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Rudder Advises 'Orderly Change'

A&M President Earl Rudder Thursday urged more than a hundred of next year's student leaders to work in an orderly way for changes within the university but to beware of those who would seek to use them to "bring A&M down to its knees."

"A&M is not perfect," he said, "and I welcome changes where changes are needed, for only in this way will the university progress."

"But I urge you students to spend little time with those who, in the name of change, want to bring down the 'establishment', without offering something better in its place."

Rudder said once, and then again, that he promised "without reservation, if you students bring to my attention anything that is standing in the way of your get-

ting an education here, I'll do my best to remove it."

He assured the students that "all requests of all students will be given due consideration when made in good faith and with noble purpose."

Looking back, Rudder, who came to A&M in 1958, said, "This is the best year I've had at the university."

He praised the accomplishments of the Student Senate and the Fourteenth Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA XIV). He thanked Senate president Bill Carter, Civilian Student Council president David Wilks, Corps Commander Hector Gutierrez and Graduate Student Council president Mitty Plummer for their strong leadership and urged their successors to carry on with equal dedication.

Rudder noted that the Senate has taken on a "new dimension and a new concern, and this is good." He said this year's SCONA was about the best he had ever seen but urged the committee to find a way to allow more A&M students to participate.

Questioned on why the A&M System Board of Directors refused to allow a student sit in as a non-voting member, Rudder replied that the board believed it could serve the university better by meeting only among its peers.

CSC To Send 3 Delegates To Regional Meet

The Civilian Student Council will have a delegation at the Midwestern Association of College and University Residence Halls (MACURH) convention in August.

Members of the 1969-70 Council, meeting for the first time Thursday night, voted to underwrite expenses for Larry Schilhab, president, David Alexander, first vice-president, and Bill Scherle, secretary. The trio will journey to Lincoln, Neb., to participate in the three-day event.

Councilmen also discussed a CSC orientation, to help them prepare for their role as leaders next year. Members will return early from their summer vacations to exchange ideas and opinions on residence hall programs.

The organization also elected to sponsor an orientation for new civilian students. Schilhab reported that the first one attempted by the CSC, this past year, was very successful.

Schilhab also suggested placing planned orientation activities in the handbook given to all new students, "so they will have some idea of what's going on."

A special yell practice for the students, as well as a tug 'o' war, "for relaxation," were among suggestions made in connection with orientation.



MUG SHOT

Mrs. Pat Trigg tells a student to "smile" as she takes his picture for next year's student identification card during pre-registration. Today is the last day for students to register early for the fall semester in the old Cushing library building. (Photo by Bob Peek)

CS School Bond Issue To Be Decided Saturday

\$3 Million Asked By School Board

By DAVID MIDDLEBROOKE
Battalion Staff Writer

A \$3 million bond issue will be presented to College Station voters Saturday by the A&M Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Voting will be in the Middle School music room, on Jersey Street. To vote, a person must hold a 1969 voter registration certificate, own property shown on the school district tax rolls as of April 21, have been a resident of Texas for one year, and have been a resident of Brazos County for six months. Voters must reside in the school district on the day of the election.

TERMED "the largest bond issue in College Station history" by District Superintendent W. T. Riedel, the issue, if passed, will provide money for new buildings, new school sites, and additions to existing facilities that board members believe will be needed in the coming years.

"Our elementary schools will be used to capacity in September of 1970," explained Dr. A. B. Wooten, board president. "The middle school and the high school currently are operating at a room efficiency use of over 90 percent."

"When we were elected to the board, we were charged with the responsibility of providing proper educational opportunities for all the children of this district," he continued. "After careful study, we present a plan of new construction and addition to take care of our present needs and those of the immediately foreseeable future."

"We can only plan; the decision to place the plan in action rests—as it should—with the voters of this district."

WOOTEN explained that, if passed, the issue would provide \$1 million for use by 1970 to add classrooms to existing buildings, and \$2 million to be used in 1971 for construction of a high school designed for 1,200 students.

He noted that passage would increase school taxes from \$1.25 per \$100 valuation to \$1.61 per \$100.

"The number of years that the bond issue can be expected to provide for is difficult to determine," Wooten said. "It will provide facilities for a total enrollment of 4,340 students, presently estimated to occur between 1975 and 1978. The determining factor is enrollment, not years."

Wooten also said that the board must plan from 18 to 24 months prior to actual use of any additional facilities due to the mechanics of making the facility available.

AT A COMMUNITY meeting Tuesday night, board members discussed the proposal with voters. One of the main objections to the proposal was location of the new high school.

The new site is a 40-acre lot located on the west by-pass one-half mile from Wellborn Road and one mile from Highway 6 South. Total cost of the lot, including necessary improvements, is expected to be \$160,000.

"Have you considered the transportation of students and the cost involved?" queried a citizen.

"All College Hills students are eligible for free transportation," replied Riedel. "The state provides it for students who live two miles by the nearest road from the school."

ANOTHER voter questioned whether the board had contacted families owning pastureland locally concerning availability for a school. Cooper replied that the board had let it be known that it was looking for property, and could not find any other land in its price range that was fairly available.

After suggestions that the ballot be worded to allow approval of the issue, but disapproval of the site, someone asked the board why they hadn't let the voters know about plans earlier, so they could offer suggestions.

"I've lived here all my life," replied someone from the audience, "and have gone to P-TA meetings. People don't attend the meetings; they don't support the school until they are hit in the pocketbooks. Then they turn out."

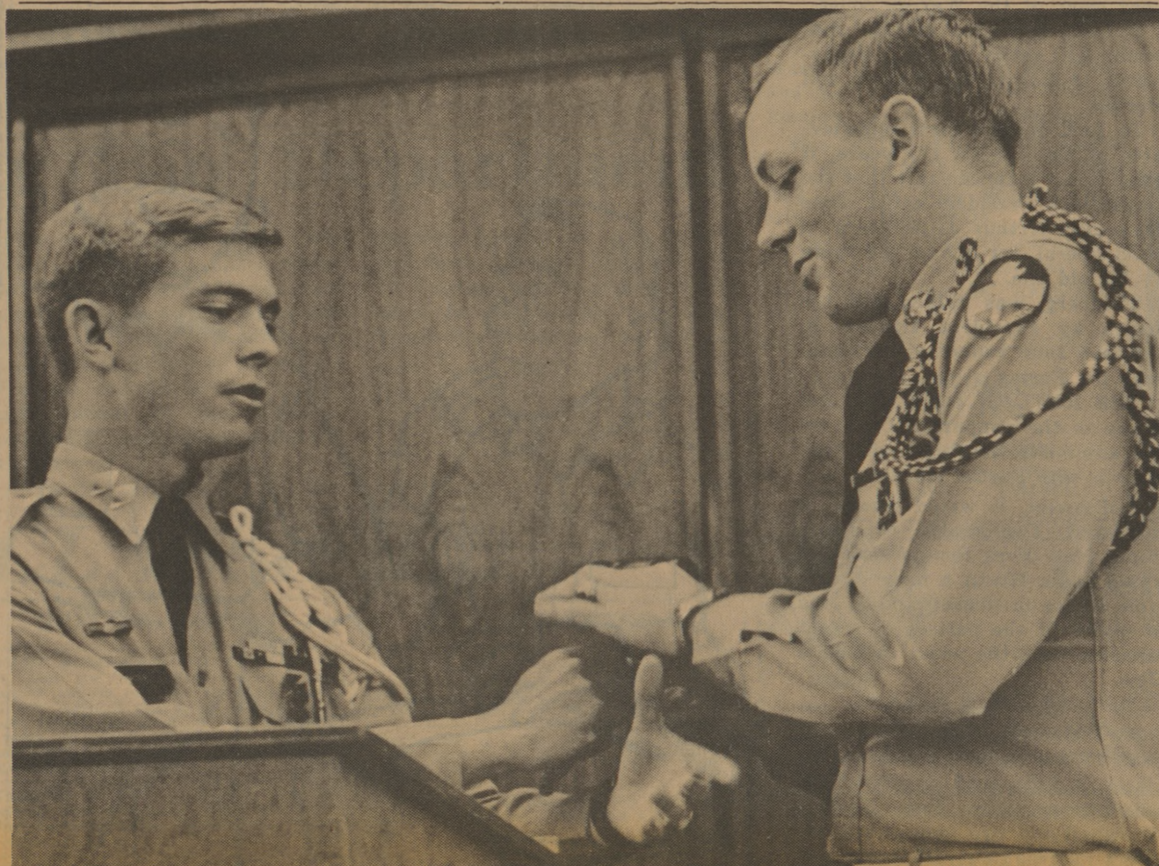
Another voter pointed out that a lot of criticism had been made concerning the proposed site, but that nobody had yet proposed a better site.

WOOTEN noted that if the proposal fails, split sessions might be employed to obtain needed space quickly. He added that the tax rate would be increased to provide funds for additions to present buildings.

At the end of the meeting, A. J. Buck, representing a group of concerned parents, passed out a sheet expressing opposition to the bond issue.

Disapproval was based, according to the sheet, on the location of the new high school. It proposed more study and participation by community-minded residents on the selection site to prevent a possible serious mistake in location.

The sheet also voiced the group's belief that the issue be voted down and another election for the needed improvements be held as soon as possible.



"TO CONTINUE"

Bill Carter, left, officially passes the Senate presidency and the gavel to Gerald Geistweidt, winner of the special election Wednesday. Later Geistweidt pledged to continue the Senate work that Carter had begun this year. (Photo by Bob Peek)

Holt Declines VP Position; Special Fall Election Called

By DAVE MAYES
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Bill Holt, runner-up for Senate vice president in the April 24 elections, Thursday declined the office after his opponent, Gerald Geistweidt, resigned to become Senate president.

According to the Senate constitution, Holt was eligible to become vice president after Geistweidt vacated the office to assume the presidency, which he won in a special election Wednesday.

"If I am to be vice president," Holt said, "I would rather be elected to the office by the student body, and not attain it by means of succession."

GEISTWEIDT said that a special vice presidential election would be held in the fall at a date set by the Senate when it convenes in September. Holt indicated that he definitely would be a candidate.

Earlier, outgoing Senate president Bill Carter officially installed his successor by handing him the symbol of his office, the Senate gavel.

Geistweidt, in accepting the highest A&M student office, said that he was honored by the faith placed in him by the voters Wednesday.

"And I pledge that I will not break that faith," he said. Geistweidt also promised his "complete dedication" to the office to which he had been entrusted.

THE NEW president also had praise for Bill Carter. "When people look back years from now, they will see that it was he (Carter) who was most responsible for making the Senate a respected and responsive governing body here at A&M."

In other business, the 1969-70 senators, all elected Wednesday,

voted by acclamation to make Chip Hill (vp-YMCA) the next year's Senate chaplain.

The Senate also elected by acclamation Tom Fitzhugh (Geos.) its representative to the Memorial Student Center Council.

Senate representatives elected to the newly-structured, 9-member election commission were Tommy Henderson (vp-CSC) and Charles Hoffman (jr-LA).

GEISTWEIDT announced that Daniel Swords, candidate for senior representative of the College of Business Administration, had asked the Election Commission to re-count the votes cast for the office Wednesday.

Swords, with 37 votes, was edged by Kenneth Fenoglio with 39 and Leonard Odem with 38. Nokomis Jackson, commission president, said the recount would be made as soon as possible.

With Banquet At Ramada

Senior Weekend Begins Tonight

By TONY HUDDLESTON
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The Senior Banquet at 8:30 p.m. tonight will begin a weekend which also features the Maroon-White football game and the Senior Ring Dance.

"Humorist with a Message" is the topic that Newt Hielscher will present to the class of '69 at the Ramada Inn.

Hielscher is known throughout the South as a rare dinner speaker who combines the ability to communicate a serious message contagious patter of fresh, laughter-providing humor. Early Davis, president of the senior class, said. He added that the 1933 A&M graduate and former professor had provided his after-dinner speeches before conventions, service clubs and sports banquets for 15 years.

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"The banquet will be semiformal, with class A summer uniforms for Corps seniors," Davis noted.

The Senior Ring Dance is scheduled from 8-12 p.m. Saturday, and the dress will be formal, with class A dress uniforms for Corps seniors, Davis said.

"The cost for attending the dance is \$6.50, which will include \$3.50 for color photographs," he added. Davis pointed out that it was too late to get tickets for the Senior Banquet, but that tickets still could be purchased for the Senior Ring Dance.

The Maroon-White football game at 2:30 p.m. Saturday will feature the A&M football team divided into two opposing squads which Coach Gene Stallings calls "almost equal in ability."

Spring activity cards will admit students to the game. Date and general admission tickets are \$1.50, and reserve tickets are \$2.50.

To create a more competitive atmosphere, the yell leaders have divided the school into White supporters and Maroon supporters, Sam Torn, 1969-70 Head Yell Leader said.

The White division will consist of First Brigade, First Wing, Hotard, Hughes, Fowler, Keathly, Moses, Hart, Milner and the day students with yell leaders Bob Harding and Barrett Smith.

The Maroon rooters will be the Second Brigade, Second Wing, Davis-Gary Hall, McInnis, Moore, Crocker, Schumacher, Law, Leggett, Mitchell, Puryear, and Walton with Yell Leaders David Fisher and Keith Chapman.

Torn added that he and the Aggie band would be neutral.

Entertainment at the game will be provided by the Band and the Fish Drill Team, Torn said.

"The 184-instrument band with a 10-man front and 18 ranks deep will march into the game through the north tunnel ramp, playing 'The Aggie War Hymn'."

Col. E. V. Adams, A&M Band Director said.

"All through the game we will provide music, but we will not perform at the half," Col. Adams added that the game would give the new drum majors for next year a chance to get the feel of their positions.

The national champion Fish Drill Team will perform a special sequence at halftime, according to George Barrientos, Fish Drill Team commander.

WEATHER

Saturday — Partly cloudy. Wind Southerly 10 to 15 mph. High 84, low 68.

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Wind Westerly 5 to 10 mph. High 86, low 61.

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