

Fish Drill Team Takes Second Straight National Title

By MONTY STANLEY

The Fish Drill Team broke national precedent Friday, winning the National Intercollegiate ROTC Drill Championship for the second straight year.

Held in conjunction with the annual Cherry Blossom Festival at the nation's capital, the competition at Robert F. Kennedy Stadium involved 50 teams from throughout the U. S.

The A&M fish, commanded by George Barrientos of San Antonio, performed in near-flawless fashion to score 929 points out of a possible 1,000.

Presentation of the championship trophy to Barrientos and Guidon Bearer David R. Calvert of Shreveport marked the third



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time in three trips to Washington the freshman team has come away with one of the top two awards.

THE 1966-67 team finished second and the 1967-68 team captured the championship.

In past years, the team finishing as runner-up has usually been champion the following year, but the Fish relegated last year's second place to St. Peter's College of Jersey City, N. J., to the runner-up slot again. St. Peter's scored 892 and Villanova College placed third with a score of 881. The competition was judged by officers and non-commissioned officers of an Army unit stationed at nearby Ft. McNair.

An enthusiastic group of about 25 Aggie-exes, including Major General William A. Becker '41, applauded the Fish Drill Team onto the drill field and sounded approval for the team's maneuvers. The sequence was basically the same as that performed at the Military Day review and A&M's recent high school drill competition.

Just before the team left the Longworth Congressional office building, where they had changed into drill uniforms, a 50-foot telegram was delivered to the commander. It was signed by former team members and hundreds of other A&M cadets, and wished them luck in the competition.

Cadets met the team's bus when it returned to College Station Sunday night, and held a yell practice in their honor.

The drill team was conducted on an extensive tour of Washington sights, including a special tour of the Senate floor arranged by Texas Congressman Bob Casey.

The 38-member unit was given a reception and party Friday evening by the Washington-area A&M Club, which included a project held to raise money for the team's trip. The 500-member club is newly-formed and the Fish Drill Team event was one of its first functions.

Saturday evening, the group toured the city, then attended a celebration party at the downtown apartment of Aggie-ex Buck Buchanan '60, commander of the 1956-57 FDT, and Bob Wilson, a University of Texas graduate and Washington interior designer.

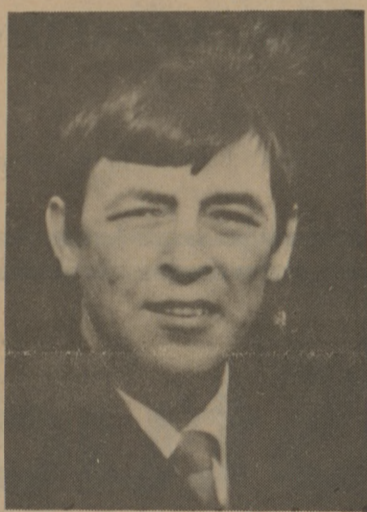
Accompanying the drill team on the trip were sponsor Mahlon Southerland, Air Force Captain Jon L. Gallup, and Army Captain John Anglin. Also included were the junior advisors Rick Gonzales and Steve Nichols, sophomore advisors Chip Conaty, John Hamilton, Bob Patten and John Whipple, Corps representative Don Kidd and Former Drill Team Members Association representative Roy Lewis.



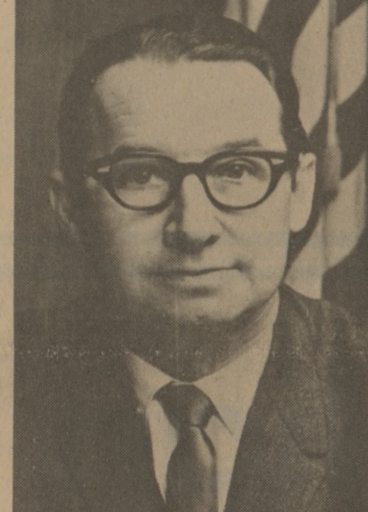
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LA Police Chief Is First Speaker

By DAVID MIDDLEBROOKE
Battalion Staff Writer

Thomas E. Reddin, city of Los Angeles chief of police, speaking on public protection and the urban system, will lead off the Great Issues Urban Crisis Conference which begins today in the Memorial Student Center.

The conference, co-sponsored by the Great Issues Committee, the College of Engineering, and the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Industries Foundation, will feature speakers who are considered experts in their fields.

"Civilization is in the midst of the urban revolution," commented Tom Fitzhugh, chairman of the conference. "Like the industrial revolution and revolution of ideas, this one looms as one of the most important phases in the development of man."

"THAT THE significance of this conference cannot be over-emphasized," said David Maddox, Great Issues chairman, "is evidenced by the fact that the Vice-President of the United States would have keynoted."

The Vice-President's absence, Maddox added, is due to a 30-day period of official mourning for Dwight Eisenhower established by President Richard Nixon during which high government officials do not make public appearances.

Nixon sent a telegram to the committee, saying "Your group includes many of the leaders whose energy and imagination will be the key to solving our urban problems . . . I appreciate the leadership of the Texas A&M

University's Great Issues Committee and College of Engineering in sponsoring this conference."

More than 125 civic and technical officials of the nation's largest cities and 25 A&M student leaders will be the official delegates to the conference, Maddox noted. Speakers on many phases of physical and social development will guide the delegates in creative discussions on realistic solutions to future problems, he added.

"I WANT to emphasize that all presentations are open to the public," Maddox said. "There will be no admission charge."

"We have exhibits and films correlated with our speakers," Maddox explained. "Our whole program is arranged to make sure every aspect of the subject is touched on."

Maddox also noted that the conference has been the focal point of the committee's efforts all year, beginning with the "People and the Cities" presentations in the fall and continuing with the Black America seminar in December.

Speakers at the conference, in addition to Reddin, include Eugene Maier, consultant and former director of public works in Houston; Eric W. Mood, professor of public health at Yale University; Nathan Glazer, sociology professor at the University of California at Berkeley.

Also speaking will be Mark E. Keane, executive director of the International City Manager's As-

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MANNERS PANEL

The YMCA spring program, "Man Your Manners," will highlight four Texas Woman's University Tesses talking about such topics as letter writing to dating etiquette to the engagement and wedding ceremony. Speaking Wednesday evening will be (left to right) Carole Brennan, Kada Rule and Linda Baxter. Not shown, but appearing, will be Miss TWU, Jane Jacobs.

Tessie To Chair 'Manners' Meeting

Jane Jacobs, currently reigning as Miss Texas Woman's University, will chair the second part of the YMCA's "Man Your Manners" seminar Wednesday. Sessions will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Room 113 of the Biology Building. Future sessions will be held on April 23 and April 30.

Ronald E. Owens, vice chairman of the YMCA Spring Programs, said the presentation will also feature Carole Brennan, Cotulla; Kada Rule, El Paso, and Linda Baxter, Dallas, of TWU.

Three earlier sessions were held on the TWU campus by Aggies, added Owens.

"The three Tessie panels, to be presented on consecutive Wednesdays by different panelists, will discuss letter writing to dating etiquette to the engagement and wedding ceremony that develops in a typical

boy-meets-girl situation," Owen said.

Wednesday's program will highlight letter writing, introductions, when and when not to give flowers, housing and transportation for visiting dates, telephone manners, driving etiquette and the question of appearance.

"Man Your Manners," one of several YMCA spring programs, originated nine years ago when a group of Aggies invited a panel of Tessies on campus. Last year's program was presented to an overflow audience of 300-plus persons, Owens said.

The panels give Aggies "an opportunity to view boy-girl relationships through the eyes of the opposite sex in a Christian context," Owens observed.

A question-answer period "provided with plenty of pencils and papers" will follow panel discussions.

Urban Confab Highlights

Here are the major speech events on the Urban Crisis Conference (all to be held in the MSC Ballroom):

2 p.m. Today

"Public Protection and the Urban System"—Thomas E. Reddin, Los Angeles chief of police.

8:30 p.m. Tonight

"Man and the Megalopolis"—Nathan Glazer, Harvard professor of sociology, co-author of "The Lonely Crowd"

8:30 a.m. Wednesday

"Administration and the Urban System"—Mark Keane, executive director, International City Manager's Association

8 p.m. Wednesday

"Urban Revitalization"—Scott Greer, professor of sociology, Northwestern University, and co-author of "The Emerging City"

2 p.m. Thursday

"The Future for Urban America"—John G. Duba, former Chicago city planner, currently administrator of the Municipal Services Administration of New York City

Smith Favors Student Directors, On-Campus Political Speakers

By DAVE BERRY
Battalion Staff Writer

Gov. Preston Smith told Student Senate Vice President David Maddox Saturday he favors allowing political candidates to speak at Texas A&M, and other state-supported universities.

Maddox said the Governor, who also talked with student leaders from 16 other Texas universities,

also favors having a non-voting student member on each university's board of directors.

"The law," Maddox said Monday, "prohibits the use of state funds to support political candidates. Because A&M is supported by state funds, no candidates have been allowed to speak here."

"Gov. Smith told me that he will do all he can to see that the law no longer applies to any student activity funds. This means that political candidates could speak here," he said.

"The Governor also told me that he favors having a non-voting student member on the Board of Directors to improve student-administration communications.

"I therefore sent a letter to Gov. Smith Monday requesting that he write to President Rudder and Clyde H. Wells, president of the Board, explaining his board of directors proposal.

"As soon as I receive a copy of this letter from Gov. Smith, I will make the same proposal to the Senate," Maddox said.

The 17 student leaders submitted a resolution Saturday to State Representative Bob Armstrong which he will introduce into the Legislature.

It states that whereas "the principle of freedom of speech is essential to education," and whereas "education is the rational scrutiny of all existing ideas, and not the promotion of a select set of ideas, that students have the fundamental right to exercise their own judgment in determining what they may hear or say, and that govern-

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"On the side of Texas A&M."
—Adv.

APO Schedules Blood Drive In MSC Wednesday, Thursday

Texas Aggies will "get the needle" Wednesday and Thursday in the Memorial Student Center basement during the annual blood

drive sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega in cooperation with the Wadley Foundation of Dallas.

Drive Chairman Larry Finley of Orlando, Fla., reminded students who signed up as donors to observe the time for which they are signed. He noted that students who weren't able to register also may contribute by reporting to the center.

Finley said donors will be taken from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday. Civilian students under 21 years of age must have parents' or guardian's consent.

The Wadley Foundation conducts leukemia research and will honor a donor's transfusion needs during the year.

Biology Lecture Set Wednesday

Dr. Charlotte Mangum, associate professor of biology at William & Mary University of Williamsburg, Va., will lecture at noon Wednesday in room 226 of the A&M library on the "Biology of Feeding in the Onuphid Polychaete," announced A&M Professor of Oceanography Retnat Darnell.

Dr. Mangum will also show slides and films to illustrate his talk, Dr. Darnell added.

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WITHOUT FLAW

As Commander George Barrientos of San Antonio barks orders, the Fish Drill Team flawlessly executes a Queen Anne salute during their drill performance that won them

the national championship for the unprecedented second straight year. The drill team competed with 50 other teams in Washington, D. C., Friday. (Photo by Monty Stanley)