

The Battalion

Vol. 66 No. 113

College Station, Texas

Thursday, April 22, 1971

845-2226

Mild,
cloudy,
damp

Thursday — Cloudy. Winds northerly at 5-10 mph. Afternoon rain showers. High 74°, low 59°.

Friday — Clear to partly cloudy. Winds southerly at 15-20 mph. High 78°, low 62°.

Williams gives 'predictions' for next 10 years

By BRUCE BLACK
Battalion Staff Writer

"When you come back to Texas A&M in ten years," A&M President Dr. Jack K. Williams told students Wednesday, "you'll find about 22,000 students, one third of whom will be females safely ensconced in dormitories."

Speaking to thousands attending the annual Aggie Muster, Williams said in 10 years a returning student will see an entirely new campus containing buildings stretching eight, 11 and 15 stories. These and other structures already are under construction, he said.

The school will have many types of professional areas which the students can move directly into, Williams said, including schools of law and dentistry.

"You will be able to sit in a Kyle Field which seats 75,000 and watch the nation's number one team," he said.

A&M will possess the nation's number one Marine Science Department, Williams continued, and it will be possible to transfer between branches of the A&M system quickly, easily and without loss of credits.

"Also," he said, "the food will be so good that students will have

to stand in line for hours to get it."

There will still be the same traditions on campus which bind the students so close together, Williams continued. A&M will still try to instill the feeling of citizenry and leadership which have made the school famous, he said.

"We still will hold musters and answer the role call for those who are no longer among us," he said.

"This is one of the traditions that makes A&M known over the entire world," Williams noted. "It is one of the most revered highlights of the year, and one which the students will remember and honor the rest of their lives."

"You are walking in the footsteps of giants," he said. "In you and me there is a little bit of every great author, theologian, scientist and soldier that ever walked the earth."

One of these giants whose footsteps he is following in, he commented, was the late Earl Rudder, whom he succeeded by becoming president of Texas A&M and the A&M University System April 6.

Today's students are preceded by other giants, he said; giants who formed traditions and shaped A&M into what it is today.



A&M President Dr. Jack K. Williams speaks during Aggie Muster ceremonies Wednesday evening in G. Rollie White Coliseum. (Photo by Hayden Whitsett)

Faculty, students honored by CSC

By SUE DAVIS
Battalion Women's Editor

"You teach because you love young people; if you don't love young people, you're in the wrong business; and if you're in the wrong business, you should get out," A&M President Dr. Jack K. Williams told outstanding members of the faculty and student body who received awards Wednesday at the Faculty Awards Luncheon sponsored by the Civilian Student Council (CSC).

Receiving awards from the faculty were Dr. Horace Van Cleave, College of Agriculture; Graham Horsley, College of Architecture; Dr. Philip W. Ljungdahl, College

of Business Administration; Emil Mamaliga, College of Education; Dr. Balusu M. Rao, College of Engineering; Dr. Travis J. Parker, College of Geosciences; Robert L. Boone, College of Liberal Arts; Haile D. Perry, College of Science; and Dr. James G. Anderson, College of Veterinary Medicine.

(See Faculty, page 3)

Battalion, brigade commanders named

Battalion and brigade commanders in the 1971-72 Corps of Cadets have been announced.

The 10 cadets will head staffs under which the corps' 34 companies and squadrons are organized. They will wear the two-diamond insignia of cadet lieutenant colonels.

Junior cadets selected for fall 1971 commands were recommended by Thomas M. Stanley, 1971-72 corps commander, through the commandant's office.

Heading the 1st, 2nd and 5th Army ROTC Battalions under new 1st Brigade commander Kirk Hawkins will be Albert L. Haegelin of Hondo; Hal B. Sharp, Houston; and James C. Brown, Alamo, respectively.

Third, 4th and 6th Battalion

commanders will be Terrell W. Rowan of Killeen; Pete G. Gerukos, San Antonio; and Larry M. Bragg, Talpa. Their battalions comprise the 2nd Brigade, to be commanded by Joe Aston III.

The 1st and 2nd Group of the Air Force ROTC part of the corps will be commanded by Larry J. Talafusex of Falfurrias and Warren F. Richter of Tyler. They come under the 1st Wing, headed by Anthony J. Best.

Third and 4th Group COs will be Derron J. Patterson of Navasota and Wayne A. Lutz of Houston, respectively. Charles S. Williams III commands the 2nd Wing of which they are a part.

The 1971-72 commanders will officially take their new posts May 8 during Final Review.

Novelist explains his technique

By FRAN ZUPAN
Battalion Managing Editor

"This is a dummy class, isn't it?"

"If I try very hard and get smart before the end of the term will you put me in a regular class? I want to be smart like everyone else."

The questioner was a young boy in a high school class for the slightly mentally retarded, those with an IQ of about 80.

His teacher was Daniel Keyes, then a freelance short story writer.

The event had emotional impact on Keyes. That night he couldn't sleep. He made notes on the boy

and his situation as an idea for a possible story.

He filed the notes with others about possible characters and plots.

Much later he was asked to do an additional story for a science fiction magazine.

Looking through his files, he came across the notation on the boy in the "dummy class." He put this with another note for a plot about an ordinary man becoming a genius through surgery. The result after much development and fictionalization became "Flowers for Algernon."

Keyes—who won a Hugo Award for "Flowers for Algernon" as the

best science fiction short story of 1958, and a Nebula Award for best science fiction novel after he expanded the story in 1965—spoke to a small Contemporary Arts Committee audience here Wednesday night.

The story later was made into the movie "Charly" which won a best actor oscar for Cliff Robertson who played the mentally retarded man who becomes a genius before he loses his intelligence once again.

Keyes said that every successful short story, in his opinion, has four necessary elements—an idea or plot, a character, a message and a special way of telling it.

"I don't think it matters which of these comes to you first as long as you fill out the other three," he said. "The moment you commit yourself as a writer everything is grist for the mill. The bombardment of ideas can destroy you."

Because of this, Keyes said he has developed a system for determining whether he will develop an idea into a story or novel.

First an idea must have emotional impact, he said, and this emotional impact must stay with him to the point of haunting him.

Second, he said, he must ascertain that the idea is original.

"I'm not about to write a story about a young fellow and a girl and the girl dies," he explained.

Third, he must decide whether the story is important enough to him and the reader for him to spend several years of his life on.

Last of all, Keyes said he tries not to write the story.

"If it insists, if it haunts me, I say it's got me and I can't refuse," he said. "Only then will I have the guts to stick it out."

After Keyes had his idea for the plot of "Flowers for Algernon"—but before he had "found" his character he wrote 30 or 40 drafts of the plot, some of which he read Wednesday night which he admitted were "really bad writing."

(See Novelist explains, page 5)

Vanity Fair selections told

Thirteen semifinalists for the Vanity Fair contest have been named by the preliminary judging committee.

The 13 will be narrowed down to six at the Student Publications Banquet April 30, when those attending vote on the most beautiful.

The Senior Class selects no sweetheart as such. Instead, the Vanity Fair contest is held, with entry open only to wives or sweethearts of seniors.

On the selection committee this

year were Jim Lindsey, head of University Information, Connie Eckard, editor of the Texas Aggie, August W. Smith, management professor, and Delia Hancock and Rosemarie Crowder, secretaries in the Student Publications office.

Selected were:

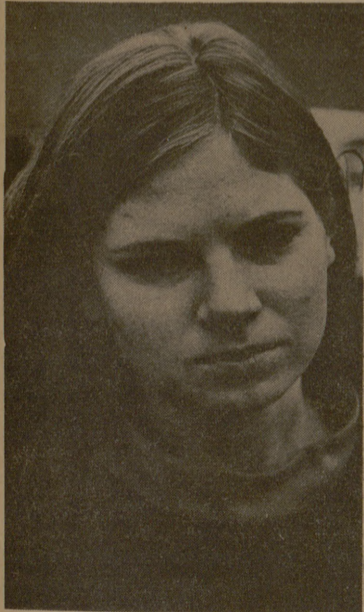
Jacqueline Ellington, escorted by Jerry Wheaton; Phyllis Hillard, escorted by Joey Jungman; Sandy Sheats, escorted by Jerry Sheats; Cheryl Spruce, escorted

by Charlie Korbell; Vivian Culbertson, escorted by Joe Culbertson, Jr.; Sharon Harrison, escorted by Roger Johnson and Shirley Arizpe, escorted by Robert C. Arizpe.

Also, Carole Cunningham, escorted by Van H. Taylor; Lynn Marie Stephan, escorted by Albert Kinkead; Gwen Browder, escorted by Jesse Richardson; Lynn McKemie, escorted by John McKemie; Carol Rabon, escorted by Albert Reese and Barbara Allen, escorted by Gregory Hale.

The inquiring Battman

What is your opinion of the 'On to Paris' project?



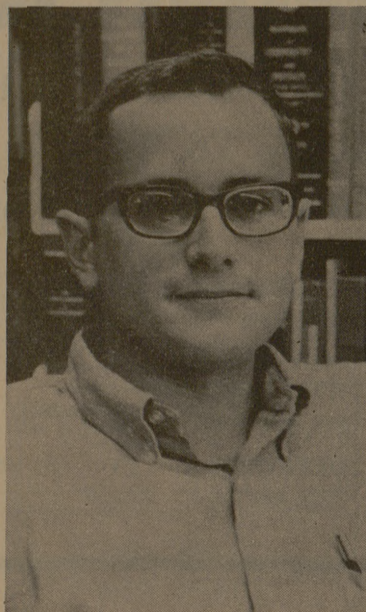
Katy Schulte
freshman

"I think that any effort is worth the expense, but there have been several other delegations to Paris that haven't really done much good."



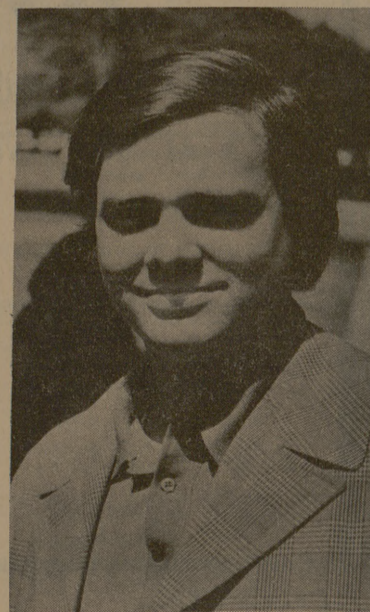
Rebecca Kirby
senior

"I think it's absolutely ridiculous! The money could be used in some more useful way. Besides, who releases prisoners before the "war" is over?"



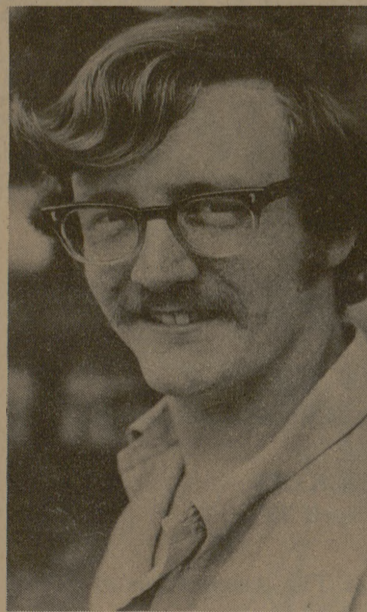
Jay Bassin
graduate

"Of the approximately 23 private delegations to the Paris talks, only one—an American pacifist group—met the Hanoi delegates. A group from Texas A&M, with its well-known militaristic affiliations, would undoubtedly be snubbed. I believe the \$5,000 could be donated to the International Red Cross."



Jim Mendl
senior

"I think the project is very worthwhile. The rulers in Peking and Hanoi do listen to public opinion in the U. S. and this project definitely is an expression of public opinion."



Robert H. Taylor
sophomore

"I think the project is worthwhile, because if we keep telling the Vietnamese that we do care about the POW's that will make one of their psychological weapons against the prisoners useless."



Mike Krause
freshman

"I think it is an honorable idea, but it is a waste of time and money."



Debbi Kennedy
freshman

"Yes. I feel if Americans show how they feel towards the treatment of POWs, the Vietnam government will be more likely to respond to talks of peace." (Photos by Alan-Jon Zupan)