FRIDAY

Engineers will hold their Christ-

mas Social beginning with a so-

cial gathering at the home of

T. J. Hirsch at 6. The party will

leave there for a supper at the

A&M Methodist Church and a

social gathering at the home of

Conrad Dudek later that evening.

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duct a one week course (Dec. 18- ing at 7:30. Dr. Robert Fleet will Dec. 23) in life saving during the discuss "Tropic Birds on Kure Christmas break. Students living Atoll" with color slides. or visiting in that area are invited to take the course.

Intramural Athletics: All classes of horseshoes and volleyball entries close Dec. 19, 1972 at 5

WEDNESDAY

Texas A&M Sports Car Club will meet at 7:30 in the Mimosa Room, Old College Station City Hall, 101 Church St.

THURSDAY

Brazos Ornithological Society will meet in the Texas Room,

Distinguished **Honor Awards** Presented

Distinguished Honor Awards were presented Thursday to 14 graduating A&M students in the College of Education.

Education Dean Frank Hubert presented the awards based on scholarship and leadership. Recipients posted a 3.0 or better grade point average in TAMU's 4.0 system.

Recipients majoring in educational curriculum and instruction are Jane Ann Bronstad of Bryan; Elizabeth Hairgrove, Burnet; Kara Sue Krafft, San Antonio; Barbara L. Noe and Patricia Parker, College Station; John L. Payne, DeSoto; Lynn Francis Peoples, Odessa; John P. Rouse, Weimar; Rebecca L. Sharp, Houston: Laverne Siemsglusz, Brenham, and Carol Stock, Cameron.

Physical education majors Garry D. Patterson of Fort Worth and Charlotte Ann Potter of Bryan are Distinguished Honor Award recipients.

Industrial education major Michael F. Kozelsky of Winters was also named for the award.

Masonic Lodge Celebrates 25th Anniversary

The Sul Ross Masonic Lodge will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a banquet program in the Memorial Student Center ballroom at 7 p.m. Thursday, Bob Edgecomb, worshipful master,

Dr. Ralph Steen, president of Stephen F. Austin University at Nacogdoches, will deliver the anniversary address. He is a former history professor at A&M and was department head when he left in 1958 to take his present position. A charter member of the Sul Ross Lodge, he is author of 15 books on Texas and American history and government.

The program will also feature "A Tribute to Gibb Gilchrist" by Joe J. Woolket, charter member past master and present secretary of the lodge. Gilchrist was president of TAMU when the lodge was organized on the A&M campus in 1947. He and Woolket were charter worshipful master and senior warden, respectively. Woolket was honored last week when he presented his tribute to the late Mr. Gilchrist at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas in Waco.

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THE BATTALION Wednesday, December 13, 1972 65 Haitian Refugees Land In Florida BATTALION REFUGEES REFU

POMPANO BEACH, Fla. (A)_ Hungry but happy, 65 Haitian refugees drifted ashore Tuesday after sailing to Cuba and the Bahamas in a three-week journey aboard a leaking 56-foot sailboat.

The 42 men, 20 women and 3 children jumped ashore at dawn after beaching the craft in threefoot surf some 40 miles north of Miami. Yvon Bruno, the captain, said the refugees included 12 "political prisoners" and their families and friends.

Bruno, who said he was a

barge operator in the Haitian capital of Port au Prince, said his father bribed the captain of the guard at a Haitian jail to free the prisoners Nov. 23.

The refugees boarded the ancient sloop and sailed first to Maise, Cuba, where they were forced to trade all their possessions, including their shoes, for food and water after refusing to embrace communism and ask for asylum, according to Bruno.

from Cuba Dec. 5 and landed Dec. 11 at Bimini, a tiny BaMiami, where local residents gave them food, clothing and water.

The group included several elderly women suffering from malnutrition and a 22-year-old woman who is five months pregnant. Bruno said. One of the older women was admitted to a local hospital.

Bruno said Haitian jails under the administration of President Jean-Claude Duvalier "are full Bruno said the refugees sailed of political prisoners. I was in a cell holding eight men, and one night three of the others were

again. We decided it was time to leave."

Duvalier, 21, was named president for life on the death of his father, Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier in 1971.

Most of the Haitians were reluctant to talk about the flight from their homeland. One man, was asked why he left Haiti, answered, "Because they wanted to kill me.'

Bruno, the only member of the French-speaking group who was fluent in English, said the vessel

hamian island 50 miles east of taken out and were never seen leaked during the trip and one hand pump was manned stantly while others about

Residents of a condomin spotted the craft, called poliand then turned out to set up beachfront kitchen for the arriv

three-ph "How they got here is by the wind and tide and the grace et is funded ature appro God," said Mrs. James C. Str. lar, who turned out at dawn wi a box of crackers. "That he looks like a garbage scow." th said th



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