



YMCA, Old Library Designated Polls Houston Lawyer To Speak At 67th Annual Muster

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The YMCA and the old library building will be polling places for the April 24 general elections as a result of Election Commission action Wednesday night.

The action, climaxing stormy debate and a secret vote, provides for multiple polling places within the library if the YMCA is not available.

Absentee voting for Veterinary Medicine students, necessitated by a break between trimesters during the week of elections, will be looked into by the Commission Executive Committee.

In other action, the Commission decided to consider Senate positions as constituting membership in a student organization.

BEFORE THE final decision, Tommy Henderson, Commission vice-president for publicity, proposed three polling places; the Memorial Student Center basement, the Sbisas newsstand and a lounge in the Duncan area.

"The main purpose of the Election Commission is to provide for the most participation of the student body in elections," Henderson asserted as he made his proposal, "and I believe that at least three polling places are

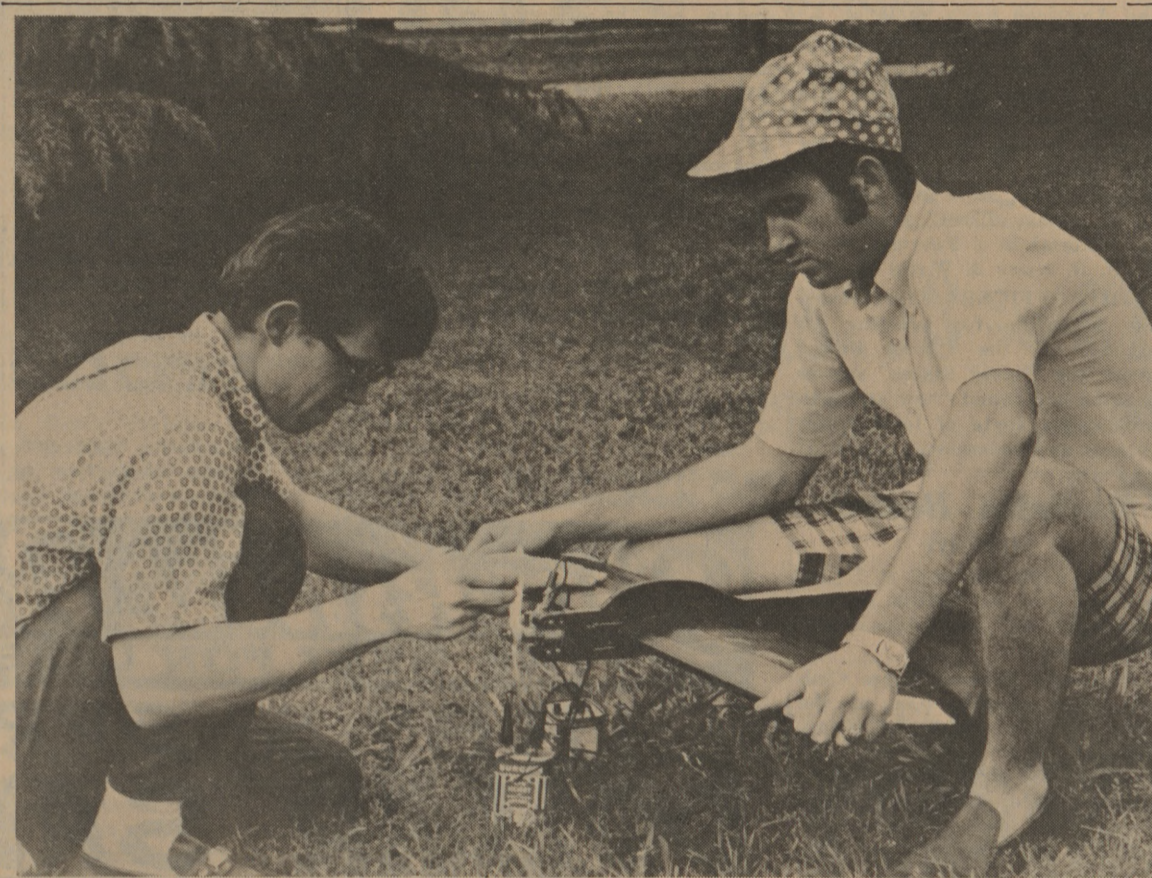
needed." "It turns my stomach," retorted Gary Martin, sophomore class president, "to think that we have to spoon-feed some people. The people that matter are the people that make the effort to vote. One polling place is simpler and more controllable."

AFTER MORE debate, centering on whether the Corps or civilians had the advantage in any way, a vote was taken. By request of Kirby Brown, freshman class president, the vote was by secret ballot.

Following further discussion and a defeated motion to hold elections in the library and the MSC, Ray Girsham moved to hold elections in the library and the YMCA.

Earlier, the commission considered a case concerning a student filing for a Senate position who did not meet the grade point ratio requirements for the previous semester. Henderson cited University Regulations stating that all candidates for offices in student organizations must have a 1.0 GPR for the previous semester.

After discussion, the decision was to disqualify the candidate because Senate positions constitute membership in a student organization.



REVVIN' HER UP
Richard Humphries, a senior mechanical engineering major, checks out his engine as freshman aerospace engineering major Craig McDougald holds the model airplane steady. Students have been flying their models in most any open space on campus as spring weather seems to have returned to Aggieland to stay. (Photo by Bob Peek)

3-Part Roll Call Planned By Senate

By TOM CURL
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Mayo J. Thompson, former student and noted maritime lawyer from Houston, will be the guest speaker at the 67th annual Aggie Muster April 21, in front of the A&M System Administration Building.

The long-standing tradition will be slightly altered this year, according to Phil Callahan, chairman of the Student Senate and Muster Chairman.

"The roll call will be in three parts for the first time," he commented. Callahan explained that in recent years, the roll call has included deceased A&M students and former students who have died while on active duty with the armed forces during the preceding year.

This year's list of names will include six former students from Brazos County because former students in this area have no formal muster of their own.

"IF THESE six names aren't called at the campus muster, they won't be called at all," Callahan said.

A member of the class of '41, Thompson is a senior partner in the firm of Royston, Rayzor and Cook in Houston.

"We felt that this year we wanted an eloquent speaker and outstanding speaker who could get a message to the students," Callahan remarked.

Thompson is a retired Army colonel and member of the panel of the American Arbitration Association and also a member of the American Judicature Society and the Maritime Law Association of the United States.

ALSO ON the program is a presentation of a plaque to A&M President Earl Rudder in honor of A&M former students who served in the Philippines during World War II.

The award will be presented by John H. LeClair, National Commander of the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor. Honored guests will be the 17 surviving Aggies who served there during the war.

Another guest will be L. V. Wallace, class of '03, who served as class president his senior year.

"To give an idea of how old the man is; he was a freshman when Pinky Downs was a sophomore," commented Callahan.

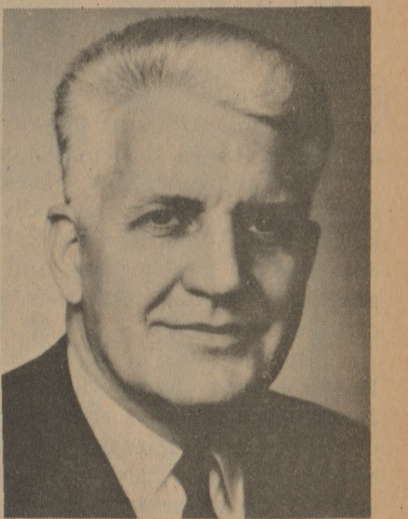
The program, planned by Callahan and Jim Stephenson, subcommittee chairman for Aggie Muster, will also include greetings by Ford Albritton Jr., president of the Association of Former Students.

CORPS COMMANDER Hector Gutierrez will explain the tradition of Aggie Muster, called every year on the anniversary of San Jacinto Day. The annual meeting is organized wherever Aggies happen to be at the time, including on the battlefields of Vietnam.

The highlight of the Muster,

roll call of the deceased, will be conducted by Bill Youngkin, yell leader. As each name is called, a living comrade will answer with the single word "here" to signify that although the Aggie is gone, he is not forgotten.

Callahan commented that in case of inclement weather or wet grounds, the 5 p.m. ceremony will be moved to G. Rollie White Coliseum.



DR. ROBERT W. CAIRNS

Noted Chemist To Speak Here On Research

A leading spokesman for the nation's chemical industry will present a Robert A. Welch Foundation lecture here at 8 p.m. Friday.

Dr. Robert W. Cairns, president of the American Chemical Society and vice president and board member of Hercules Inc., will speak on "Who Directs Research?", a commentary on chemical research in industry, in room 231 of the Chemistry Building.

Dr. Cairns joined Hercules in 1934 as a research chemist and was appointed director of research in 1955. He was elected to the chemical company's board of directors in 1959 and promoted to vice president in 1966.

The Oberlin, Ohio, native served as deputy assistant secretary of defense (research and development) in 1954 and is currently a member of the Defense Science Board.

Cairns also is chairman of the National Academy of Sciences-National Academy of Engineering Committee on Scientific and Technical Communication. He holds several patents in the field of explosives and is the author of numerous technical papers.

The Robert A. Welch Foundation, which arranged Cairns' visit to A&M, has assisted the university in numerous research and scholarly endeavors, including award of a \$1 million grant to help build its cyclotron.

302 Army ROTC Cadets Receive Assignments To 15 Branches

A&M cadets to be commissioned in the U. S. Army upon graduation next month will serve in 15 different branches, announced Col. Jim H. McCoy, commandant.

Three of each four will report for basic officer training in the combat arms.

Branch assignments for the 302 Army ROTC cadets now qualified for May 24 commissioning are primarily in infantry, engineers, artillery (air defense and field) and armor

branches. McCoy also noted some military police and signal corps units are considered part of the combat arms.

Most of the new second lieutenants will be wearing crossed rifles of the infantry. Sixty-two graduates will go to Fort Benning, Ga., for officers basic.

The corps of engineers and Fort Belvoir, Va., will get 53; air defense artillery and Fort Bliss, Tex., 22; field artillery and Fort Sill, Okla., 35; armor and Fort Knox, Ky., 34.

Other assignments are in the quartermaster corps, 23; transportation corps, seven; medical service corps, 14; chemical corps, one, adjutant generals corps, five; finance corps, one; military corps, 10.

McCoy said the military intelligence branch is one of the Army's relatively new career fields.

A&M graduates to be commissioned next month will begin reporting for active duty from the first week of June until the end of the summer.

For Civilian Weekend Planning Nears Completion

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Preparations for "an event-filled Civilian Weekend," April 25-27 are nearing completion, according to Ernie Godsey, Weekend Committee chairman.

"It will be a different type of Civilian Weekend than in previous years," Godsey commented. "We have tried to plan this year for all civilians by scheduling many different types of activities."

Godsey said that civilian dormitory counselors are distributing barbecue and dance tickets for the weekend civilian affair.

"A student who does not have a fall activity card will have to buy dance tickets at \$3 a couple; if he doesn't have a spring ac-

tivity card, he will have to pay \$1 per person for barbecue tickets," he explained.

CIVILIANS may buy dance tickets at the door but must purchase barbecue tickets by April 21, Godsey noted.

The weekend will commence on a Friday with a dance sponsored by the Civilian Student Council in the grove from 8-12 p.m. Godsey noted that the dance would be free, with the "Gypsy Moth," band of College Station entertaining.

Other entertainment planned for Friday includes a folk-singing program at "The Basement," located in the Memorial Student Center, and the film, "We've Never Been Licked," will be shown in the Guion Hall.

ROGER KNAPP, coordinator of residence hall programs, noted that several residence hall dances and open houses are also being scheduled on the 25th.

Saturday's timetable begins with a noon barbecue in the Grove, where the Civilian Sweetheart nominees will be presented.

A carnival is scheduled at 1 p.m. following the barbecue in the area located across from the Grove. Godsey noted that booths manned by members of the various residence halls will provide dart throwing and other entertainment normally found in a carnival.

"At 3 p.m. field day activities will begin on the Civil Engineering field east of the Cyclotron," Godsey said. He noted that skydiving exhibitions by the A&M Parachute Club, and radio controlled air exhibitions by model airplanes belonging to A&M students would provide entertainment.

Consol Schoolmen To Talk To PTA

A&M Consolidated School Board members and Superintendent W. T. Riedel will discuss the future of the College Station school system at the 7:30 p.m. meeting Tuesday of the College Hills Parent-Teacher Association in the school cafeteria.

Dr. R. J. Freund Jr., PTA president, said the A&M Consolidated officials will present the board's 10-year plan and be available afterwards for a question-and-answer session.

The meeting also will include election of officers, Dr. Freund noted.

AF Sweetheart Applications Set

Applications for the "Dream Queen," to be presented at the "space-age, informal" Air Force Ball April 19, are available from any Air Force ROTC first sergeant, Bud Welch, Ball Committee chairman, said Wednesday.

Cadets may turn in completed applications to David Woods, 8-415, or Welch, 6-118.

"A prize will be given to the girl with most futuristic costume for the year 2069," Welch added.

"TDY (Temporary Duty) and the Dream Dimension is the theme of the 8 p.m.-to-midnight ball in the East Wing of Duncan Dining Hall. We'll have good music, from the Countdown Five from Houston, wild lights and probably a space monster for decorations," he added.

Cadets will wear Class 'B' summer uniforms with short-sleeve shirts and ascot.

Tickets for Army seniors will be sold in the dorm for \$1.25 Welch said.

WEATHER

Friday — Cloudy to partly cloudy. Afternoon thundershowers. Wind Southerly 10 to 15 mph. High 81, low 58.

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SIGNING UP
Pat Hruska signs up for the annual blood drive sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega in cooperation with the Wadley Foundation of Dallas. Students will have until noon Friday to register for the April 16-17 drive at the registration desk near the Memorial Student Center post office. (Photo by Bob Peek)

Solons To Attend Vanderbilt Meet

Three Student Senate representatives will attend "Impact '69," a symposium at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., Friday and Saturday.

They are Senate President Bill Carter, Student Life Committee Chairman Phil Callahan and sophomore Senator Marcus Hill.

"This conference will give us a good idea of the trends of student government because delegates will come from many U. S. universities and colleges," Carter said.

During the symposium, the topic of the "Emerging Generation" will be discussed by speakers such as Samuel Yorty, mayor of Los Angeles; Senator Edmund Muskie, D-Maine; Phillip Abbott Luce, consultant for the Young Americans for Freedom; McGeorge Bundy, U. S. ambassador to the United Nations, and Anson Mount, public affairs manager of Playboy Magazine.

Faculty-Staff Fete Tickets On Sale

Tickets are now on sale for A&M's April 25 Board of Directors-Faculty-Staff Dinner in Sbisas Hall, announced Dr. Horace Byers, academic vice president.

Dr. Byers, member of the dinner committee, said the tickets are available through heads of the university's various academic and administrative departments.

The 7:15 p.m. dinner will include remarks by Board President Clyde Wells. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Singing Cadets.

The dinner will be preceded by a reception, beginning at 6:45 p.m., with board members in the receiving line.

Although the dinner is "stag", Dr. Byers emphasized women faculty-staff members are invited.

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