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## Panel Outlines Five Topics For 'Jericho'

Five general topics to be discussed next month during "Operation Jericho," the administration student conference on campus problems, have been announced by the sponsoring Memorial Student Center Leadership Committee.

Committee information chairman Otway Denny of La Porte reports the topics and specific subjects to be discussed include: "A Voice in the Allocation of Student Money." The four subtopics are student fees, Campus Security funds, Exchange Store funds and concession funds.

"Campus Apathy." Subtopics are Memorial Student Center use, elections and Student Senate.

"Academic Excellence." This includes the pass-fail system, quality of instructors, relevance of courses today, examination procedures and dead week.

"Intra - Student Relations." Subtopics are Corps and civilian students, role of coeds, political minority groups and social fraternities.

"Directors of A&M." Specific topics include academic composition of the student body and A&M's image.

Denny pointed out the purpose of the conference is to give the students a chance to discuss campus problems and recommend solutions to the administration.

Before each subject is discussed, an informed administrator will review the administration's present policy and give a background

briefing on the subject, Denny noted.

Invitations to 120 students were mailed with the 90 delegates selected in the order they accept the invitation. Students who plan to take part in the conference are urged by Denny to contact the Memorial Student Center Student Program Office as soon as possible, and before the mid-semester break at the latest.

Operation Jericho will be held Feb. 18-20 at the MSC and training sessions are scheduled Feb. 5, 10 and 16.

## An Ag In Need..

Editor's Note: Letters to the editor usually belong on page two, but after reading this one, we think you'll agree that this is the only page on which it could run:

Editor:

The football tradition at Texas A&M is excellent—the spirit, the color. But as exciting as the Aggie Bonfire is, when the Turkey Day game is over and the bonfire ashes grow cold, attention turns to other things.

I have a gripe—and likely I could not be doing this were it not that my wife is a volunteer at St. Joseph Hospital and consequently I am aware that one of our Aggies has been in that hospital since before Thanksgiving.

This young man—Gary Beckcom—is a cadet freshman in Squadron 3. He worked actively on this year's bonfire, but suffered a severe fractured leg when a log rolled over it.

To this time, Gary has undergone three major operations. Extremely painful as these operations have been, it is my opinion that Gary has suffered even more from the mental anguish of feeling cut off from his Aggie buddies.

Except for family, a few intimates, and faculty visits, Gary has received little evidence that Aggies care about their classmates. We've seen the papers full of articles about the feelings displayed by the TU football players toward one of their own. What's happened to our own tradition of brotherhood?

Leslie M. Reid, Head Recreation and Parks

Gary is in room 203 of St. Joseph's. Visiting hours are from 2-4 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. His doctor says he thinks Gary will probably be in the hospital for another three weeks.

## And Why It May Be Redrawn Lottery 1970: How It Works

By David Middlebrooke Battalion Managing Editor

"What's your number?" That question was asked frequently around the first part of December. And you knew what the person asking the question meant—he was asking what number your birthday had been assigned by the draft lottery—the first of any kind to be held since World War II.

Many people have been wondering since then just how this new system works. Others think they have it figured out—they even know what their chances are of being drafted.

That's what they think. The December drawing may be invalid.

It may have to be held a second time. The mechanics of the system as it now operates are fairly simple. In the lottery drawing, every day of the year, including Feb. 29, was randomly drawn and assigned a number from 1 to 366. Similarly, the letters of the alphabet were arranged randomly from 1 to 26.

All men in the United States who were between the ages of 18 and 26 on Jan. 1 constitute an 850,000-man draft pool for 1970. Only those classified I-A or I-A-O, or those with deferments expiring in 1970 stand a chance of being drafted this year.

For a moment, consider two groups: a primary group, composed of those in the draft pool who are classified I-A or I-A-O, and those whose deferments ex-

pire during 1970, and the deferred group, consisting of those in the draft pool who have some kind of deferment.

Each local draft board will fill its monthly quotas from those in the primary group, beginning with those whose birthday falls on the day ranked as no. 1 by the lottery drawing, then those whose birthday was ranked as no. 2, and on down the line.

In cases where two or more men registered with a draft board have the same birthday, but not all of them are needed

to fill the board's monthly quota, the alphabetical drawing becomes important.

The first letter of each man's last name will be used to decide his order of call within his birthday group. If the last names of two men begin with the same letter, the second letter will be looked at, and so on, through each man's first name, if necessary, until a ranking can be obtained.

For example: Robert Smith, Sam Smith, Joe Carson and Ted Johnson, all registered with the same board, all have the same

## Menu Panel Plans More Communication for Spring

By David Middlebrooke Battalion Managing Editor

Civilian students should be better informed next semester concerning the activities and problems of the civilian menu board, and their opinions should be sought with more effort.

These conclusions stemmed from a meeting of the board last Thursday. Pat Wertheim, board chairman and president of Howard Hall, and Marcus Hill, Student Senate Grievance Committee chairman, hassled over what Hill charged was a failure to communicate on the part of the board.

Hill criticized the board for its lack of publicity. He charged that the board has not been seeking student opinion, because it has not taken any polls or surveys to find out what students want.

Possibly board members don't hear the complaints students do have, Hill claimed, because they are members of the menu board, and students are afraid to approach them.

"Many people don't even know that the menu board exists, or if it cares," Hill asserted.

Hill went on to say that he had received 12 telephone calls the night before the board meeting, and four of them had been concerned with food services.

"Why don't you tell us when you receive complaints about the



DEGREES AND BARS

Dr. Horace R. Byers, A&M academic vice president, presents a student with his diploma Saturday during commencement and congratulates him for earning it. At com-



mmissioning exercises that afternoon, Gen. Bruce K. Holloway, commander of the Strategic Air Command, takes a salute from a newly-commissioned second lieutenant.

## Grads Told 'Keep the Faith' By Commencement Speaker

Texas A&M's 902 mid-year graduates were urged Saturday to keep the faith.

"We are in serious need of more faith in ourselves and in our world," reminded Dr. David W. Mullins, University of Arkansas president.

"It is a serious mistake," the commencement speaker warned, "to allow ourselves to become so preoccupied with our problems, our weaknesses and our failures that we forget our opportunities, our strengths and our achievements."

Gen. Bruce K. Holloway, commander of the Strategic Air Command, told 131 students commissioned second lieutenants following graduation that they "bring welcome gifts to the military—fresh knowledge and diversity."

"No other source of officers brings such a variety of schools

of thought and tradition as do the ROTC universities to apply to the consideration of military problems," the general added.

Noting a new appreciation for earth following the recent lunar flights, Dr. Mullins pointed out "it behooves mankind to strive harder than ever before to solve the problems which many feel threaten existence and life in general on the planet in which we live."

In scientific and certain other fields, man has achieved more in the past decade than in all previous recorded history, the U of A president observed. He also welcomed the increased concern for human values and human rights. Dr. Mullins took note, however, of "grave weaknesses" that still plague the world. He said areas of particular concern include war, impact of new knowledge and new ideas, racial unrest, crime in the streets, desecration and pollution of the environment, poverty in the midst of affluence and the scientific and technical upheaval that alters the substance and quality of life.

Terming today "an age of dis-

sent," Dr. Mullins defended dissent as "an essential element in our system and in our way of life."

"We would not be enjoying the benefits of many social, economic and educational reforms of the past century if the voices of

Delayed Spring Registration, Add-Drop Begin Next Week

Delayed registration at A&M will start Monday and continue through Jan. 30, announced Registrar Robert A. Lacey.

The course drop-add period also starts Monday.

The spring semester delayed registration headquarters in the YMCA, Room 001, will be open from 8-noon and 1-4 daily.

All new students, except freshmen, will secure their card packets in the foyer of the Richard Coke Building during this period. Returning fall semester students will secure card packets from their major department.

Lacey explained once the stu-

dissent had been silenced," he emphasized.

"One of the reasons for campus unrest today is that our youth is not sure that our national leaders and our universities are addressing themselves to the central

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dent has secured his card packet he must next get a fee data card from his housing office representative and then report to the registration headquarters.

Housing office representatives are located in the cadet Guardroom for Duncan area cadets, in the Leggett Hall Lounge for all day students and at the registration headquarters for coeds.

A list of civilian residence hall representatives is available at each major department.

After registration is completed, the student will report the fol-

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### APPLICATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, TEXAS

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Sex  Male  Female Age \_\_\_\_\_ years.

(Applicants over 21 years old who do not wish to state exact age may fill in blank with "over 21".) If under 21 years, give full date of birth \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

Resident of Voting Precinct No. \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that applicant is a citizen of the United States and has resided in Texas more than 1 year and in the county and city more than 6 months immediately preceding the date of this application, except as listed under the EXCEPTIONS below. I understand the giving of false information to procure the registration of a voter is a felony.

EXCEPTIONS:  
Show date of arrival by month, day and year:  
If in Texas less than 1 year \_\_\_\_\_  
If in county less than 6 mos. \_\_\_\_\_  
If in city less than 6 mos. \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Certificate to following temporary address \_\_\_\_\_ if not to be mailed to home address.

Signature of applicant or agent \_\_\_\_\_

Agent's relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

No one can act as agent except husband, wife, father, mother, son or daughter.

### VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION FORM

A student who wishes to register in his home county may clip out this form and send it to the tax assessor-collector in his county. Brazos County Tax Assessor-Collector Raymond Buchanan said students who wish to register in this county should send the form to him by mail or bring it by in person to his office in the county courthouse before Jan. 31, the deadline for registration.

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