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WITH AUTUMN'S LUSTER on the surf, a child races across the beach in a last fling before winter's chill sets in at Santa Monica, Calif. (AP Wirephoto)

## At AAUP-TACT meet Profes discuss direction

By PAM TROBOY  
Battalion Staff Writer

About 80 faculty members attended a joint meeting of the Texas Association of College Teachers (TACT) and Association of University Professors (AAUP) Thursday night to discuss the future direction of the A&M faculty.

Richard H. Ballinger, English professor, and Dr. Manuel M. Davenport, head of the philosophy department, each made a short statement about the goals of TACT and AAUP organizations and then answered questions from the audience.

Davenport said AAUP is a professional society of 90,000 members which is analogous to the American Medical Association.

AAUP provides a forum to resolve problems, it is a means of collective action in the professional interest and it can advance ideals and standards of teaching, he said.

Ballinger compared TACT to "water washing against a rock" and said that the group's recommendations had played an instrumental part in the de-emphasis of the bonfire and establishment of coeducation and a non-compulsory corps.

He said however that TACT has accomplished more in the field of economic interests of Texas professors than in other areas, but added that the group's main goal is the "improvement of higher

education in Texas."

"TACT is more effective at the state level," he said, "but a censure action by the AAUP has a national onus. TACT is concerned with economic security while the AAUP has the added concerns of academic freedom and responsibility."

Davenport also discussed the possibility of establishing an all-university faculty council and a cooperative effort with local students to carry out national goals of the AAUP.

He said AAUP has stated that students have the right to invite and hear any speaker they wish, that student newspapers should be given freedom of the press and that students should be given due process of the law in dealings with the university.

Dr. O. D. Butler, head of the Animal Science Department, questioned whether the local chapter had approved the organization's national goals and if it had, whether the approval was an accurate reflection of faculty opinion at A&M.

Davenport said the local chapter is not required to accept the national goals on student rights and there has been no local vote on the subject.

Several other members of the audience asked the moderators why their discussions did not deal with the future of the faculty at A&M as advertised, and they were told that questions from the audience were to have brought about suggestions.

## CCOC to demonstrate at UT antiwar rally

The Campus Committee of Concern (CCOC) will participate in the antiwar demonstration in Austin on Oct. 31, Public Relations chairman Mike van Bavel said Thursday.

The demonstration is part of

a nationwide program of regional protests and Austin is the city selected for Texas's rally.

A car caravan will leave the USDA parking lot on the northwest corner of the campus between 9 and 10 a.m. A&M par-

ticipants will reassemble under the A&M banner on the West Mall at The University of Texas, van Bavel said.

The march will begin at the West Mall at 1 p.m. and end with a rally at the State Capitol.

# Civilians to suggest dorm improvements

By HAYDEN WHITSETT  
Battalion News Editor

A committee to make recommendations on major renovations in residence halls will soon be functioning, Mark Olson, president of the Civilian Student Council (CSC), told the CSC last night.

The Environmental Study Committee has asked that hall presidents turn in the recommendations to the committee before

Tuesday. Repainting, cracked walls, broken furniture and other related subjects are considered major problems.

The committee will put the recommendations in written form and then submit them to the "appropriate authorities". The recommendations will be "very strongly worded," Olson said.

Hall presidents should check their dorms before turning in the recommendations so that nothing

is left out, Olson said.

Freshmen assistants to the council were introduced at the meeting. The assistants are Margaret Caple, Donald Hackler, Marvin Bridges, John Cox, and James Mobley. Four of the freshmen are to serve as aides to the executive council of the CSC and one will serve as an aide to Olson.

Also dealing with freshmen, the Freshmen Orientation Committee has set up a series of CSC members to help high school students interested in coming to A&M. Approximately 35 members will give prospective students a tour of the campus and answer questions any of them have about A&M.

Olson also explained the structure of the upper echelon of the civilian bonfire staff to the council. "I will be in charge of the operation overall," he said. "Dave

Gorcycya will be second in command, Tommy Atlee is civilian stacking area chief, and Mark Fischer is cutting area chief."

Much of last year's staff and structure of the bonfire has been cut out, according to Olson. Rather than seven cutting areas, as there were last year, there will be two areas. Many of the "middle men in the organization" have also been cut out, Olson said. "We are hoping to make the system more efficient," he said.

Area chiefs for this year are Rick Newborn and Barry Reiter.

The council also decided not to have the Lettermen perform for Civilian Weekend in March. It is currently considering approximately 12 other groups and will vote on the group to perform for Civilian Weekend at the next meeting.

## Ex-POW to speak Tuesday at MSC

North Vietnam treatment of prisoners of war will be discussed here Tuesday by Air Force Maj. Fred N. Thompson, F-100 pilot shot down, captured and held prisoner in Hanoi.

The 8 p.m. Great Issues Presentation will be in the Memorial Student Ballroom, announced Chairman James W. (Rip) Russell of Annandale, Va.

Thompson, now special assistant for prisoner of war affairs in the casualty branch of the USAF Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, was brought here through efforts of organizations working for POW freedom.

The local group, chaired by Mrs. Al Meyer, will have a booth at the Great Issues presentation for distribution of petitions and addresses of world leaders to whom they should be sent.

Mrs. Meyer's husband is one of three known A&M former students who are POWs. Eleven are listed as missing in action.

Thompson, 34, entered the Air Force in 1956 after attending the University of South Carolina. Commissioned and awarded navigator wings at Harlingen AFB, he served in the Strategic Air Command as KC-97 and KC-135 navigator six years.

He entered pilot training at Williams AFB, Ariz., in 1963, instructed at Reese AFB, and took F-100 flight training at Cannon AFB, N. M.

In 1967, he was assigned to Bien Hoa Air Base, Vietnam, as an F-100 fighter pilot flying tactical air missions. He transferred to Phu Cat Air Base and served there until he was shot down in March, 1968, 65 miles north of the demilitarized zone in North Vietnam.

He was captured and held prisoner in Hanoi until August, 1968. Before his capture, the Char-

lotte, N. C., native was awarded the Silver Star and Distinguished Flying Cross. He had flown 263 combat sorties, 23 of them over North Vietnam.

Since returning to duty, he has been at Luke AFB, Ariz., and attended the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Ala. He was assigned to Randolph upon graduation last June.

The public-free Great Issues presentations are supported by patronage subscription. Persons interested in contributing are asked to contact Russell at 845-1515.

## Warm weather predicted for game in Waco

Indian summer-type weather lasting about a week will keep Baylor Stadium turf in shape for the Texas Aggies' gridiron clash with the Bears Saturday.

"We're in a stagnant weather situation," commented Jim Lightfoot of A&M's Meteorology Department weather station. "Except for a few rainshowers Friday afternoon, there's nothing to interrupt a gradual warming trend."

For the 7:30 p.m. Saturday game, Lightfoot predicted partly cloudy skies, southwest winds 10 to 15 mph, 50 to 55 per cent relative humidity and 76 degrees at kickoff, following an afternoon 78 to 80-degree high.

He said there are no fronts expected into the region, except the remnants of "a weak Pacific front that will come skittering through, but we'll never feel it."

## Film substituted in series tonight

Contemporary Arts Committee Film Series have rescheduled the Hungarian film "The Red and the White" which was to be shown tonight. "The Cranes Are Flying," a Russian film, will replace the Hungarian effort, which was lost in the mail.

The 1957 Cannes Film Festival awarded "The Cranes Are Flying" the Grand Prix Award

for best director and a gold palm for best actress.

The film deals with the lives of two lovers caught in the turmoil of World War II.

The film will be shown in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom at 8 p.m. Admission is by season ticket only. These tickets may be purchased at the door.

## \$500 stolen from Hart student; fund set up to replace money

A financial fund has been established for a freshman who had \$500 stolen from his Hart Hall room Wednesday.

Sophomore Larry Stone of Hart J-10 is coordinating the fund drive.

Stone said John Harold Stephens, a resident of Hart J-2, received a \$500 loan from the Student Loan Office Wednesday afternoon. Stephens cashed the check at the Fiscal Office about 4:30 p.m., and returned to his room with the money in his billfold.

The Crockett chemistry major left his room to play football. When he returned the billfold was gone, Stone reported.

"Because of the ruthless action of some despicable individual,

Harold is now without the money that he needed to insure the continuance of his education at A&M," Stone declared.

Students who wish to aid Stephens can bring the money to Hart Hall rooms J-10 and J-11 or mail the contribution to Larry Stone, Box 198, College Station. Stone also urged the thief to return the money, calling the theft a "disgusting act."

University Police said they want to conduct an investigation, but Stephens had not been in to give them details Friday morning. The Hart Hall resident advisor reported the theft to the police.

University National Bank "On the side of Texas A&M."  
—Adv.

## The inquiring Battman

# Should the annual bonfire continue in its present form?



**Terry Hendrickson**  
freshman  
"Yes, definitely. It is an event that requires participation by all members of the campus community and enhances a wonderful tradition of school spirit."

**B. Elliot**  
graduate  
"I think there should be no bonfire."

**William T. Clemons**  
sophomore  
"I don't see why not as long as the wood used is given up willingly."

**Wayne Raasch**  
junior  
"Yes, I'm no ecology feind. I don't think we have to worry about trees disappearing from this area because of our bonfire. In a few decades there might be some problem."

**Leon Dreyfus**  
junior  
"I see nothing wrong with a bonfire except the traditional procedure of cutting and burning trees older than most of the people. This is not caused by any personal attraction to any tree in general. Rumor has it, though, that there are not too many left to waste."

**Dub Newberg**  
freshman  
"Yes, the bonfire is the symbol of Texas A&M's spirit and is a tradition that has been carried on for many years."

**Richard Houser**  
freshman  
"The arguments on both sides are logical; however, the efficient cutting of the trees involves scientific selection and I doubt that such action is taken. We might as well burn lumber from old houses. They're useless otherwise, but trees photosynthesize." Photos by Patrick Pontana)