



SNOOPING AROUND THE MOON

Apollo 10 commander Thomas P. Stafford strikes an interesting contrast with the comic-strip dog "Snoopy" in front of a lunar surface map at the Kennedy Space Center. Stafford and his two Apollo 10 copilots, Eugene A. Cernan and John W. Young, have chosen "Snoopy" to be the radio call code name for the Lunar Module landing craft Stafford and Cernan are to fly to within nine miles of the moon's surface. The command ship, piloted alone by Young during the rendezvous, will have the call name "Charlie Brown." Launch is scheduled for Sunday, May 18. (AP Wirephoto from NASA)

Officers Elected In FFA Chapter

Archie Abrameit of Goliad has been elected president of the Texas A&M FFA Chapter for fall, 1969.

Abrameit will succeed Dennis Templeton of La Pryor, who has headed the chapter during the spring semester.

Other officers elected were James Dean of Crane, vice-president; Joe Detting of Wharton, secretary; Robert Easter of La Pryor, reporter; Bob Hataway of Humble, treasurer; James Allcorn of Comanche, sentinel; and student advisor, Larry Kiesling of Wall.

Dr. Herman Brown, associate professor of agricultural education, moderated a panel discussion on highlights of student teaching. Panel members were Jimmy Cheek of Corpus Christi; Terry McCasland of Wheeler; Travis Shinn, Celeste; Charles Huneycutt of College Station; and Callan Oltmann of Paige.

All five panelists are graduating seniors who returned this week from eight weeks of practice teaching in high school vocational agriculture departments.

MSC Social Director Resigns After 28 Years At A&M

Mrs. Ann Keel has resigned as Memorial Student Center social director after 28 years' service to A&M students.

Member of the MSC staff since the center was dedicated in 1950, she attained "encyclopedic knowledge" in making arrangements for conferences, short courses, banquets, receptions, student meetings and various other functions that take place in the building, according to J. Wayne Stark, director.

The veteran MSC staff member retired early to travel with her husband, Prof. Loyd Keel. He retired last year from the English Department faculty.

SHE WILL be succeeded by Mrs. Charles J. Keese, wife of the director of the Texas Transportation Institute's Highway Research Center.

"Through the years, Mrs. Keel developed expertise in handling and hanging art and sculpture," Stark added, which enabled A&M to obtain many valuable art objects for MSC display. Mrs. Keel worked closely with various student committees, especially in the contemporary arts area.

"She booked thousands of meetings, parties and art shows and ordered thousands of flower arrangements for banquets, student dinners and receptions," the director commented. "She always had a flair for setting up special dinners in which her knowledge of flowers, greenery and candelabra arrangements was invaluable."

AS BOOKING agent for the Office of Continuing Education, she probably knew more personnel of the various departments, institutes and services than any other person on campus.

The Southwestern Louisiana

University student union director, Charles Cosper, worked under her supervision as an A&M student.

A Rogers High School graduate, Mrs. Keel first worked for the railroad commission in Austin.

She came here in 1941, working first in the Placement Office for W. R. Horsley. In September, 1946, she went to the old Bryan field (known then and now as the annex) as recreational director of the student center. She

ran the "miniature MSC" for freshmen located at the annex for an official later to become A&M's president, Dr. M. I. Harrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Keel are devoted bridge players and have been playing weekly in the MSC for over a decade with the Brass Duplicate Bridge group, Stark noted.

"When they are not traveling, Mrs. Keel can probably be found every Wednesday night in the 'C' playing bridge," he observed.

'Sea Vets' Make Findings In Gulf Bacterial Disease

Texas A&M veterinarians operating under the National Science Foundation's fast-growing Sea Grant Program have made "several significant findings" on bacterial diseases, announced Dr. L. C. Grumbles.

"I don't want to give the impression, however, that we have all of the answers," he added. "We are just getting started."

Grumbles heads the veterinary microbiology department. Research is being conducted jointly with Dr. Donald H. Lewis, an assistant professor.

"It is the intent of this research program to acquire knowledge of new disease entities and develop methods of prevention and treatment of these diseases in anticipation of large scale production of marine species as a new source of protein," Grumbles pointed out.

LEWIS LABELED the "most significant finding" in a disease outbreak of menhaden in the Gulf near Galveston.

A&M veterinarians were called in when a menhaden "die-off" — a great number of fish found dead — was discovered in the Gulf last November.

"It was investigated and the probable causative agent has been isolated and studied," remarked Lewis. "The cause appears to be a bacterium that has not been described previously."

The disease was reproduced in an A&M laboratory. Fish exposed to it experienced a 100 percent fatality rate.

"Because menhaden are such an important economic species," Grumbles added, "the defining of specific infectious diseases in them is an important finding since this is the first step toward the possible solution of the problem."

"WE'RE NOT prophesying we have found the whole answer, but we do feel it is a contributing factor," Lewis continued.

Menhaden, found along the entire Gulf Coast, are used primarily for industrial fish oils and meals as animal feed.

Grumbles and Lewis also have isolated and characterized a second bacterial organism causing skin lesions on several species, including mullet and croakers.

"It also appears to be an organism that has not been reported previously," Lewis said. Skin lesions, commonly referred to as "fin and tail rot," is a bacterial infection that causes death of the local cells. Affected fish become debilitated.

SINCE JANUARY, veterinarians have experimentally transmitted the condition to laboratory fish by contact exposure, thereby establishing the infectious nature of the condition.

"This condition has been recognized for some time," Grumbles said. "There are several conditions that have been associated with — especially with fresh water life — but not salt water fish." Salt water research is a relatively new area.

"We can't say other types of bacteria don't cause this condition, but the bacteria we discovered is capable of causing the disease," he continued.

A third finding has been made on shrimp in the Gulf and under aquaculture for a condition known as "cottony shrimp."

"TWO PROTOZOAN parasites causing this condition have been identified," Lewis said. "To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time one of the parasites has been reported in shrimp."

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Pueblo's Executive Officer Resigns From Navy

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The former executive officer of the USS Pueblo said Wednesday he is resigning from the Navy, convinced he has no future in the service.

"My career has been aborted," said Lt. Edward R. Murphy,

30, of San Diego, Calif., second in command when the intelligence ship was seized by North Koreans.

Murphy indicated at a news conference he felt Cmdr. Lloyd M. Bucher, captain of the Pueblo, had been given considerations

that Murphy did not receive.

Bucher was assigned to the Navy's post graduate school at Monterey, Calif. Murphy was assigned to the fleet antisubmarine school at San Diego.

"This was announced," Murphy said in his letter of resignation dated Tuesday, "after he (Bucher) was recommended for general court-martial, and, puzzlingly, just within 24 hours after Rear Adm. Donald D. Chapman, JAGO, deputy judge advocate general told him in my presence that such a billet would not be considered."

Murphy held a news conference at the Principia, a private school in St. Louis County. He is a graduate of the school and its college, Principia College, in nearby Elmhurst, Ill.

4 Stagings Left For 'Everyman'

"Everyman," the Aggie Players production with a deeper message than most theatrical pieces, will be staged four more times after tonight's presentation.

A medieval treatment of mortality and ethics given a modern conveyance, the play should "make people think about the life they're leading and, perhaps, the kind of life they should be leading," "Everyman" director Bob Wenck said.

C. K. Esten, Aggie Players director, noted it is one of the group's longest-running productions of recent years. The first performance was May 5, he pointed out.

The play will run at 8 p.m. in Guion Hall through Saturday.

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