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FISH IN ACTION

Freshmen leap to wildcat during All-University night program. See story, bottom of page. (Photo by Bob Peek)

African Students, Officials Will Be At SCONA XV

Three African university student leaders will participate in the 15th Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA XV) in September through the support of International Telephone and Telegraph.

A top official of ITT also told SCONA XV student leaders that ITT will furnish speakers, panelists and round table chairmen from government and corporation offices in London and South Africa.

SCONA XV Chairman Harry K. Lesser said ITT officials Paul S. Slawson from the London home office of the corporation's Africa and Middle East division and M. K. Abiola, of ITT Nigeria, have

accepted SCONA XV posts. Lesser is conference chairman.

The unexpected assistance grew out of ITT President Rex B. Grey's learning of the SCONA XV topic, "Black Africa — The Dilemmas of Development."

Grey, a 1941 A&M graduate in mechanical engineering, called from London to offer his organization's assistance, Lesser said. Two subsequent calls have also involved Dennis G. Flannigan, SCONA vice chairman from Bryan.

Flannigan said Grey offered to pay the African students' way to the Dec. 11-13 conference. ITT and other officials will participate at corporation expense.

A non-profit organization, the African-American Institute of New York, is cooperating in student selection. Institute executive vice president E. Jefferson Murphy recommended students be invited from the University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya; the University of Zambesi, Lusaka, Zambia; and the University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria.

Murphy is consultant to SCONA XV.

African student invitations will be extended to presidents of the institutions through routine channels by A&M President Earl Rudder. Final selection will rest with officials of the three African universities.

Record Turnout At MSC For Freshman Reception

By ROGER MILLER
Special to The Battalion

A record number of freshmen students, numbering about 2,200 toured the Memorial Student Center and met A&M President Earl Rudder and other dignitaries during the 20th annual MSC Freshmen Open House and Reception Friday night.

According to Joe M. (Mac) Spears III, president of the MSC Council and Directorate, between 90 and 95 per cent of the freshmen living on campus participated in the evening's program.

With Rudder in the reception line were Mrs. Rudder, Vice-president and Mrs. Horace Byers,

Dean and Mrs. James Hannigan and student leaders. Also present were faculty and staff members.

Sponsored by the MSC Directorate, Freshmen Open House gave the new students an opportunity to become acquainted with and join any of fifteen MSC committees.

Several campus organizations also sponsored booths to introduce their groups to the students. These included the Singing Cadets, University Women's Association, YMCA, Alpha Phi Omega, Corps of Cadets, Civilian Student Council and national champion Freshmen Drill Team.

Fifty Aggie co-eds served re-

freshments and helped with registration during the evening.

Guided tours, which started in the bowling alley and ended in the ballroom, began every five minutes and provided the new students with the chance to view all the MSC facilities.

Kent Caperton, MSC vice-president and chairman of the event, termed it "an overwhelming success."

"We want to thank the administration, faculty and staff members, hostesses and everybody else who cooperated with us on Freshmen Open House," he added.

Housing 'Critical'; 200 Await Solution

By Tom Curl
Battalion Staff Writer

The housing shortage that stood at 100 rooms for single students and 100 apartments for graduate and married students last week has apparently not eased, according to Associate Dean of Students Don R. Stafford.

The problem is almost a replica of last year, when the shortage was the worst since 1946.

"We don't have a strength report yet, but I'm sure that the situation is still critical," Stafford commented.

The shortage has not diminished in the past week, due to the influx of late registrants. Many of the dormitory rooms on campus are now having to accommodate three persons temporarily, according to Stafford. Hotard Hall, formerly called Dormitory 13, has three people in each of 75 rooms.

He said that the days for transfer to other rooms on campus have been set for Sept. 25-26.

A major cause of the overcrowding problem each year is that many students who reserve dormitory rooms in the spring do not show up to claim them in the fall. Stafford said that many of these are beginning freshmen who apply at several universities and then choose from those that accept them for enrollment. Many of the room cancellations come too late in the summer for the Housing Office to schedule other students to occupy them.

Another factor in the annual problem is those students who drop out of the Corps of Cadets early in the fall semester. Stafford commented on the situation this semester.

"We've had at least 40 people who have come out of the Corps and we can't house all of them as civilians," he said.

Stafford added that he sees no relief from the problem occurring next fall. Any construction of dormitories is by sales of bonds

issued on the state administrative level and that no state governmental funds are appropriated for dormitory construction.

Plans now call for a new dormitory complex to be built on the campus, but Stafford said he did not think the structure would be completed before the fall of 1971. He added that the estimate was just a guess, however.

The associate dean commented that several dormitory students had been in the Housing Office Monday requesting day-student permits. He added that the university regulations say that any dormitory student who moves out after the first day of class will forfeit any room rent that has been paid. Room rent at A&M starts at \$105.

Stafford said that he expects the over-crowded dormitory situation to ease somewhat after the room change period on Sept. 25 and 26. But this will not help the married students and graduate students who live off campus.

Several commercial apartment complexes have been constructed in the past year and others are currently under construction.

CS Report On Housing Suggests A&M Action

By Jay F. Goode
Battalion Staff Writer

A report indicating that A&M's housing policy may need revising to reverse a grave shortage of housing for married students in College Station was submitted to the College Station Planning and Zoning Commission Monday night.

The report, researched by A&M students, disclosed that 300 apartment units are needed immediately, but only about 20 will be provided by local builders, according to Commissioner Jim Gardner.

"The university may start providing off-campus housing because the private sector has not been doing it," said Commissioner Gardner.

Chairman Codie Wells proposed appointing a member of the commission to act as liaison with university planners if the university should act on the report.

Controversy on open meetings for the Planning and Zoning Commission continued when Gardner asked Wells if the commission should have closed meetings. According to Gardner and City Planner Leroy George, state law forbids closed meetings for planning and zoning commissions.

Wells disagreed. Both George and Wells produced statute books supporting their arguments. Decision on the public meetings was delayed.

In other business, the commission decided to look into possible dangers to homes by high pressure pipe lines in the area. One pipe line runs through a proposed subdivision.

Gardner asked the commission to inquire how close it is to homes in the area and "how we stand in reference to protection from these pipe lines." Wells instructed George to write a letter

to the state urban league to see what is being done about pipe line safety.

The commission acted to require all proposed zoning changes to be submitted 15 days before a commission meeting to allow George to have more time to investigate each proposal.

Commissioner Gardner read a report by George which was mailed to the commissioners before the meeting. The report called for more "professionalism by those making presentations before the commission" and more "reliance on the planning commission's staff in reference to their position on zoning."

The report also expressed hope that the commissioners would "avail themselves more to the staff" and asked that all future meetings be tape recorded and stored for the record and require

everyone to identify themselves before addressing the commission.

Chairman Wells asked for time to "think all this over" because he had not had time to read the city planner's report.

The commission also decided to set aside a proposed extension of Welsh Street from County Road to Southwest Parkway so that the property owners may have more time to consider the change.

Present rules under which the Commission had been operating were readopted.

The subdivision, zoning and city planning subcommittees were appointed. Meeting time for the subdivisions subcommittees was set at every Thursday at 4 p.m. Time for the zoning subcommittee was set at every Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Flags To Line East Entrance For Major Events During Year

American flags will line New Main Drive here Thursday, for U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin's campus visit, in the first of several planned displays throughout the year.

A&M President Earl Rudder said the "avenue of flags" to be raised by Corps of Cadets units also will greet university visitors on other future significant occasions and for major campus events.

Secretary Hardin will hold the fifth of a series of "listening conferences" at A&M. The 9:30 a.m. conference involving farmers and farm industry leaders of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas will be in G. R. White Coliseum.

Cadet Colonel of the Corps

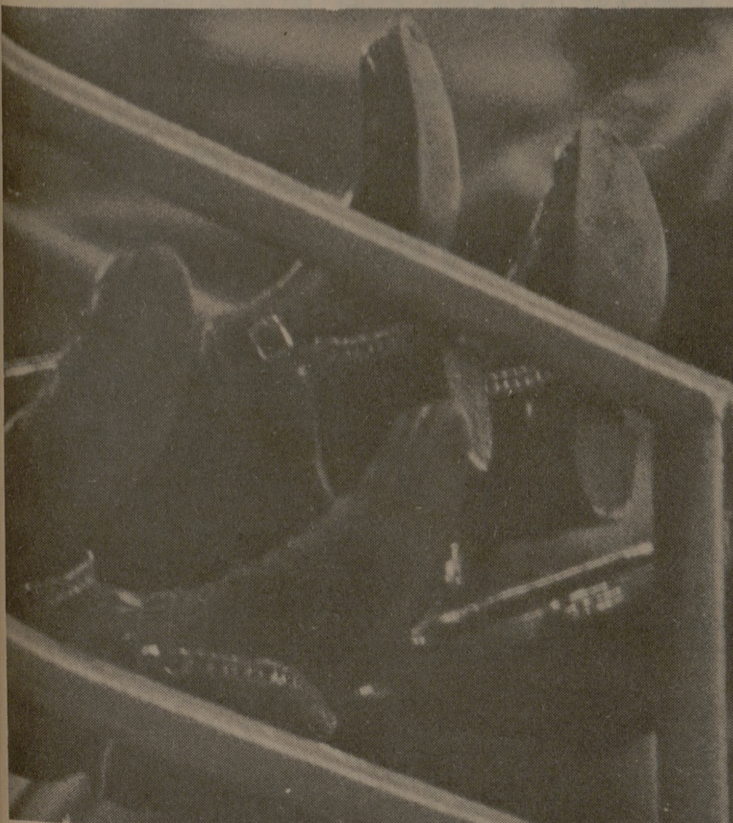
Matthew R. Carroll said the 1st Battalion, commanded by Cadet Lt. Col. Edward A. Taylor, will install the double row of U. S. flags along the four-lane boulevard.

Succeeding installations will revolve among other corps units.

Corps public information officer James St. John III indicated that 120 of the parade-size flags will be set at 50-foot intervals along the four-tenths of a mile long campus entrance. Another 52 flags of 200 available will be installed next to World War I memorials on the drill field.

A&M home football games, corps events such as Military Day, Mothers Day and other appropriate occurrences will be marked by the avenue of flags, he said.

Pleas, Promises Heard During All-University Night



TAKIN' IT EASY

Boots line the railing as seniors relax during the All-University night program. (Photo by Bob Peek)

By Pam Trobroy
Battalion Staff Writer

Pleas for student body unity, hopes for a winning football season and guarantees of the right to get an education were the highlights of All-University Night held Monday in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Speaking before approximately 5,000 students, A&M President Earl Rudder promised the student body that learning would not be interrupted by "two percenters."

"I predict the greatest year in the history of A&M," he said, "mainly because you'll make it so." He added that while students on other campuses were complaining about the Vietnam War, Aggies donated their blood and went without a meal to feed Vietnamese orphans.

"Many people have tried to explain what makes an Aggie different," noted Rudder. "Perhaps the answer is that we go about the business of going to school. Of course Aggies look forward to holidays and I'm hoping for an extra Monday off after the T.U. game."

I'm sure that if the football

team will defend their goal line as well as the students on this campus defend their right to go to school, we'll have a great season," Rudder added.

When Coach Gene Stallings, head football coach, was introduced, he promised that the team will "not avoid our responsibilities and will work with the rest of the student body to protect the image of A&M."

"I'm a firm believer that everyone should give his best," said Stallings, "because the cream will always come to the top, and I promise that every member of the football team will give all he has for a winning season."

Coach Stallings then introduced the 14 seniors on this year's squad. Buster Adams, Jimmy Adams, Billy Bob Barnett, Ross Bruppacher, Mike Caswell, Lynn Fister, Barney Harris, Jack Kovar, Lynn Odom, Jim Piper, Bill Seely, Larry Stegent, Tommy Sooy and Jack Whitmore will provide the team's leadership.

Senior leadership is also needed on campus to save A&M's traditions, according to College Station businessman Barney Welch, a 1945 A&M graduate.

"Two of our most honored traditions, speaking and introducing ourselves, are being lost," he noted. "It would be poor manners

if you failed to introduce yourself in your home and this campus is your home. Everyone must work together to maintain these traditions.

"When you leave this campus, try to leave something more here than when you came, because that is the way to be a true Aggie," Welch finished.

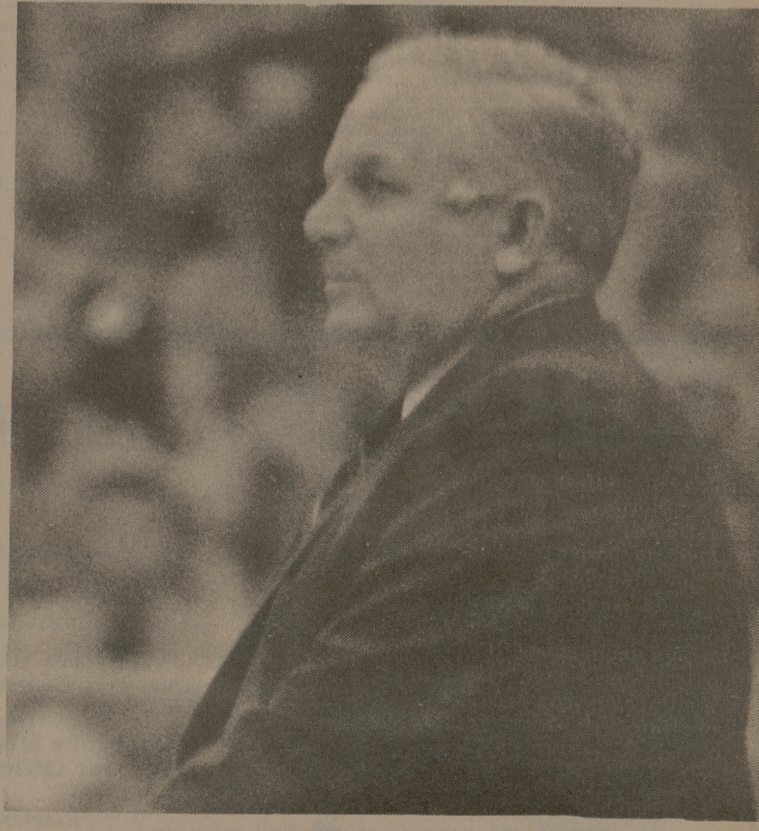
Curtis Mills, National Collegiate Athletic Association world record holder, was presented a plaque by Gerald Geistweidt, Student Senate president, in appreciation of his efforts this summer for A&M. Mills won the 440-yard dash with a record time of 44.7 seconds.

After the presentation, Geistweidt appealed to the student body for unity. "The only way to keep A&M together is to keep the civilians and the corps together. We had good participation by all groups last year, but I think we can do better this year.

"In the Senate our motto is 'Excellence Through Achievement' and I'd like to make it the motto of the entire student body this year."

A short yell practice followed the program.

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"WHAT SHOULD I TELL THEM?"

A&M President Earl Rudder pauses momentarily for thought as he addresses students at All-University night. (Photo by Bob Peek)

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