

Aggies Plan Cape Kennedy Visit

Apollo 9's liftoff Friday at Cape Kennedy will be viewed by 13 Texas A&M aerospace engineering majors and five faculty members at invitation of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The space shot will feature the first weightless flight of the lunar excursion module, which on a future Apollo mission will put men on the moon. The crew will include Air Force Lt. Col. James A. McDivitt and David R. Scott and civilian astronaut Russell L. Schweickert, who plans a two-hour space walk.

Aerospace Engineering Department head Prof. A. E. Cronk said the LEM separation and docking maneuver with the command module will introduce a complex twist into the orbital flight. The two components are to separate

by 110 miles before rendezvous. ENGINEERING DEAN Fred Benson will head the 18-man contingent that will attend an Apollo flight briefing, make a guided tour of the Cape Kennedy launch complex and watch the 10 a.m. (CST) launch.

Cronk, Drs. Charles A. Rodenberger and James L. Rand of the aero engineering faculty, and Air Force Col. Vernon L. Head, professor of aerospace studies, will make the two-day trip.

Participating students include Vincent C. Anderson, junior of Amarillo; Russell E. Bell, senior, New Braunfels; Charles D. Ferrata, graduate student, and John R. Ramsey, senior, Houston; John M. Macha, junior, Cuero; Ruperto N. Martinez, senior, Laredo;

Also, Paul M. Mebane, senior, San Antonio; Barry E. Morgan,

graduate student, Bryan; Charles E. Nelson, senior, Las Vegas, Nev.; Miles L. Sawyer, senior, Burnet; William Schwetke, junior, Denison; Joe R. Tillerson, senior, Celeste, and James S. Wilbeck, senior, Hungerford.

THE PARTY will leave Bergstrom AFB early Thursday, arrive at McCoy AFB, Fla., at noon and stay at Cocoa Beach, where NASA headquarters will be at the Quality Courts Motel.

Following the Cape Kennedy tour Thursday, the A&M group will put up at McCoy AFB bachelor officer quarters, view the Friday launch and return immediately afterward.

Group transportation to McCoy has been arranged by Air Force Brig. Gen. George H. McKee, 19th Air Division (SAC) commander at Carswell AFB and father of A&M freshman management major George M. McKee.

Lent Program Stresses 'Straight Talk'

St. Thomas' Chapel will present a series of special Lenten programs every Wednesday from 12:10 p.m. until 12:50, beginning tomorrow and continuing until Mar. 26.

Following the programs a luncheon will be served, noted William R. Oxley, minister of the

church.

The programs will be based on the Scriptures and the book, "Between Parent and Child," by Dr. Haim Ginott. The book's theme is "talking straight," which deals with the problem of interpersonal relationships between adults and children, and with other adults.



WE'RE NOT ALONE

John Lynch of Quincy, Mass., does his own telephone repairs after his line was downed last week in a snowstorm. After "a week of calling the emergency telephone repair number many times and getting only a busy signal," and after getting no results from the business office, Lynch gave up and made his own repairs. (AP Wirephoto)

Travel Aid Offered To A&M Students

By DAVE BERRY
Battalion Staff Writer

The Travel Committee wants all A&M students who are interested in traveling to receive all the help and encouragement they need, says committee chairman Mrs. Jeanna Chastain Fiske. "This is our purpose to serve the needs of any and all students who think they might want to travel," she said. "We give advice, help with paperwork and provide financial aid."

Mrs. Fiske, a sophomore prevet student, emphasizes that any A&M student can make use of the Travel Committee; all that the interested student need do is inquire.

"MANY PROBABLY don't even know that A&M has a travel committee; and those who do probably would be surprised at the amount of assistance we have offered in the past and the amount we could offer them now," Mrs. Fiske pointed out.

"Since its recognition as a committee about five years ago it has been of immense help to scores of travel-bound A&M students. In many cases, the student would not have been able to travel without our assistance," she says.

"This summer, for example, three students will be going overseas as a result of financial aid from us. David Berry, a sophomore from Massachusetts will go to Denmark; Tom Condry, a junior from Angleton, to Australia; and Paul Scopel, a sophomore from Seguin, to Austria.

"Their loans, like all Travel Committee loans, are repayable in small installments without interest beginning from three to five months after the students graduate," she continues.

"The terms of the loans are purposely lenient so that the traveler is not burdened with the worries of a loan until after he is more capable of paying it. We know that the student traveler has enough to worry about with studies and traveling plans," she adds.

"THIS TRAVEL LOAN fund," Mrs. Fiske explains, "was set up three years ago with a donation from an Aggie-Ex. Its purpose, now as then, is to help remove any financial obstacles from the path of prospective travelers."

According to Mrs. Fiske, the committee still has funds avail-

able for those who wish to travel this summer and need aid.

"Last week the loan fund awarded loans to those it decided would not be able to go overseas next summer without aid. Now the fund is considering applications from those who were not considered as needful as last week's group. It is also accepting applications from those who wish to travel independently.

"We would like the student to make sure that he has used all possible resources before he comes to us for aid," Mrs. Fiske said. He should then get a financial aid application from Shy Hicks at the Student Program Office, fill it out, and return it to the office by March 3. He will then be interviewed by the committee and shortly thereafter notified of its decision."

THE COMMITTEE, which selects loan recipients, includes Mrs. Fiske; Col. G. E. Mayeux, the committee's adviser; J. Wayne Stark, MSC director; R. Clark Diebel, controller of accounts in the fiscal office; and Benjamin J. Sims, MSC Council president.

"A&M goes to so much trouble to send students overseas because it views such travel as highly educational," Mrs. Fiske continued.

"Many other universities in the United States require their students to go overseas for a semester. Stanford, for example, has two overseas campuses to which it sends its students.

"The Travel Committee is attempting to put A&M on the same international footing as these universities," she said.

THE INCREASING number of students traveling through committee programs attests to its success, according to Mrs. Fiske. The committee's varied programs include:

- The Experiment in International Living, a chance to live with an overseas family for a period of time followed by travel in the family's country;
- Crossroads Africa, a chance to go to Africa to help complete some urgently needed project;
- The International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE), a chance to work overseas in the student's field of study.

Rangers Seek Information On Rape Case

Information is being sought by Texas Rangers and the state departments of Brazos, Grimes counties in connection with the February 9 rape of a Bryan woman.

Ranger O. L. Luther reported that the attack occurred about 8:15 p.m. on Highway 30 about two miles west of College Station.

According to the report, the victim, her car and the automobile were parked on the north side of the road about 1/2 west for about 30 minutes.

Luther suggested that the suspect returning to school that day on highway 30 might have furnished a description of the tacker's car, which was behind the victim's auto.

The victim described the tacker's auto as being a model, dark-colored car with round tail-lights and possibly fins.

The attacker had been at the intersection of Highway 30 and 90 in Roans Prairie before the assault.

Authorities said they have a belief that the old man had been parked at the intersection on Feb. 7.

Any person with information that may be helpful to the investigation should call Ranger O. L. Luther at 822-6111 in Bryan, or the office in Brazos or Grimes counties or The Battalion at 845-2226, Luther said.

Wharton Joins A&M To Help Police School

A&M has teamed with Wharton County Junior College to conduct a three-week primary police course March 17-28.

Although A&M has several police schools in Wharton area, it is the first venture of the two institutions.

Ira E. Scott, chief of Training Division here, said the course is designed "to give the police officer with a understanding of laws and relations that he must understand to be an effective law enforcement officer."

The course will be given in cooperation with the Wharton College Extension Service. Scott's office is one of several units of the service.

Scott pointed out that the Service "knows that special training needed by employees of most communities is available locally, as in the police officers. We know the people who need these jobs often cannot afford to leave for special schools. As a result, Engineering Extension staff carries the training programs to the areas where they are needed."

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