



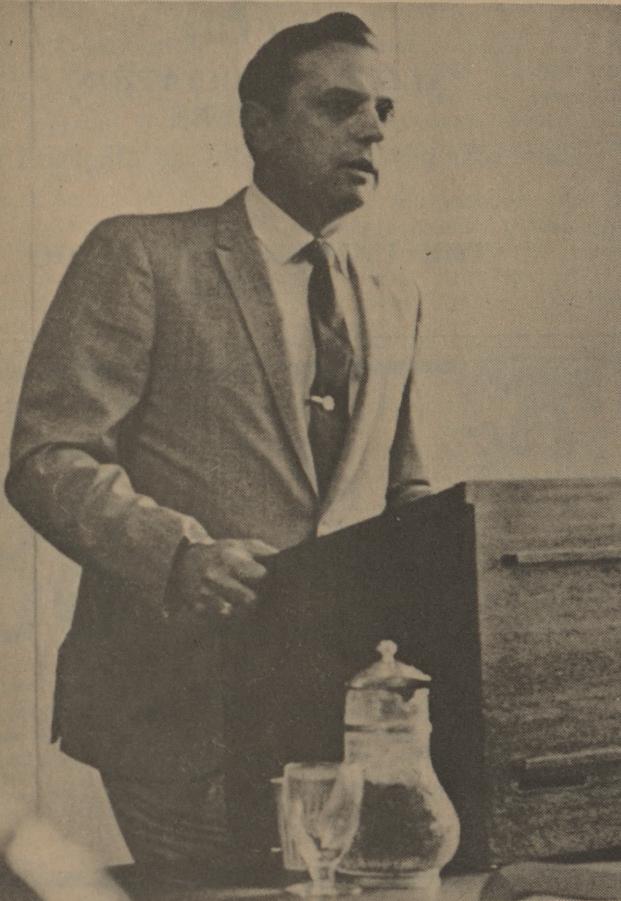
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'FISH' YEAR

District 18 Rep. Bill Presnal tells a Political Forum audience what it's like to be a "fish" in the Texas House. Serving his first term as representative of Brazos, Grimes and Madison counties, Presnal has already introduced 10 bills to the legislature. (Photo by Bob Peek)

According To Presnal

'Fish' Lawmakers Attempt Too Much

By TONY HUDDLESTON
Battalion Staff Writer

The big problem that freshman members of the Texas House of Representatives have is that they try to carry too many bills, and don't get any of them passed. Rep. Bill Presnal of District 17 told the Political Forum Wednesday:

"A freshman in the House would never carry more than five or six bills at any one time," Presnal added. "Because if he carries any more than that he probably won't get any of them on the House calendar, much less passed."

Presnal, who was elected to the House last year, added that he didn't follow his own advice. "I sponsored 10 bills in the House. Five have passed the House and Senate and gone on to the governor."

He added that it was by luck that he was able to get the bills passed. Two more bills, he noted, have gone through the House and stood a chance of passage in the Senate.

Faculty Awards To Be Given In Guion Hall

The annual Faculty Recognition and Achievement Awards Program will be conducted at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in Guion Hall, announced A&M President Earl Rudder.

Highlight of the program will be the Association of Former Students' presentation of 11 Distinguished Faculty Achievement Awards, which include \$1,000 checks. The Standard Oil Foundation will make three similar awards.

The program also will include special recognition for eight retiring faculty members.

Rudder will preside and review major events of the current school year. Former Students President Ford Albritton Jr. of Bryan, who also is a member of A&M's Board of Directors, will make brief remarks and present the association's awards.

Seven of the Former Students awards—an increase of three this year—will be presented for teaching, two for research and one each for extension work and individual student relations. The Standard Oil awards are based on teaching achievements.

President Rudder has urged all faculty and staff members to attend the awards program.

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Geistweidt Is President; 38 Senate Positions Filled

Vice Presidency May Go To Holt

By DAVID MIDDLEBROOKE
Battalion Staff Writer

Gerald Geistweidt, elected Student Senate vice president three weeks ago, was elected president of the same organization Wednesday with 1,548 votes in a special election held in conjunction with the Senate college elections.

Bill Holt, who placed behind Geistweidt in the April 24 Senate vice-presidential race, may assume the now vacated office.

"The only way that it would happen otherwise," said Tommy Henderson, Election Commission vice-president for publicity, when questioned on the matter, "is if Geistweidt does not resign from the vice-presidency before the Senate meeting Thursday."

"In that case, under Section III, article 6, paragraph C, of the Senate constitution, there would, by my interpretation, have to be a new election for the office of vice-president."

Henderson later said that he had talked with Geistweidt, who told him that he (Geistweidt) had not yet decided what he will do. Henderson added that Geistweidt will make a decision sometime Thursday.

Garry Mauro, with 1,205 votes, placed second in the race, which attracted over 3,000 voters, 600 less than in the April 24 elections. Jimmy Adams placed third with 284 votes.

College election results, filling 38 Senate positions, are:

College of Engineering, class of '70 — Allen Janecek (114), Jess Rhoden (82), and Robert Stanzel (75), with Frank McDuff (73) and Bob Chancey (65) as runners-up; class of '71 — James Hackedorn (99), Fred Hofstetter (144) and David Reynolds (123), with Gregg Weaver (87) and James Wiley (84) as runners-up; class of '72 — John D. Bennett (179), Raymond Kopecky (157), and Joe Nix (149), with Samuel Tucker (108) and Robert Hobbs (126) as runners-up.

College of Liberal Arts, class of '70 — John L. Grumbles (46) and James Stephenson (53), with Raymond Jordan (30) and David

P. Bailey (26) as runners-up; class of '71 — Larry Carrreker (50) and Charles Hoffman (51), with Jon C. Simms (43) as runner-up; class of '72 — Stephen Bryant (73) and Jimmy Weaver (59), with Robert Burns (47) and Robert Miller (54) as runners-up.

COLLEGE of Business Administration, class of '70 — Kenneth H. Fengolio (39) and Leonard Odem (38), with Daniel Swords (37) and John Maline (30) as

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NCU Chancellor To Address '69 Graduates

Dr. John T. Caldwell, chancellor of North Carolina State University at Raleigh, will be featured speaker for commencement exercises May 24, announced A&M President Earl Rudder.

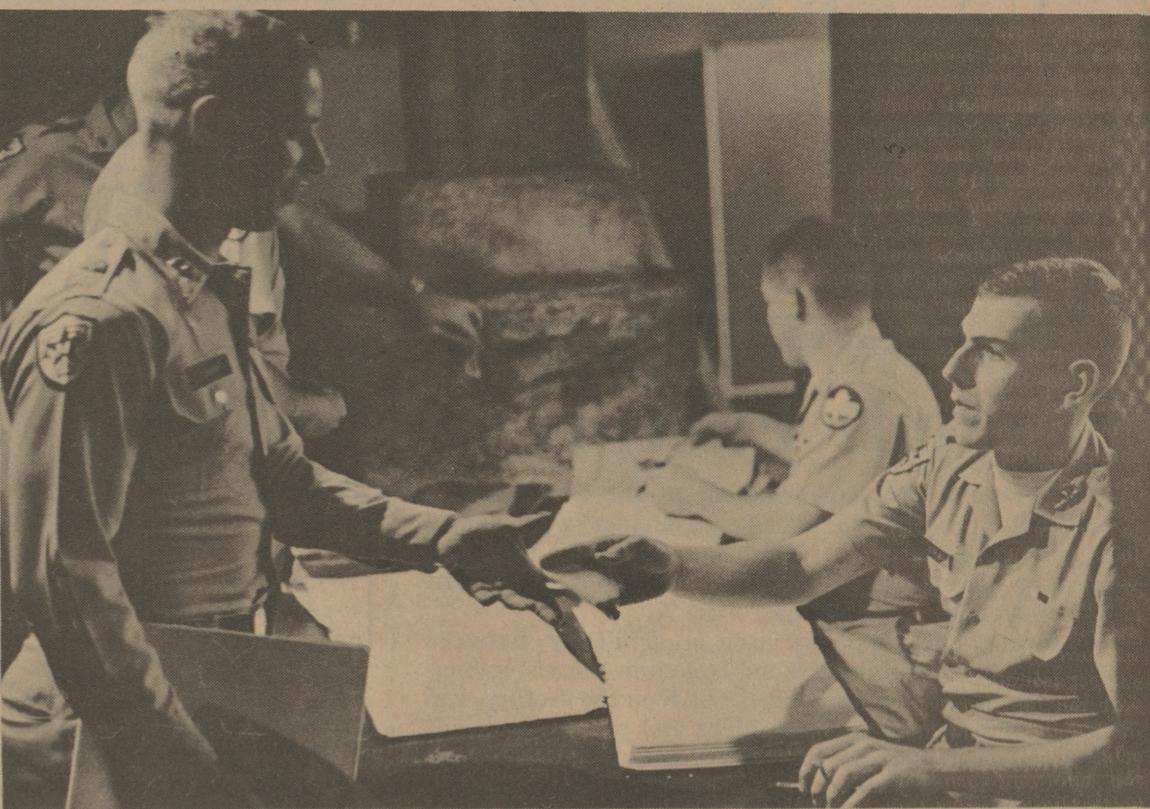
A record 1,303 students have applied for spring graduation. Ceremonies will be conducted at 9 a.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Dr. Caldwell joined North Carolina State as chancellor in 1959 after serving seven years as president of the University of Arkansas. He was previously president of Alabama College and taught at Vanderbilt.

A leader in public higher education, Dr. Caldwell headed the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges in 1961-62. He is currently chairman of the association's International Affairs Committee. He has served twice as chairman of the board of trustees for University Testing Service.

The 58-year-old native of Yazoo, Miss., received his undergraduate degree at Mississippi State and Ph.D., in political science, from Princeton. He also holds degrees from Duke and Columbia.

During World War II, Dr. Caldwell served in the Navy as a lieutenant commander.



AT THE POLLS

The democratic process of voting went much like this Wednesday as more than 3,000 students turned out to select a Senate president and fill 22 other offices. The turnout was several hundred less than that of the Senate election held April 23. (Photo by Bob Peek)

Black Students 'Unsatisfied' After Meeting With Rudder

By TOM CURL

The demands submitted May 2 to the administration by a group of 15 black students resulted in a meeting with A&M President Earl Rudder last Friday, The Battalion learned this week.

The group, which calls itself the Afro-American Society, explained the demands to Rudder in a session that lasted more than two hours and ended with the students still unsatisfied, according to Allen Giles, spokesman for the students.

"The hang-up is that we could not get the President to acknowledge that we have problems," Giles said Tuesday night. According to Giles, Rudder later acknowledged the problems claimed by the black students, but said that the students caused the problems themselves.

PRESIDENT Rudder was contacted on the matter Tuesday night.

"If there is anything in the way of their (black students) education, I'll remove it," he commented.

"However, these demands are not in keeping with good education," Rudder added.

The demands concerned such proposals as a black history course, more black literature in the University Library and recruitment of black high school students by black students already at A&M. In addition, they charged discrimination by A&M Athletic Director Gene Stallings.

"The only positive thing from the whole meeting was that President Rudder said he would talk to Stallings," Giles remarked.

Giles said the black students wanted the black history course to "enhance our awareness of our culture and origin."

HE ADDED that in many cases, the history course would be more beneficial to white students because they would be made aware that the black American is not "dull-witted and lazy."

In its demands, the group also called for official recognition of the Afro-American Society as a campus organization; a request that was denied last fall.

"It (the society) would not be segregated and white students would be allowed to join," Giles added.

Giles added that the demands were not meant to evoke the strong policy statement from the A&M Board of Directors which said they would not consider or tolerate "change which would disrupt due academic processes—change thrust upon this institution under the ugly veil of threat or demand."

Giles claimed the action by the group was not a threat and clarified the section of the demands that said "appropriate action" would be taken if the demands were not acted upon by the third week in September.

"IT MIGHT be something of the nature of a boycott; but strictly non-violent," he emphasized.

Last week, the demands drew a resolution of criticism from the A&M Student Senate because the black student group did not further its complaints through Senate channels. They were also criticized because they did not contact the administration through the Committee on Black Student Affairs created earlier in the year; of which Giles and several others are members.

"We went directly to the administration because we felt the bonds of communication had been cut," Giles commented.

He added that the black students felt the committee had been ineffective in finding solutions to the problems of black people on the A&M campus.

A prepared statement was released Wednesday from President Rudder's office saying that Rudder discussed each of the demands at the Friday meeting and gave each student the opportunity to be heard.

According to the statement, Rudder assured the students that "all requests of all students will be given due consideration when made in good faith and with noble purpose."

Served Aggies 40 Years'

Former

YMCA Head Honored

J. Gordon Gay, who served Aggies 40 years through the university's YMCA prior to seminary last September, was remembered Wednesday night by students and associates alike.

Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) cabinet officers surprised Gay, 68, with a 21-inch, portable color television set during their annual installation steak-fry in Hensel Park.

"Oh, my gosh," he exclaimed, on being presented the RCA set, complete with stand and a year's paid-up cable service.

Contributions for the gift, a well-guarded secret, came from friends, business associates and student YMCA members.

Mrs. Gay was present for the ceremony.

The gift was presented by outgoing YMCA cabinet president David Howard.

Gay, starting his life-long career at A&M in 1928 as YMCA associate secretary, was also presented a plaque by "Freshmen Campers." It read "Originator and Director of YMCA Freshmen Camp, 1954-68."

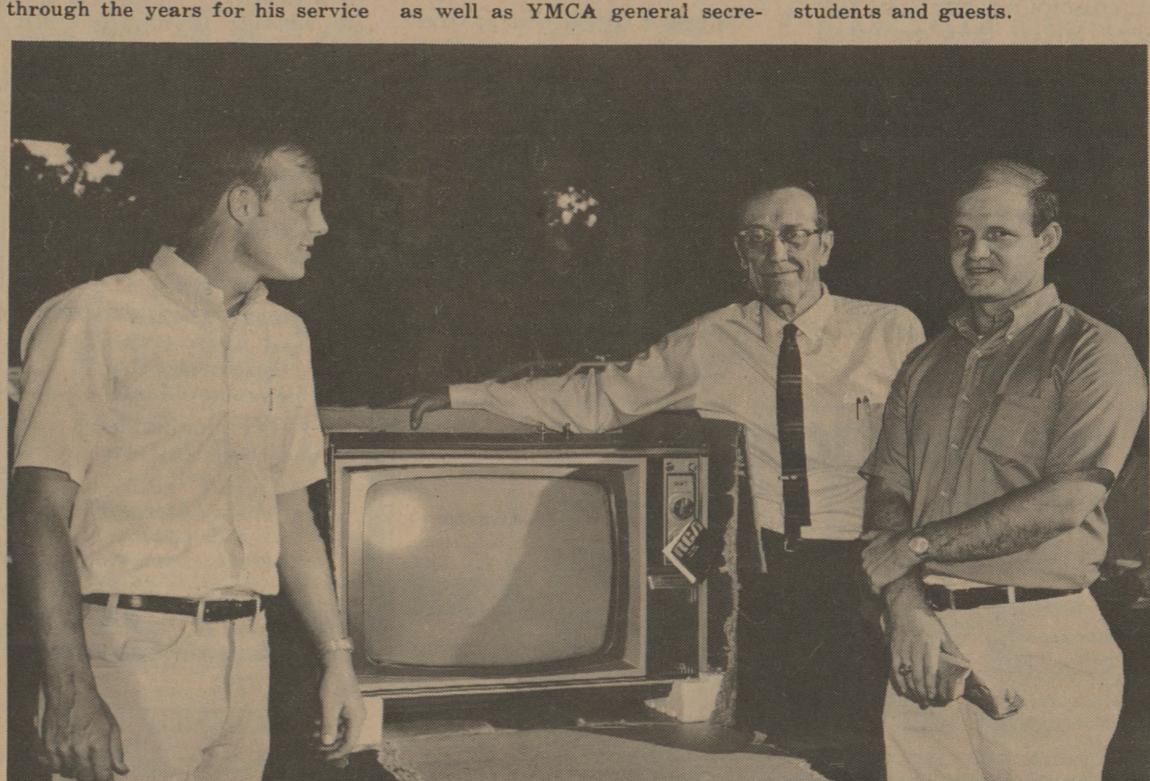
Two years after he was named general secretary in 1952, Gay's freshman camp dream became a reality. The first camp attracted 36 students. His last camp attracted 351.

Camps are designed to get students involved in campus life by letting them see the larger out-

look in life," Gay said. The plaque was presented by Gary Anderson.

Gay received several honors through the years for his service to Aggies, including the Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award in 1956. In 1957 he was named religious life coordinator as well as YMCA general secretary.

Even the steak-fry was symbolic for Gay who personally cooked thousands of steaks for students and guests.



YMCA PRESENTS GIFT

Aggie associates, friends and students presented J. Gordon Gay a 21-inch color television set Wednesday at Hensel Park. Gay, YMCA general secretary and religious life coordinator, retired last September after 40 years of service. Left to right are Gary Anderson, Gay, and David Howard. Gay also received a plaque as originator and director of Freshmen Camp.

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