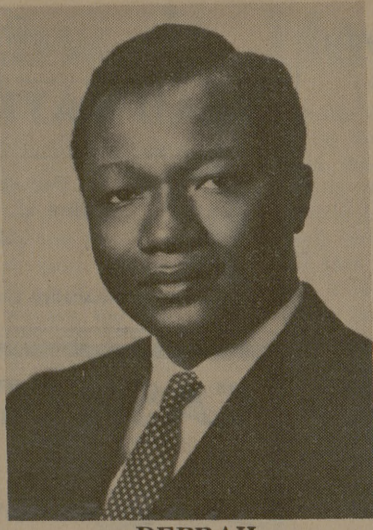


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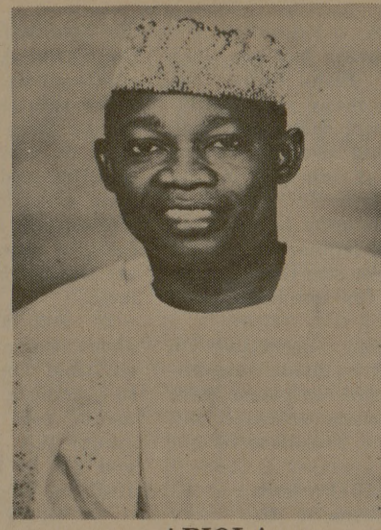
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Of KAMU-TV

Strike Forces Telecast Delay

KAMU-TV has been forced to postpone its starting of telecasts by 60 days because of a strike-caused delay in delivery of transmitting equipment.

Mel Chastain, manager of A&M's new educational television station, said that broadcasts will begin on Feb. 15. The station has been scheduled to go on the air next Monday.

"The staff and management of KAMU-TV regret this 60-day delay in the starting date, especially in view of the enthusiastic response we have received from throughout the community," Chastain emphasized.

He said the delay is the result of the General Electric Company strike, which began Oct. 27 and has affected 147,000 employees of the firm.

"Everything but the transmitting equipment is ready," the A&M station manager pointed out. "Our broadcast studio was completed last week, our antenna and transmission line were installed shortly after Thanksgiving holidays and our video tape recorders were recently converted to provide color capability."

The station has even received all but one of its NET (National Educational Television) programs for the first day of operation, Chastain added.

"Unfortunately, none of that matters if your transmitter isn't completed," he pointed out, "and that's our final hurdle."

"On the first day of the GE strike," Chastain recalled, "company spokesmen in Dallas and Syracuse assured us that the strike would not affect the completion, shipment, installation and testing of our transmitter."

Chastain noted that key officials at GE have done everything possible to meet their commitment.



WEEKEND PERFORMANCE

Jack Abbot, left, and John Jasuta, members of The Mississippi Jug Band and Philharmonic String Quartet Residue, perform at the Memorial Student Center's "Basement" coffee house. (Photo by Jim Berry)

Losing the Texas 500

How It Happened to the Fastest

Editor's note: How does the fastest car happen to lose the race? Battalion reporter Hans Adam, from the point of view of a pit crew member, tells how it happened to race car driver Buddy Baker, who started Sunday's Texas 500 at Texas International Speedway from the pole position, the first he had won in his lifetime.

By Hans Adam
Battalion Staff Writer

No one has had practice time. Instead of getting Buddy's Charger in shape Friday and Saturday, we spent our time drinking coffee in the snack bar and cursing the rain.

None of the cars are going to be right. The suspension, still loose from qualifying runs, is not going to be as tight as it

ought to be. Final drive gear ratios, last set in Macon, Ga., for a short track, are going to be too low. Everybody in the pit is guessing—what a way to end the season. . . .

It's finally 9 a.m., race day, and time to get the car on the starting grid, race-ready with

See related pictures, page 4

Now is the bad time. . . The car sitting out there sealed. Second thoughts come to mind now. Did all the lug nuts get tightened, is there enough oil in the crankcase, enough gas in the tank? The more you think the more you convince yourself that the car will never make it off the starting grid.

And then there's Buddy. He's getting tight. Walking back and forth. It's all up to him now. The tightness is getting to him, he chews on piece of gum after another. Try small talk and he looks at you like you're crazy. . .

Almost noon . . . driver's meeting in a few minutes. Buddy is pacing again, maybe the meeting will relax him. He's never been this tight before, that pole must be getting to him. . .

The driver's meeting. For the millionth time they're told the do's and don't's of NASCAR racing, there are many rules but Buddy knows them backwards, he's lived with them these past 11 years. Quiet as a church in that meeting hall, each driver has his own thoughts about the afternoon's work.

The meeting's over, time will pass a little faster now. There are pictures to pose and celebrities to meet, anything to take his mind off that race. . .

The niceties are done with and it's time.

While we tape the windshield to keep down the glare of the sun, Cotton Owens, builder and owner of the sleek red Dodge marked "6," helps Buddy with his driving gear and gives him last-minute instructions.

We'll get five warm-up laps, that may not be too good, all that low speed driving may foul all the plugs, but it'll get the oil good and warm. It's too late for anything now, it's either right or we came a long way for nothing. . . .

There is the green, looks like Buddy has got them, going into the first turn. He's taking it kind

of easy these first few laps, only 171.428 miles per hour. Here in the pit we're still tight because it's too early to tell how the cars are going to run. That suspension still seems awful loose for race day, that's going to be rough on tires, especially with the soft compound that we are running. . . .

Buddy has stepped up the pace a little bit, 172.661 miles per hour now. Cotton just told him to take it easy. Donnie Allison in car 27 just got around and it looks like Buddy is going to try to draft him. The way they're set up today it could get rough. Anytime you drive two feet off a man's rear bumper at 170-plus

you better be set up right. But that draft can come in real handy for saving fuel and helping you to pass when you get ready to. Looks like Buddy made the draft, maybe we're set up right after all. . . .

We better get ready, he's coming in for his first pit stop. This is where all our practice pays off, maybe. We could lose this race for him if we aren't careful.

There he is. Two tires, twenty gallons of gas, a clean windshield, a big shove and he's gone. Only 18.6 seconds, and our average is 21. Maybe we all want to win this one.

Cotton is happy. The tires are (See How, page 3)



WINNER

Bobby Isaacs, driving a Dodge, was the winner Sunday of the Texas 500 stock car race held at Texas International Speedway. The winning driver averaged 144.26 miles per hour. See related pictures, page 4. (AP Wirephoto)

SCONA Opens Tomorrow; 220 To Participate

By George Scott
Battalion Staff Writer

The 15th Student Conference on National Affairs will begin Wednesday afternoon with an expected 220 delegates from 58 schools in the United States, Mexico, and Africa.

Delegates will register Wednesday morning. The conference will last through Saturday.

"Black Africa: The Challenge of Development" is the topic of SCONA XV.

The conference will have three African students participating as a result of financial assistance from International Telephone and Telegraph.

There will be 130 out-of-town delegates including 10 students from Mexico.

Conducted to give student leaders a chance to study timely national and international problems, SCONA allows the students to grasp the complexity of world problems.

There will be speeches and presentations by some 30 international figures including a keynote address by an assistant deputy

secretary for African affairs in the state department.

C. Robert Moore, a 1935 graduate of Harvard University, will give the keynote speech at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the ballroom of the Memorial Student Center.

Moore is a career foreign service officer and received a master of arts degree from New York University in 1940. He served as ambassador to the Republic of Mali from 1965 until 1968, when he went to work for the state department.

Three other principal speakers for the conference include Dr. Gwendolen M. Carter, Dr. Emmanuel Wallerstein, and His Excellency Ebenezer Mose Debrah.

Carter is the director of African Studies Program at Northwestern University. She is the author of several books on politics and government in Africa. She will speak at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the ballroom of the MSC.

Wallerstein, an associate professor of sociology at Columbia University, will address delegates to SCONA Thursday. He has also written several books on African politics.

Debrah, Ghana's ambassador to the United States, will deliver the round-up speech of the conference Saturday.

Debrah is a career diplomat and was instrumental in establishing the Organization of African Unity. He is a proponent of African unity.

A graduate of the University of Ghana, Debrah has published works on politics, social science and African nationalism in American journals.

He is a proponent of foreign investment in the area formerly known as the Gold Coast.

Before the delegates listen to Dr. Carter's speech Wednesday night, they will hear A&M's (See SCONA, page 3)

Fish, Junior BA's Vote Wednesday

Elections for freshmen class executive and senate positions and a junior business administration senate post will be held Wednesday.

Freshmen and third year B.A. majors may vote between 7:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. Polling places for the freshmen will be at the newsstand in front of Sbsa Dining Hall, the guard room of dorm 2, and the basement of the Memorial Student Center. Polling place for the Junior B.A. senator will be the typing room of Francis Hall.

Freshmen who wish to vote must have their identification and activity cards. Those wishing to vote in the junior B.A. senator elections must be third-year B.A. majors and must have their name on a list put out by the dean's office or have a letter from the dean's office stating that they may vote.

To be eligible to run for the position of freshman class senator the freshman must have a Grade Point Ratio of 2.5, for the class officer positions they must (See Fish, page 3)

'Tobacco Road' Set To Open Tonight

The Aggie Players open tonight with their second major production this year, Jack Kirkland's adaptation of Erskine Caldwell's best-selling novel, "Tobacco Road."

Jeeter Lester, played by Cliff Purcell, comes to life again after becoming famous when the play ran for seven years on Broadway in the 1930s. The Lester family, including his wife, Ada, played by Barbara VerSoy, mother Lester, played by Lucy

Gravett, his daughters Ellie May and Pearl, played by Joanne Witte and Virginia Link, and his son Dude, played by Roger Ritchey, are Southern sharecroppers near Augusta, Ga., during the depression years.

Ada insists that Jeeter is lazy and no good, but Jeeter insists that he is only waiting for the owner of the land, Captain Tim, played by Larry Ludewig, to re- (See Tobacco, page 2)

Miller Elected Region 12 Head For 1970 at ACU-I Convention

Roger Miller, sophomore journalism major from Hamilton, was elected Region 12 chairman of the Association of College Unions-International (ACU-I) at its convention last week in El Paso, announced Dennis Flannigan, vice-president of the Memorial Student Center Council and Director.

Miller was nominated after the convention failed to approve the only other person nominated for the post, Flannigan said.

Sixteen delegates represented at the meeting, held on the campus of the University of Texas at El Paso.

Joe M. (Mac) Spears, MSC president; Tom Fitzhugh, Great Issues chairman; Greg Weaver, MSC vice-president for programs; Caren Conlee, directorate secretary; Charles Hoffman, Political Forum chairman; Al Bradley; Gary Rosin; Emil Pela; Rip Russell; Mike Vaughn; Otway Denny; Bob Lozano; Cliff Chambers; and Gary Tankonin.

Faculty adviser for the group was Sanders Ledbetter, assistant director of the MSC.

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Wrapping Offered Free By YMCA

Free Christmas gift wrapping is available to A&M students and faculty at the YMCA until Dec. 19, announced YMCA Cabinet President Ed Donnell of Jones Creek.

Students are requested to bring their gifts in boxes to Room 102 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. each weekday. Donnell noted the YMCA office wrapped over 900 gifts last year.

The gifts will be wrapped within 24 hours, Donnell explained, and a variety of papers and ribbons are available.

Christmas decorations also are for sale at regular retail prices in Room 102. Donnell pointed out the decorations can be paid for in cash or charged to an organization's account.

However, organizations must have account forms signed by an organization officer to charge the decorations, he said.

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