

University Will Mark 93rd Anniversary Saturday

Texas A&M, the state's oldest public institution of higher learning, will celebrate its 93rd anniversary Saturday and start planning for the centennial in 1976.

A&M President Earl Rudder announced appointment of a three-man committee to submit recommendations for the century celebration. The committee includes Admissions and Records Dean H. L. Heaton, chairman; Edward J. Romienic, dean of the College of Architecture and En-

vironmental Design, and Dr. J. M. Nance, head of the History Department.

University officials also paused briefly to review the school's record in recent years and concluded almost all of its centennial goals have already been accomplished—more than six years ahead of schedule.

The goals were set in 1962 by A&M's board of directors following recommendations by the Century Council, composed of 100

distinguished Texans who conducted a thorough study of the institution.

Objectives included development of a strong instructional program within a "university" structure, high-caliber graduate and research programs, highest possible quality instruction and long-range programs to attract students of high intellectual capacity. Another objective called for development of a physical plant consistent with a program of excellence.

Texas A&M earned "university" status in 1963 and has strengthened its existing instructional programs and expanded into new fields.

Rudder noted that since 1965, A&M has established separate colleges for liberal arts, science, geosciences, business administration, education and architecture and environmental design.

University officials also pointed out A&M is getting better students. More than half of its en-

tering freshmen finished in the top quarter of their high school graduating classes.

Graduate enrollment has expanded at even a faster rate than the total student body. Approximately one of every five A&M students is now studying on the graduate level. Last year, the institution awarded a record 774 graduate degrees, including 191 doctorates.

The A&M faculty now totals approximately 1,000, with more

than half holding doctoral degrees.

A&M officials say the institution has met the challenge to develop a physical plant consistent with a program of excellence by undertaking building projects which have doubled the value of the campus since 1962. Current value of facilities is more than \$125 million.

The multi-million-dollar cyclotron and nuclear reactor are said to be without equal in the Southwest. The institution also has

constructed new space technology and science facilities, a new library and expanded its veterinary medicine complex. Construction planned for the next five years totals more than \$50 million and includes a new engineering center, auditorium, academic building, more student accommodations and an oceanography-meteorology complex—the campus' first high-rise structure.

When A&M opened its doors to students Oct. 4, 1876, it had a two-building campus.



SIGN OF SPIRIT

Charles Wills, John Carlson, and Pat Schreiber, three I-1 freshmen, work on an outfit spirit sign for the A&M-Army game this Saturday. The Aggies take on the West Point cadets at 2 p. m. in New York. See related story, page 4. (Photo by Steve Bryant)

Newsman Tells GI Crowd 'Russian Way Can't Last'

By Pat Little
Battalion Staff Writer

"The present Russian government can't last because people can't be ruled with force forever," said Haynes Johnson last night at the first Great Issues presentation of the year in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

Johnson, a newsman who traveled in the Communist-bloc countries during August, has received the Pulitzer Prize for distinguished national reporting.

He said the government in power in Russia is out of tune with the people, and already these people have begun to voice their disapproval.

"A government that rules by force is the weakest type of government, and those in power fear for their positions and influence," Johnson claimed.

Johnson said the "second Russian revolution" started initially in Hungary in 1956, but was crushed with Russian tanks.

"The United States said it was in favor of countries that threw off their oppressors, but when the Hungarians did revolt, the United States did nothing to

help," Johnson said. Johnson went on to say that last year's uprising in Czechoslovakia came about because the Czechs wanted more flexible control from the Russians.

They wanted to trade with western countries, to criticize the government, and have a more lenient control," he said.

"The Russians sent in their tanks and troops, the revolution was crushed, and Dubcek, former premier, was removed from power," he added.

"The last chapter of this tragedy was written last week when the Russians said Dubcek and the revolution were taken from the records," Johnson continued.

"Dubcek, his ideas of a personal socialism, and his followers don't exist."

Johnson quoted an East European writer as saying "the Russians won't be able to put down the revolution of these countries because they can't change in 20 years what has been built in 2000 years and you can never change ideas, never."

"There are two things that must be understood about the Czechoslovakians," Johnson said.

"They are not anti-Russian and they are not anti-socialist.

The Russians did rescue the country from Nazi rule and they remember it, Johnson said. He also said he did not think East and West Germany will be reunited in the foreseeable future because the Czechs fear a united Germany since World War II.

He said all of these countries want a socialist system, but one in which they can go their own way and be able to live with the rest of the world.

"As one student said to me, 'You have your problems in America and you solve your problems; let us solve ours,'" Johnson said.

"The countries behind the Iron Curtain are still carrying on their revolution," Johnson went on, "but in a quiet way so they won't offend Russia."

They will succeed in this because Russia can't afford to do anything about it, he predicted. He went on saying that the United States is committed in Vietnam and the Russians have all the East European countries along with Red China to contend with.

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Newson To Keynote SCONA Conference

By Tim Searson
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David D. Newson, assistant secretary of state for Africa, will be the keynote speaker for the Fifteenth Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA XV), according to Dave Mayfield, committee public relations chairman.

Newson, a career diplomat and former ambassador to Libya, will deliver a talk based on this year's theme, "Black Africa—The Challenge of Development."

Letters of invitation have been sent out by A&M President Earl Rudder to the presidents of 142 schools for student representatives.

Three students from African universities have also been invited to the conference. Rex Gray, class of '42 and head of International Telephone and Telegraph (Africa-Mid-East Division), has offered to pay the expenses of the African students, Mayfield noted.

The Afro-American Institute of New York, a non-profit organization, is cooperating in the selection of the three students. Institute Executive Vice President E. Jefferson Murphy recommended that invitations be sent to the University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya; the University of Zambesi, Lusaka, Zambia; and the University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria.

According to Congressman Olin E. Teague a Library of Congress Report, which is the source paper for the conference, will soon be completed and copies will be sent to delegates.

"A new concept in SCONA participation will be introduced this year," Mayfield said. "We hope to involve younger members of the A&M student body in the conference by holding a roundtable discussion for any interested freshman and sophomore."

Mayfield also emphasized that the conference is open to anyone attending the university, not just delegates.

Roundtable co-chairmen who have been named include Murphy; Paul S. Slawson, director of investments programs for IIT; Maj. David Goodrich, course director at the U.S. Air Force Academy; and Maj. Thomas P. Gorman, an instructor in economics and international relations at the U.S. Military Academy.

Other co-chairmen are Philip W. Quigg, managing editor of "Foreign Affairs"; M.K.O. Abiola, IIT; and Miss Margaret Rothwell, serving the British Embassy as First Secretary on African Affairs in Washington, D.C.

Two A&M faculty members, who are yet to be announced, will also be co-chairmen. Joining them will be two representatives from the U.S. Department of State, also unannounced.

A budgetary goal of \$21,000 was set for the program, of which \$17,000 has been raised, Mayfield said. The funds will be used to bring student leaders to the conference. SCONA is the only student-sponsored conference that seeks outside funds for support.

During the summer, seven students spent two weeks in Mexico City and Monterrey, Mexico contacting industrial and business leaders. Approximately \$1,000

was raised to bring Mexican students to the A&M campus for the conference.

Sammy Garcia, San Antonio junior, headed the drive in Mexico. He was assisted by Robert M. Haggard and Arthur Harms, Houston; Roberto Lozano, Gua-

dalajara, Mexico; Melvin C. Hamilton, Lamesa; and Guillermo Cisneros and Arthur Saldana, Dallas.

While in Mexico, the students participated in the Experiment in International Living and stayed at the homes of Mexican families.

TCU Cheerleaders Grabbed By 8 Ags

By Steve Forman
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Eight A&M students grabbed two of Texas Christian University's female cheerleaders, lifted them up and tried to carry them away Thursday night during a freshman football game in Kyle Field.

The girls, kicking and screaming, were released by the students, all clad in Cadet Corps uniforms, after about 15 more cadets ran from their seats in the stands and ordered the group to put the cheerleaders down.

At nearly the same time, about 15 other students wearing purple shirts with Greek letters, ran from their seats in a TCU student section and joined the cadets gathering around the group with the cheerleaders.

Campus security officer Mike Lacey told The Battalion that the girls were apparently unhurt, just scared. After the incident, which occurred in the third quarter of the A&M Fish-TCU Wog game, the girls continued to cheer their team.

Lacey said no arrests were made because he and other officers could not find out the names of the people involved.

"At first I thought it was a

fight," he said, describing what happened, "and then I saw that the fish (A&M freshmen) were carrying them (the cheerleaders) off. We were about 75 yards away and ran at full speed to get there."

"By the time we arrived, the Corps seniors had the fish back up in the stands and the girls were on the ground," Lacey reported. "The seniors acted quickly and had things under control."

"Some TCU fraternity boys were down there milling around, some punches may have been thrown, but no one reported getting hurt. Everyone was back up in the stands in a couple of minutes and it was all over," Lacey said.

"It was the cheapest thing you could do," Sam Torn, head yell leader, said of the incident.

Torn was at the game and was one of seniors that ran from the stands.

"Every effort will be made to find out who did it," Torn promised. "I apologized to the cheerleaders. Jim Stephenson, student (See TCU, page 3)

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Parking 'Saturated'

By Pat Little
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Campus parking facilities have reached the saturation point this fall in their ability to handle student and faculty vehicles, according to Campus Security Chief Ed Powell.

Powell also said that there has been an increased number of parking violations this fall. The fact that people "just don't like to walk," was the reason he gave.

"There are still spaces available in lot 48 (near Kyle Field) and at the south end of lot 49 (along FM 2154)," the chief said, "but people try to park in the center of the campus."

"Giving out tickets is the only means of stopping students from parking in staff areas," Powell said. "If we let the students park where they wanted, they would take over the inside parking lots and the staff would have to park on the outside and walk in."

"There are other ways of solving the problem," Powell continued. "The University of Texas at Austin, for example, has refused to let anyone park on the

campus. "Students and staff members have to park on the outside and walk in," Powell said.

The chief added that any student who thinks that he has received a ticket which he thinks unfair, he can take it to the Traffic Appeals Committee.

The committee is composed of students, faculty, and administrators and meets every Wednesday at 5 p.m., according to J. Malon Southerland, committee chairman.

Southerland explained that a person can go to Campus Security and make an appointment to appear before the committee and he will have 10 minutes to plead his case.

"The committee will talk it over and make a decision," Southerland said. "If it was an emergency, we take that into consideration."

"Our parking problem is due to get worse," Powell predicted. "The 10 diagonal parking spaces north of the Engineering Building will be eliminated when the south wing of the Chemistry Building is expanded."

"Then when the Memorial Student Center is expanded, the Guion Hall parking lot will be torn up and we'll lose 158 parking

spaces," Powell pointed out.

"Seventy-six parking spaces along Hubbard and Richards streets in front of the Academic Building will be eliminated later this month," he said, "when work begins on a mall which will extend from the front of the Academic Building to the west edge of the Agriculture Building."

Charles E. Brunt, System Physical Plant assistant manager, told The Battalion in December, 1968, that six new parking lots would be ready for use this past September.

"Lot 40 is finished and it has a capacity of 220 cars," Brunt said. "The lot north of the Engineering Building will be finished soon and will hold 45 cars. The other four lots have not been started."

Chief Powell said one reason why the lots are not ready is that the funds available for parking lots have been used for repairing the ones in existence.

"This past summer we retopped (See Parking Saturated, page 3)

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SEA OF CARS

The view Thursday morning from a second-floor window in the Services Building shows the crowded condition of parking facilities on the campus. Campus Security Chief Ed Powell said this week that conditions have reached the "saturation point." (Photo by Mike Wright)

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