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ACTING PRESIDENT—Maj. Gen. A. R. Luedecke (left) and A&M Board of Directors President Clyde H. Wells talk shortly after Luedecke was named Monday by the board as acting president of A&M and the Texas A&M University System.

## Says He Has 'Plans' for A&M Luedecke Appointed

By Tommy Thompson

Maj. Gen. A. R. Luedecke, newly-appointed acting president of Texas A&M University, told the Battalion Tuesday that he did have "definite plans" for the University but declined to go into detail.

"I couldn't answer that right off the top of my head," Luedecke said in response to a query about his plans for A&M, "but I do have plans for the university."

Luedecke, the associate director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station and an associate dean of engineering, was named acting president of the university and the Texas A&M University System Monday by the A&M board of directors.

The soft-spoken, 59-year-old general was selected unanimously by the board of directors to fill the position left vacant by the death of Maj. Gen. Earl Rudder March 23. General Luedecke will be serving until a new president is found.

A 1932 chemical engineering graduate of A&M, Luedecke returned to the university in 1968 after a career in the Air Force and government service. After retiring from the Air Force in 1958, Luedecke was appointed general manager of the Atomic Energy Commission. In 1965 he became deputy director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology and is credited with playing a major role in space research of that facility.

In an interview with The Battalion, Luedecke spoke in quiet, reserved tones as he discussed his new job. When asked how long he would be serving as president, the general said that he was told by Board President Clyde H. Wells that he would be in office until a new president was found. The general said he had no idea how long that would be.

Wells said the board's Executive Committee had been instructed to proceed immediately with a search for "the most qualified person in the United States" to fill the post on a permanent basis.

"My door is open to anyone anytime," Luedecke continued. "Any student wishing to see me is welcome to make an appointment or drop by my office," he said.

The general, a native of Eldorado, Texas, entered the Army as a field artillery officer in 1932 and transferred to the Air Force a year later. He was named assistant chief of air staff for the China-Burma-India Theater in 1943. At the age of 34, he was promoted to brigadier general.

Luedecke advanced to air planner with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1946 and was named executive director of the Atomic Energy Commission Military Liaison Committee in 1949.

Two years later he was promoted to deputy chief of the Armed Forces Special Weapons project and became chief in 1954. He also was named Joint Task Force Seven commander in charge of nuclear test series "Hardtack" on Eniwetok and Johnston Islands.

The general has received numerous decorations and awards in his varied public service career. He has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with cluster, and

Bronze Star with two clusters. Two years ago, The National Aeronautics and Space Administration awarded him its Exceptional Service Medal.

He also has been honored with Colombia's Cruz de Boyaca, the Cloud & Banner of China and has been named Commander of the British Empire.

Texas A&M awarded Luedecke an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree in 1946 and Distinguished Alumni Award in 1967.

Luedecke is married and has one son, Alvin R. Luedecke, Jr., of College Station, and two daughters, Mrs. Jan Lee Maynard of Bremerton, Wash., and Mrs. Miriam A. Jacobs II of Annandale, Va.

## Dr. Margaret Mead to Speak Thursday on New Morality

Nationally prominent anthropologist Dr. Margaret Mead will appear here Thursday for a Great Issues presentation on "Culture and the New Morality."

Dr. Mead has recently been in the national spotlight for her opinions on social aspects of national government. While testifying last year before a Senate subcommittee, she spoke out against punishment given convicted possessors of marijuana.

The anthropologist, who has been studying patterns of child rearing in primitive cultures and among contemporaries 45 years, also advocates use of birth control pills and any other methods available to halt the population explosion.

Dr. Mead also endorses the 18-year-old vote.

Her address on culture and morality, the keynote portion of the three-part "Man, Morality and Society" seminar sponsored by Great Issues, will be at 8 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Earlier presentations featured

Dr. J. Thomas Ungerleider on drugs and drug abuse and Rev. Lester Kinsolving on the sex revolution.

Dr. Mead is considered expert in education and culture, cultural change, culture building, mental health, cross-national relations, national character, family life, character structure and social forms and personality-culture relationships. She has authored several books on the topics.

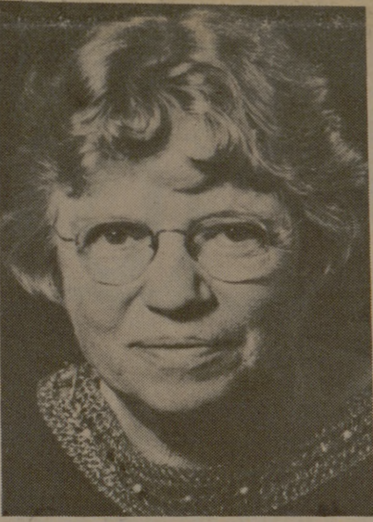
Anthropological research kept Dr. Mead with the people of the South Seas and New Guinea for much of her life. Later in her career, she returned to the area to observe changes in the lives of the people.

Her most recent publication, "Culture and Commitment: A Study of the Generation Gap," examines differing values between those born before and after 1940.

"Even very recently," she observed in the Doubleday book, "the elders could say: 'You know, I have been young, and you never have been old.' But today's young

people can reply: 'You never have been young in the world I am young in, and you never can be . . .'"

She claims the generation break, a new phenomenon, is "planetary and universal."



DR. MARGARET MEAD

## While Transmitter Overhauled KAMU-TV Off the Air For Indefinite Period

By Bob Robinson  
Battalion Staff Writer

KAMU-TV has temporarily suspended telecasts while major repairs and modifications are made on its transmitter.

Harvie Nachlinger, community newscaster, made the initial public announcement Friday on the station's live newscast, "Campus and Community Today."

"We here at KAMU are sorry to have to leave the air," he said. "The station has served the area as promised. We leave the air with regret following our final program this evening, the KAMU special on the late James Earl Rudder. . ."

Mel Chastain, station director, explained the reasons for suspension of telecasting in a special announcement during KAMU's "This Week" program.

"KAMU will suspend telecasts indefinitely while major repairs and modifications are made on our transmitter. The General Electric Co., which sold us the transmitter, will furnish a technical team for the project, and an official estimated repairs and modifications will require at least two weeks.

"When the GE engineers have fully repaired the transmitter to their satisfaction," Chastain con-

tinued, "we will 'dummy load' the transmitter for a period of seven to 10 days to assure its reliability at full power for long periods of time.

"The decision to temporarily discontinue service was made in part to assure the public that KAMU-TV and Texas A&M will not operate an inferior facility.

"I must stress that the transmitter failures should in no way reflect on the level or degree of competence of our ETV engineering staff.

"Quit to the contrary, the GE chief field engineer, after looking at the transmitter, told me it was a tribute to their ingenuity, determination and abilities that the transmitter had remained on the air as long as it had.

"Some of the techniques they used to keep KAMU on the air were ones he said he had never thought of in his 22 years with GE."

The KAMU staff has been plagued with problems from the transmitter since it was first put into operation, Feb. 15.

That first program was an hour and a half preview at 8:30 Sunday night, of programming to come. . .

The transmitter "kicked off." The next day, during KAMU's first live production of "Campus and Community Today," the

transmitter shut down for over five minutes.

Since commencement of broadcast activities, the transmitter has failed 74 times, during a total of 24 broadcast days. Length of time off the air has ranged from five minutes to four hours.

Out of a total of 266 broadcasting hours, the transmitter has operated only 250 hours. 100 per cent visual power has only been transmitted 85 of those hours, with the remaining 165 hours broadcasted at seven per cent video power. Full aural power was only transmitted during the first eight hours of operation.

In short, the transmitter has not functioned properly since it was installed, Chastain said.

Norman Godwin, KAMU program director, assured viewers during Friday's "Campus and Community Today" program that regular programming will be continued as much as possible from the point at which it was discontinued, when KAMU returns to the air.

He said that he regretted that some network programs will be missed, such as "NET Journal," but that others, such as the popular "Folk Guitar," will be continued with no segments missed.

Godwin also requested KAMU viewers to use this time to make known to the station what programs they wanted returned to the air.

## 12 Sophomores Win Army Scholarships

Selection of 12 Texas A&M sophomore cadets for two-year Army ROTC scholarships has been announced by Col. Jim H. McCoy, commandant.

The award by the Department of the Army will pay each cadet's tuition, textbooks, laboratory fees and a \$50-per-month subsistence allowance.

Upon graduation and successful completion of the Army ROTC program, the cadets will be commissioned in the Army Reserve or Regular Army and serve at least four years active duty.

They are Jan C. Bertholf of Annandale, Va.; David R. Calvert, Shreveport, La.; William M. Compton and Sidney C. Hughes Jr., Austin; James R. Cumming, Berwyn, Pa.; Richard D. Curb and Stephen J. Lazzaro, Houston.

Also, Stephen C. Gilbert, Midland; Danny K. Miller and Terrell W. Rowan, Killeen; James M. Spencer, San Antonio, and George Zahaczewsky, Rochester, N.Y.

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Filing for the April 23 general elections began Monday and will be held from 8-5 p.m. each weekday through April 9 in the Memorial Student Center Student Programs Office, according to Tommy Henderson, executive vice-president of the Election Commission.

Offices open are all positions on the Student Senate, Civilian Student Council Executive committee, election commission, Graduate Student Council, and University Women executive committee. Also to be elected are class officers and yell leaders.

Polling places will be in the MSC basement, Dorm 2 guardroom, Sbis newsstand, and the north side of the library, Henderson said.

Identification cards and activity cards will be needed to vote, he said.

There will also be a mobile polling place, Henderson added, located at the Vet school from 7-11 a.m., the Architecture Building from 11:30-4 p.m., and the parking lot next to the rent payment office in the College View area from 4:30-8 p.m.

Henderson said that the mobile polling place was set up to allow students to vote that would have

otherwise have had difficulty in doing so.

Requirements for the offices are: Senate officers, 2.5 grade point ratio; colleges and committee chairmen, 2.25; yell leaders, 2.25; and class officers 2.00.

There will be a candidates forum sponsored by the Student Senate 6 p.m. April 22 on the drill field, said Henderson. Candidates for the senate executive positions will give speeches and

## 70 Candidates Form Committee To 'Broaden Students' Voice'

An affiliation of approximately 70 candidates for the upcoming general election has been formed—the Fifth Wheel Committee.

Kent Caperton, candidate for Student Senate President is head of the committee. Candidates for the Student Senate yell leader, Civilian Student Council, election commission, and class officers are members.

Large maroon-lettered signs depicting the names of the committee's candidates have been constructed in front of Guion Hall

and across from Sbis Dining Hall.

The committee, composed of students from various segments of A&M life, hopes to broaden the students' voice in the student government of A&M, Caperton said.

He added that several activities have been planned for the upcoming campaign to familiarize the students with the candidates and their qualifications, but declined to elaborate.

## Henderson Elected President Of TISA During Conference

Tom Henderson, junior political science major from Kerrville, was elected president of the Texas Intercollegiate Student Association at its recent conference in El Paso.

"During the coming year we hope to move TISA out of the realm of a paper organization and into the realm of a responsible, problem solving organization for all Texas students," Henderson said.

"TISA must be the author of constructive programs designed to

enhance the educational value of the college years, and give the students we serve a stronger voice in the affairs of their schools. It is with these purposes in mind that we look forward to the next year," he added.

TISA is composed of the representatives of the student governments of 22 Texas junior and senior colleges. Membership is open to any representatives of any junior or senior college student governments.

Henderson's campaign was managed by Joe M. (Mac) Spears III and Garry P. Mauro and conducted by other A&M students attending the conference.

Other TISA elected officers for the upcoming year were executive vice-president Susan Perry from Southwest Texas State, vice-president Kevin O'Connor from St. Edward's University, secretary Betty Brown from Southern Methodist University, treasurer Nicki Stallman from Southwest Texas State, parliamentarian Al Reader from the University of Texas at Arlington, and districts coordinator Larry Polk from East Texas State University.

Henderson has been a student senator for two years, and is executive vice-president of the election commission and Civilian Student Council vice-president.

## Blood Drive Registration Today Through Thursday

Registration for this year's Aggie Blood Drive will be today and tomorrow from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. in a booth near the post office of the Memorial Student Center, according to William Cronrath, public relations chairman for Alpha Phi Omega.

The drive will be dedicated to the memory of the late A&M President Earl Rudder.

Cronrath said that donations will be accepted April 8 and 9 in the basement of the MSC.

The blood drive is run by APO, national service fraternity, and administered by the Student Senate Welfare Committee.

It is conducted to collect blood for use in research by the Wadley Foundation of Molecular Medicine.

Any person who has donated blood will be able to receive blood

for himself or his immediate family during the year by contacting the welfare committee. The quantity he needs will be given free.

Proof of having donated will be a wallet-sized card acknowledging the donation and listing blood type. The foundation issues the cards within two weeks of the donation.

All civilian students under the age of 21 will need their parents written permission to give blood. A simple one line note will be sufficient.

A wooden plaque similar to the ones given for the Campus Chest Drive will be given to the dorm or outfit donating the most blood.

Registration is conducted to give the information of how many donors to expect and opportunity to set up a schedule to facilitate the taking of blood.

## Environment Group Seeking Involvement of Area Youth

The Texas A&M Symposium for Environmental Awareness is seeking to involve elementary and high school students in the Bryan and College Station area in the activities surrounding Earth Day, April 22.

According to Jim Crisp, a member of the sponsoring Forum for Environmental Studies, the involvement is to come through a plan designed to inform principals, teachers and students of environmental problems through films, slide shows, panel discussions and lectures.

Superintendents of the Bryan and College Station Public Schools are currently being contacted for approval of the plan, Crisp said.

Another Symposium member, Chuck Wall, said that more than 45 qualified faculty members and students from A&M are prepared to either present or coordinate programs on environmental awareness.

Wall also said that these programs can be arranged at the convenience of the classroom teachers. He asked that anyone interested in finding out more or in helping with the programs contact him at 846-7985 or meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in Room 208 Architecture.

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