy International airport in New York City when a 15-inch snow storm closed all access routes by ground and air, relax in TWA lounge. Grounded planes and snow-choked airport are seen through the window. More than 6,000 people were marooned at the airport for two days and nights. (AP Wirephoto)