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Meditation Garden Dedication Saturday

A meditation garden and memorial honoring more than 300 Texas Aggies who have died in U.S. military service since World War II will be dedicated here Saturday.

The concrete pylon memorial listing the name, rank and class of the war dead will be unveiled during dedication ceremonies beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Styled along lines of the famed Aggie Muster, the ceremony will be conducted at the meditation garden between the wings of Duncan Dining Hall.

Corps Commander Matthew R. Carroll of Annandale, Va., said a conservative estimate of attendance is about 6,500.

Dedication speaker will be retired Air Force Gen. Bernard A.

Schriever, 1931 A&M graduate, World War II bomber pilot and former commander of the Air Force Systems Command.

Carroll said the ceremony will include the invocation by Corps Chaplain Harry Snowdy of Port Lavaca, the National Anthem, introduction of the speaker by Deputy Commander George I. (Buddy) Mason III of San Antonio, General Schriever's address, "The Spirit of Aggie Land" and Silver Taps.

The Aggie Band, singing Cadets and Ross Volunteers firing squad will participate.

Among distinguished guests who have accepted invitations to the ceremony is Congressman Olin E. Teague of College Station.

Carroll indicated a roll call of the deceased will not be made due to the large number of names. Five bronze plaques bearing the names will be in place Wednesday, noted corps information officer James St. John of Dallas. The list will include A&M men who died in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts and in military service after WW II. Space to add names will be available.

Also on Wednesday and for the remainder of the week, 58 American flags will be flown around the meditation garden.

"These will be raised whenever the 'avenue of flags' goes up at the east entrance, on all formal occasions," St. John said.

Financed by A&M classes of 1969, 1970, 1971 and 1972, the

memorial and meditation garden was designed by Joe T. Verdoorn, senior landscape architecture major of Tyler.

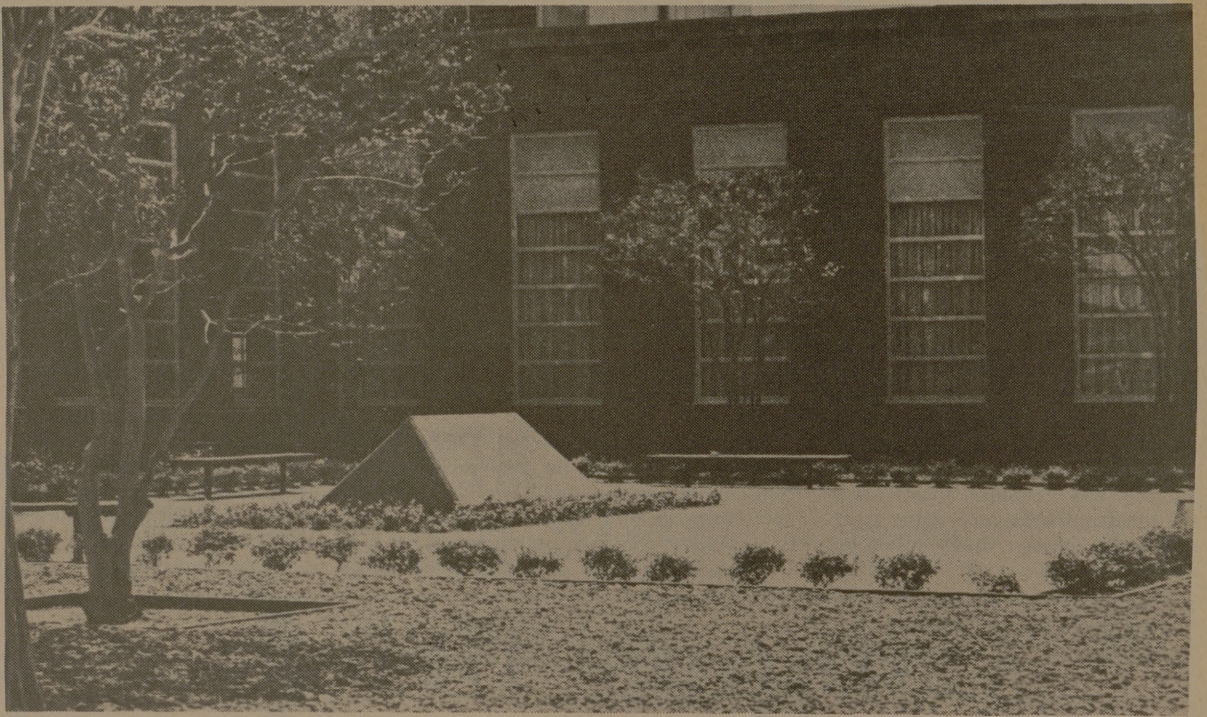
Idea for the memorial and garden originated with him and Landis S. Cervenka of San Antonio, a May graduate. The project was coordinated with university officials and constructed under supervision of A&M landscape architect Robert Rucker by the Physical Plant Department. It is the first A&M memorial to the war dead erected in 20 years.

General Schriever, who will arrive Thursday for a Great Issues presentation on "National Defense Policies and Priorities," will be briefed by the corps staff at 5 p.m. He will dine with the corps at a white gloves formal dinner in Duncan Hall Thursday evening.

His Great Issues address will be at 8 p.m. in the Architecture Auditorium.

Schriever will attend a distinguished students breakfast Friday, tour the campus and have dinner with the Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate.

He and Army Maj. Gen. Francis J. Murdoch Jr., Fourth Army deputy commander general for reserve forces, will be reviewing officers for the 12:20 p.m. Saturday march-in to the A&M-SMU football game at Kyle Field.



FIRST IN 20 YEARS
This combination war memorial and meditation garden, honoring the more than 300 Aggies who have died since World War II, will be dedicated Saturday morning by Air Force Gen. Bernard A. Schriever (ret.). It is the first A&M memorial to the war dead erected in 20 years.

Three MSC Committees Offering 'Patronage Plan'

By Bob Robinson

Battalion Staff Writer

Three committees within the Memorial Student Center Directorate are requesting patron subscriptions from members of the faculty and the local community to help support the costs of bringing speakers onto the campus.

Joe M. (Mac) Spears, president of the MSC Council and Directorate, said Tuesday that a major problem in the past with the Great Issues Committee, the Political Forum Committee, and the Contemporary Arts Committee has been whether or not to charge members of the faculty and community who attend speeches that the committees

have sponsored.

Students contribute to the cost of bringing speakers on campus when they paid their activity fees at the beginning of the year, he said. This amount is not sufficient, though, to cover the complete cost, he continued, so each committee has a minimum amount needed from ticket sales to meet their budget.

"Sometimes, when a speaker was willing to talk without payment, we didn't charge any admission," Spears said, "but the cost for food, lodging and transportation still has to be covered with committee funds."

The committees decided this year to offer Patron Subscriptions to the faculty and commu-

nity, he said. The idea, he continued, is to be able to open the speeches to the general public and still cover the expenses with donations.

"The donations are normally \$5," he said, "but any amount would be appreciated."

Persons who make contributions will receive a certificate of appreciation and their names will also appear on the committee's programs, unless otherwise requested, he said.

"The only exception to the free admission," he continued, "is the Contemporary Arts Classic Film Series. This is due to the extreme cost of bringing one of these films to the campus and the fact that they normally appeal to a select audience."

This idea is approved by the faculty advisers for these committees, Spears said.

Barbara Davis of the Marketing Department, adviser for the Great Issues Committee; Dr. Clinton Phillips of the Finance Department, adviser for the Political Forum Committee; and Dr. Graham Horsely of the Architecture Department, adviser for the Contemporary Arts Committee, said in a letter of support, "We believe the work these three committees are doing and the type of people they are bringing to the campus is greatly broadening to the academic environment of Texas A&M University and we ask your wholehearted support for them and their projects."

Anyone who is interested in a Patron Subscription should call the Student Program Office of the MSC for additional information.

Undergraduate Males Urged To Check Registrar's List

Every male undergraduate student is urged to check the list of names posted in the Registrar's Office in the Richard Coke building to see if his draft board has been sent a letter informing it that he is enrolled in school for the fall semester, Robert A. Lacey, registrar, announced Tuesday.

Lacey said letters were sent to the draft boards of those students who are enrolled for 12 hours or more for the fall semester.

He added that all students should check the list to be sure an error didn't prevent a letter from being sent.

Errors could have occurred

during the processing of the registration cards or from a mistake by the student when filling them out, Lacey explained.

The letter is necessary if a student is to retain or obtain his II-S classification, which provides for exemption from the draft for educational purposes, Lacey said.

If an error has been made the student should fill out a form in the Registrar's Office, Lacey said, which the office will forward to the local draft board.

The university is required by law to send local boards the names of students who withdraw from school during the semester or do not return to school next spring, Lacey said.

200 Former Students Expected For Board, Council Meetings

The Association of Former Students of Texas A&M University will hold a board of directors meeting and its annual fall council meeting Friday and Saturday, announced Executive Director Richard (Buck) Weirus.

Approximately 200 former students are expected for the meetings.

Association President Ford D. Albritton of Bryan will preside at the 16-member board meeting which starts with a luncheon at the Memorial Student Center. The luncheon is followed by the Board of Directors Meeting from 1-4 p.m., a social hour at 7 p.m. at Briarcrest Country Club and buffet dinner at 8 p.m.

Albritton also will preside at the Association Council Meeting

Saturday morning. Registration starts at 9. The meeting will be held from 10-11:30 and a dinner is scheduled from 11:30-12:30 p.m.

The group will attend the A&M-SMU football game Saturday afternoon.

The council includes all past association presidents, 10 national councilmen, 31 councilmen from the state senatorial districts, class agents, chartered A&M club representatives, 12 councilmen-at-large, five international councilmen, all senior class officers and the president of the junior class.

Weirus noted the board meets five or six times a year and the council meets twice a year. The (See Former Students, page 3)

TV's 'Teenage America Pageant' To Host A&M's Singing Cadets

A&M's Singing Cadets will perform in Fort Worth Nov. 12-15, during the Aggie glee club's seventh appearance on CBS-TV's "Miss Teenage America" pageant.

Director Bob Boone said the 9 p.m. Nov. 15 television special will include the Singing Cadets in all production numbers except the candidates' dance routine with Bobby Vann and the talent segment of the program.

"We're going to be very busy," the director observed. "We won't have any dance routines this time, thank goodness, but the Singing Cadets will be on camera a lot. We'll sing lead-ins, improvisations to the girls' routines and have other parts."

Special numbers to be performed by the Aggie group include "Anyone Can Move A Mountain" and "A Time for Us," theme from the Broadway production of "Romeo and Juliet."

Boone added that the Cadets and pianist-accompanist Mrs. June Biering will depart Nov. 12, begin rehearsals that evening and rehearse all day Thursday and Friday and most of Saturday.

There will be a Singing Cadet escort for each of the 45 Miss Teenage America contestants.

Also starring in the 1969 production are Oliver, the new sing-

ing sensation; dancer Bobby Vann; Dick Clark, master of ceremonies, and former Miss America Marilyn Van Derbur, hostess.

The Singing Cadets' basic repertoire will fit the patriotic theme TV special. An opening medley will consist of "I'm A Yankee Doodle Dandy," "Yankee Doodle" and "This Is My Country," among others.

Teenage America Associates president Charles Meeker Jr. of Dallas said the Singing Cadets are one of the great assets of the pageant.

"The A&M group has become one of the great traditions on the program," he said. "The development of this tradition becomes more important each year. Adding up all the Singing Cadets' previous performances, they've performed before better than 100 million viewers, including 33 million last year."

"The devotion and willingness to work and take on new things has caused Bob Boone's group to far outstrip other university glee clubs in capability," Meeker added. "It's a unique opportunity for us as well as A&M."

Key personnel of the production with Meeker, whom the Cadets refer to as "Daddy War-

bucks," are CBS producer Paul Levitan, director Vern Diamond and choreographer Judy Houghton. Levitan has been with the show since its inception. He originated the Miss America Pageant and was its producer 15 years.

The A&M group will give its traditional concert for the contestants at the first rehearsal night dinner party. A second-night pizza party, third-night ice cream smorgasbord and after-the-show coronation ball will so-

cially offset the long hours rehearsal.

Boone said the Singing Cadets will stay at the Sheraton-Fort Worth Hotel, across the street from the Fort Worth Convention Center where the telecast will be made. They will return to the campus Sunday afternoon, Nov. 16.

"We regret having to miss the Rice game corps trip," the director added, "but we'll be there in spirit."

Cool, Cloudy, But No Rain Is Prediction for Weekend

Activity at A&M this weekend will be brisk, partly from efforts to stay warm.

But the weekend weather isn't expected to dampen a Friday night Town Hall crowd, dedication of the post-World War II memorial Saturday morning or the A&M-SMU football game at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Kyle Field.

The forecast by the Meteorology Department weather station manager, Jim Lightfoot, calls for increasing cloudiness beginning Thursday, rain or thundershowers Friday afternoon just before a cold front passes through College Station and continued cloudy Saturday.

"There probably won't be much clearing right behind the front," Lightfoot surmised, "but there shouldn't be any Saturday rain."

He indicated kickoff conditions will include cloudy skies with a few breaks, northerly winds at 15 to 20 mph, 56 degrees and low humidity.

"It should begin clearing sometime Saturday night and be cool and crisp Sunday," the meteorologist added.



ON THE WRONG TRACK

A railroad caboose, recently purchased from the Chicago Northwestern Railroad by the City of Cedar Falls, Iowa, seems out of place as it is moved through the city to a temporary storage site near the city pool. Bought with a \$400 donation by Cedar Falls realtor Wayne Mark, the caboose will later be placed on permanent display. (AP Wirephoto)

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