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Birch Bayh to address SCONA, public Feb. 18

Sen. Birch Bayh, who has been mentioned as a possible Democratic contender for the presidency in 1972 will be a featured speaker Feb. 18 at Texas A&M for the 16th Student Conference on National Affairs.

The Indiana Democrat who has involved himself in domestic needs legislation during his eight years in the U. S. Congress will appear on the SCONA XVI program with Dallas philanthropist Ross Perot and tentatively, S. I. Hayakawa, president of the San Francisco State.

Bayh (pronounced bye), 42, will speak on "The Role of Students in Politics" at SCONA XVI, which will be concerned with "Student Responsibilities in the 70's."

"The senator is a youthful, dynamic and intelligent public servant," Dave Mayfield, SCONA chairman of Waco, said.

Mayfield and SCONA committee member Ben Thurman of Hamp Lejeune, N. C., met with Bayh recently in Washington.

"He is sincerely interested in the role of young people in the political process and is genuine in his efforts to involve them in government," the chairman added. "He also expressed concern

for what is happening today among the student generation and their attitude toward the 'establishment' and the institution of this country."

The author and guide to passage of the 25th Amendment dealing with presidential inability and vice presidential succession tells the story of its inception and passage in his book, "One Heartbeat Away."

Bayh is currently working on what he hopes will be the 26th

Constitutional Amendment. It would give people the right to vote directly for president and vice president, abolishing the Electoral College.

He is a leader in women's equal rights legislation, was Senate leader in seeking extension of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and currently serves on the Democratic Party's Commission on Party Structure to revise delegate selection procedures for the national convention.

Bayh has been one of the prime forces behind the movement to lower the voting age to 18.

He has called for re-ordering of U. S. priorities and mobilization of resources to deal with pollution control, poverty, poor schools and inadequate health care.

Member of the Subcommittee on Air and Water Pollution of the Senate Committee on Public Works, the senator has been involved in all major legislation on environmental improvement since 1963. He also is known for efforts to improve federal relief for major disaster victims and insistence on careful management of foreign aid funds.

After returning from Vietnam in January, 1968, Bayh urged

that the South Vietnamese take more responsibility in the conflict and, at that time, asked for U. S. troop reductions.

The SCONA speaker served eight years in the Indiana House—four as Democratic leader and two as Speaker—after election to the Indiana House of Representatives in 1953 at age 25. He upset 18-year incumbent Senator

Homer Capehart for election to the Senate in 1962.

The three-year Indiana Easter Seals campaign chairman and Jaycees' Outstanding Ten Young Men in the Nation in 1963 is married and has one son. The Indiana University law degree recipient owns and operates a 340-acre family farm in his native Vigo County, Indiana.



Sen. Birch Bayh

1,166 to graduate at 9:30 Saturday

Texas A&M's mid-term graduation ceremonies will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

A record 1,166 students applied for winter graduation, with 129 scheduled to receive military commissions in separate ceremonies at 1:30 p.m., also in the coliseum.

Commencement speaker will be Dr. Charles L. Allen, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Houston.

Featured speaker at the commissioning ceremonies will be Lt. Gen. Richard G. Stilwell, the Army's deputy chief of staff for military operations.

Dr. Jack K. Williams, Texas A&M president, will preside at both events.

Allen's address will be preceded by brief remarks by Clyde Wells, president of the university's board of directors.

Among the students applying for graduation were 694 seeking undergraduate degrees, 333 for master's and 139 for doctorates.

The Army is expected to account for 92 of the commissions, with the Air Force having 34 and the Marine Corps three.

There will be no limitations on

the number of guests students can invite to the Saturday exercises, university officials noted. A limit of four guests was imposed for spring commencement because of seating.

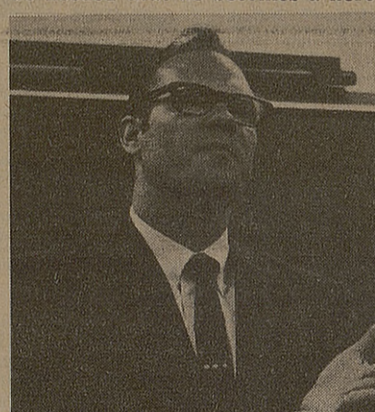
The ceremonies, however, will again be transmitted via closed circuit television to the Memorial Student Center ballroom for the benefit of any guests who might be unable to find seats in the coliseum.

Nelson says

Naturalist community hero

By BRUCE BLACK
Battalion Staff Writer

"Many times the naturalist is so needed that he becomes a hero



Christian Nelson

Conservation Council Merit Award, said Tuesday.

Speaking on the topic of "Teaching Environmental Values" to a group in the Parks and Recreation Department, Nelson said that education still plays the key role in becoming a naturalist.

The naturalist not only has to know the names of the wildlife forms in his area, but he must also know how to express himself in his nature talks, Nelson said.

Many people, particularly children, he said, can't comprehend the forest. They've never seen a tree bigger than the one in their back yard, and they think the woods are full of bears. The most you can hope to accomplish in this case is to convey a feeling.

On the other hand, the naturalist is also expected to help Boy Scouts with their merit badges, biology majors with problems in ecology and church groups with lectures on God and nature, he said. This involves such courses as public relations and public speaking as well as the basics in nature studies.

"You have to become totally in the community," Christian Nelson, winner of the California

involved," he explained. "There is no such thing in park service as working eight-to-five."

On the other hand, he said, there is nothing worse than working in a "green prison" where the naturalist has to go through the same routine day in and day out with no chance to be creative.

As chief of the East Bay Regional Park District Interpretive Department in Oakland, Calif., Nelson said he is doing everything in his power to prevent this from happening in park service. But he says he needs the community's help.

"The community can see a need for a new swimming pool, but not for a new nature center or a couple of naturalists," he contended.

Changes are coming about, however, he added.

"Two park bills have been passed in California in the last year," he said. "Someone's been reaching the people; we like to think it's the naturalists."

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

—Adv.

in MSC Ballroom Pesticide talk Monday

Dr. Emil M. Mrak, chancellor emeritus of the University of California at Davis, will present lecture entitled "Pesticides in the Modern World" here Monday.

The 7:30 p.m. talk in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom is part of the Range Science Department's Distinguished Lecture program.

Mrak served as chancellor of the University of California's Davis campus from 1959 until last year. He joined the University of California at Berkeley in 1957 and was named chairman of the Food Science and Technology Department in 1948. The

department was moved to the Davis campus in 1951.

He earned B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees at Berkeley.

As a food scientist, Dr. Mrak has become increasingly concerned with food problems, particularly in the developing nations.

Last year he received the Department of the Army's Outstanding Civilian Service Award for his contributions in the development of rations which could stand climatic extremes and the rigors of military handling.

He also was appointed chairman last year for the Health,

Education and Welfare Department's Commission on Pesticides and Their Relationship to Environmental Health.

Mrak currently serves as chairman of the HEW secretary's Pesticide Advisory Committee.

Earlier this year he was elected a fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists and holds all three awards presented by that organization.

Design students to plant tree in memory of dead comrade

Students in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design will plant a tree Friday in memory of Arthur W. Licht, who was killed in an auto accident Feb. 2.

Licht, in whose honor a scholarship program has been established here by family and friends, was a sophomore architecture major from El Paso.

Doyle Borman, junior environmental design student coordinating the memorial ceremony, said the tree will be planted at 10 a.m. on the Architecture Building lawn.

Licht, son of Mrs. Richard H. Licht of El Paso, was killed when his car hit a bridge and plunged into a deep ditch on State Highway 21 eight miles west of Bryan.

Williams to be on KTRK-TV

Texas A&M President Jack K. Williams will be the guest on KTRK-TV's Issues and Answers (part 1) program at noon Sunday, announced John Gehbauer, news director for the Houston

Gehbauer said the program will be repeated following the Dick Cavett Show Monday night.

Dr. Williams will be interviewed by Dave Ward and one other member of Channel 13's "Eye Witness News" staff, Gehbauer noted.

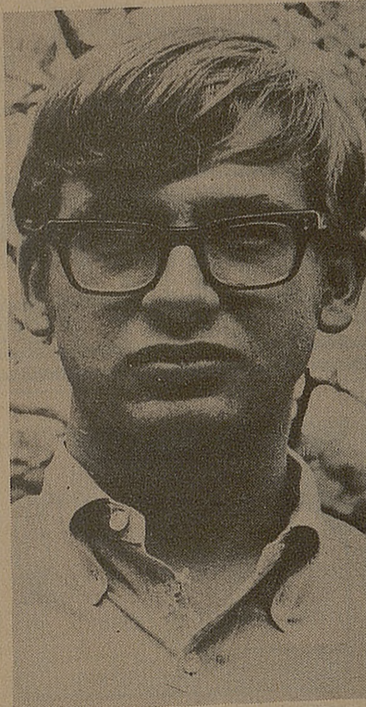
The inquiring Battman

Do you like ending the semester before Christmas?



James H. Jones senior

"It's about time A&M has come around and realized the advantages that this system has to offer the students."



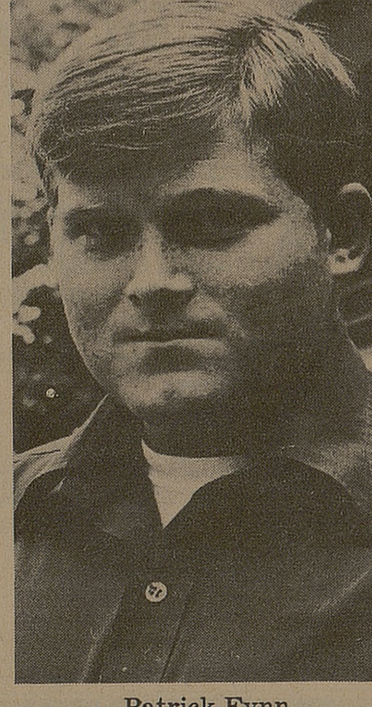
Ronny White senior

"It's much better. It gives the student a longer time to get away from school and get ready for the next semester."



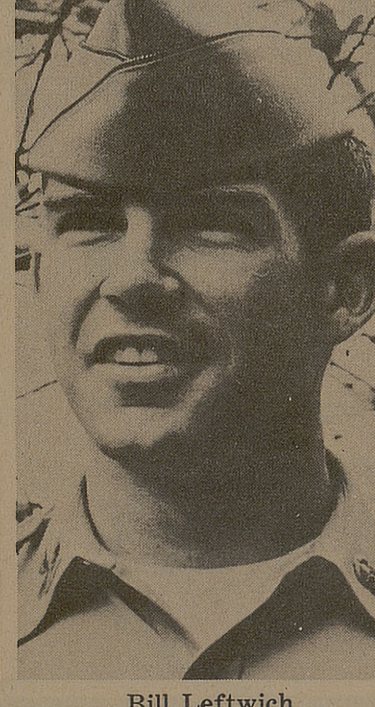
M. Scott Kelley junior

"It's great! It gives me more time to spend at home with my family. There is more time so a guy can work over the holidays. You don't have finals hanging over your head."



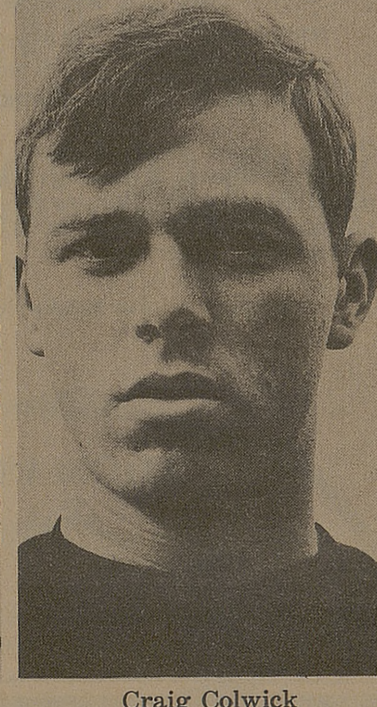
Patrick Fynn sophomore

"It's good, but it doesn't really give us enough time to study after Thanksgiving."



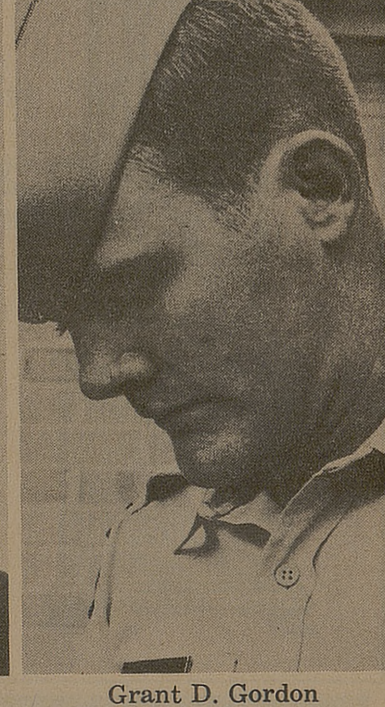
Bill Leftwich senior

"I think it's great! Having a month off gives a person time to work and make something to carry him through next semester."



Craig Colwick freshman

"I think it's great because you don't have to worry about exams during your holidays, and you can enjoy it more."



Grant D. Gordon senior

"It is a much-needed change, giving us a chance to finish finals before Christmas. This gives us much more time to spend in job hunting." (Photos by Patrick Fontana)