

Hayden Whitsett
An A&M student has been charged with attempted armed robbery and three other students have been charged with possession of marijuana...

old graduate student, was arrested at 9:46 p.m. Sunday night in connection with an armed robbery attempt.
Police said an armed man forced his way into the home of Clark Diebel, controller of accounts for A&M, at 2314 Oxford St., in Bryan.

The man was reported wearing a pair of black lace panties for a hood, green rubber gloves, and was carrying a .32 caliber pistol in one hand and a knife in the other.

When the neighbor entered the Diebel yard, he noticed a man walking across the lawn. He yelled for him to stop and identify himself and the gunman mumbled something about being at the wrong address.

Arrested Thursday night and charged with possession of marijuana were Michael H. Dennis of Houston, a freshman zoology major; Brent H. Sears of Houston, a freshman psychology major; and Steven G. Bailey, also a freshman zoology major from Houston.

Increase Aid to Africa: SCONA Roundup Speaker

By Pam Troby
Battalion Staff Writer

American aid to Africa should be greatly increased according to Ambassador of Ghana Ebenezer Moses Debrah.

The Ambassador was the roundup speaker Saturday at the 15th Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA XV).

He said that a "Marshall Plan for Africa" was needed to infuse \$3 to \$4 billion a year into Africa.

"For the three-year period of the Marshall Plan," he noted, "this country transferred nearly \$14 billion to rebuild Europe, 80 per cent of the sum in outright grants. The gross national product of this country then was about a third of what it is today. We believe that America can do better than it is today, despite its domestic problems and other foreign policy considerations."

He said that 49 per cent of all present American aid is in the form of loans which recipient

countries must repay, unlike the Marshall Plan.

"West African governments must spend huge sums of money on education and on professional training," Debrah said, "if they are to provide the personnel for their own development. Ghana is spending about 30 percent of national revenue on education and must continue to do so until it trains the bulk of the people required to manage whatever industries it sets up."

"To achieve industrial development," he said, "a country must as a matter of urgency determine its priorities, exploit to the full its potential and then base its industrialization program on resources which it has in abundance or on skills to which it has easy and cheap access."

"For countries in West Africa," Debrah said, "it seems to me that the full development of their agricultural potential must have top priority. We must improve

our agriculture to enable us to feed ourselves, and to free foreign exchange reserves now spent on imported food items, for development.

"I would like to see banks and insurance companies extending credit to African countries in a way not too dissimilar to how they extend credit to businessmen in this country," he said. "After all it is not unreasonable for Africa to request assistance on reasonable terms from the rich."

"Businessmen do not become rich merely because they have the skill or have a new product to sell but because they have been able to obtain credit on tolerable terms," Debrah said.

He said that this could be done by either loaning the money to African banks or businessmen. These loans would be guaranteed by the governments of the lending bank and the receiving bank or businessman.

Debrah also called for a reappraisal of the attitude abroad towards the "economic arrangements of society and particularly to socialism in Africa."

"Any form of government intervention is often described as socialist," he said, "and therefore frowned upon."

"It must be emphasized however that in societies such as ours unless there is considerable government direct involvement, and encouragement, the process of economic development would take a very long time," Debrah added.

"It is not blind ideology which makes some African countries call themselves socialist; it is a necessity, and their very survival depends on it," he said.

Modern Version of Nativity Given at Chapel Tonight

A modern re-telling of the Nativity will be presented tonight for A&M students at the All Faiths Chapel.

The Aggie Players' production of "The Curate's Play" will be staged at 7:30, announced Director C. K. Esten. He noted that admission is free.

"This play is the Aggie Players' Christmas gift to students," the thespian group director explained. "It has been done previously for the community and we felt Aggies deserve the same. We hope it will be accepted in that way."

Written for St. George's Episcopal Church of New York, the 40-minute play brings out the theme of the Nativity through the expression of moderns. It is appropriate for any denomination, explained Bob Wenck, director of the presentation.

The 27-member cast is composed of six Aggie Players, members and the director of the Bryan First Baptist Church Youth Choir and 12 children in creative dramatics of the A&M English Department's theater arts section.

"The Curate's Play" was presented Monday at the A&M Methodist Church and will be staged for other Bryan and College Station churches Wednesday and Thursday.

GOLF CLUB SNACK BAR

The Golf Club Snack Bar will be open each day from 10:30 to 4:30 p. m. during Christmas and New Years Holidays.

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Geology Prof To Lecture At 8 Tonight

Dr. Charles L. Drake, chairman of Columbia University's Geology Department, will discuss "The Continental Margin of Eastern North America" in a University Lecture tonight.

The 8 p.m. presentation in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom will be open to the public, noted Dr. George M. Krise, chairman of A&M's University Lectures Committee.

Drake has been a participant in numerous deep-water projects, including the 1963 search for the submarine Thresher. The following year he participated in the joint French-United States Operation Deepscan dives in the bathyscaphe "Archimede" in the Puerto Rico Trench area.

He joined the Columbia faculty in 1948 and was named head of the Geology Department two years ago. He also has served as acting assistant director of Columbia's Lamont Geological Observatory.

Drake, who was graduated from Princeton in 1948 and received his Ph.D. from Columbia 10 years later, has been a member of several major geological and geophysical advisory panels. He also has served as chief scientist on oceanographic research cruises throughout the world.

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THE GRADUATE COLLEGE
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